

WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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'Let your light shine' – Matthew 5:16

Our Current Core Value: Trust

26/11/21

Dear Whitley Family,

As you can imagine the main theme of this letter is going to be Christmas as we are on the countdown already.

Bedlington Christmas Lights Turn On- Saturday 27/12/21

West Bedlington Town Council have taken the decision to cancel this event and the ice-rink due to the adverse weather conditions. Thank you so much to all the children who volunteered to attend.

Christmas Cards

Please do not send children's Christmas cards into school again this year.

St Oswald's Beanies

These are now available to purchase from the school office at a cost of £2 each on a first come, first served basis. (Elephants, dinosaurs and unicorns.)

Christmas Parties/ Disco

Friday 10/12/21- EYFS (Nursery/ Reception)

Monday 13/12/21- Year 2 (1-3pm)

Monday 13/12/21- Year 5 (4-5pm)

Monday 13/12/21- Year 6 (5.30-7pm)

Tuesday 14/12/21- Year 4 (1-3pm)

Wednesday 15/12/21- Year 3 (1-3pm)

Thursday 16/12/21- Year 1 (1-3pm)

Please note that Years 5&6 are having an after school disco rather than a party. We are hiring a DJ for this.

We will send out further details next week.

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 9/12/21 (Non-Uniform- Christmas bling!)

Christmas Jumper Day/ Remotely Christmas

Friday 10/12/21

Christmas Holidays

Friday 17/12/21 (2pm finish). Return to school on Wednesday 5/1/22.

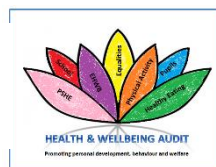
Parent Governor

I am pleased to announce that Mr Chris Peart has been appointed in the role of Parent School Governor.

Clothes bank

You may have noticed a clothes bank has appeared at the back of the car park. It is to collect clothes and other items for the Community School Clothing Scheme.

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Christmas Performances

At the moment we are planning for these performances to go ahead in school and we have done all we can to minimise the number of people who will be in the hall at any one time. To do this we have had to increase the number of performances, which means that in some cases two year groups are performing on the same day. We hope this does not cause you too much inconvenience.

We will be issuing tickets on a first come first served basis but it may not be possible for us to allocate everyone to their preferred performance time. If this is the case we will allocate tickets for an alternative time or date. We will send out the letter for tickets on Monday.

We will be restricting the tickets to two per family. If you have children in more than one year group e.g. a child in Y1 and a child in Y4 you will be able to have two lots of tickets so that you don't have to choose which child to go and see however, if you have a child in Y5 and Y6 you will only be able to have two tickets as they are in the same performance. Please do not ask for additional tickets as our numbers must be strictly adhered to for our performances to go ahead. Tickets will be checked on entry so please make sure you bring them to the performance.

To ensure our performances can go ahead as safely as possible we ask that:

- younger siblings do not attend
- adults wear masks whilst in the school building (teachers will not be able to as the children need to see their faces for instructions)
- parents sanitise their hands on arrival
- parents socially distance whilst waiting to enter a performance
- parents leave the site promptly at the end of performances

Hopefully our performances will be able to go ahead in person but we will keep them under constant review and will take into account the latest information about infections in our area and particularly in the school community.

Thank you for your support and we have our fingers crossed that we will see you in the hall in a couple of weeks.

- Thursday 9th EYFS- 2.00-2.45pm
- Monday 13th Y1&2- 9.15-10.15
- Monday 13th EYFS-10.30-11.15
- Tuesday 14th Y3&4- 9.15-10.15
- Tuesday 14th Y1&2- 10.30-11.30
- Wednesday 15th Y1&2- 9.15-10.15
- Wednesday 15th Y3&4- 10.30-11.15
- Wednesday 15th Y5&6- 3.45-4.45pm
- Wednesday 15th Y5&6- 5.15- 6.15pm
- Thursday 16th Y3&4-9.15-10.15
- Thursday 16th Y5&6- 10.30-11.15
- Thursday 16th Y5&6- 3.45-4.45pm

Have a lovely weekend despite the weather,
Mrs Gray