

WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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'Let your light shine' – Matthew 5:16
Our Current Core Value: Forgiveness



24/3/23

Dear Whitley Family,

Easter is upon us already and as you can see below, we have a very busy week ahead. We are really 'egg-cited' for our decorated egg competition and to see all your children's wonderful creations!

It was lovely to see all the parents at the Out of School Achievement worship this morning. We really enjoyed hearing about all the wonderful and diverse skills and talents that the children shared with each other. We have a wealth of talent in our school. Also this week, it was really nice that the older children were able to attend church for Eucharist. Many thanks to Reverend Ian for this and also for the lovely St Cuthbert's day service that he held in school on Monday.



Attendance Winners

Congratulations to Langley, Morpeth and Ford who were joint class attendance winners this week with 97.5%. Our overall for the week was 94.1%.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	School
92.4	88.8	97.4	92.5	96.2	92.5	96.9	94.1

Parent Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Parent Evenings next week. Please enter and exit through the main entrance. You must sign in and out and get a visitor sticker.

Clubs Next Week

Art and Coding clubs **will not be** on next week, due to Parent Evenings. The other clubs will all go ahead as normal. We will be sending out a new list of clubs after the holiday.

Parking

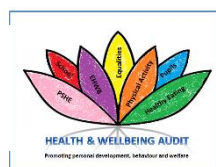
It has been brought to my attention that there are lots of parents dropping off and picking up in Barrington Court and some people are stopping on the zig-zag lines outside the school entrance. This is potentially putting children, parents and members of the public at risk. (One day there was an ambulance trying to get out and the driver was finding it very difficult to manoeuvre due to all the cars.) Please park in the public car park to the side of Aldi.

Decorated Easter Egg Competition

We will be holding a decorated egg competition for Easter, with prizes. If your child wishes to enter, the eggs must be decorated at home. All entries need to be sent in to school **on** Thursday 30th March to be judged. This year the staff are also having a separate competition!

Egg Rolling

We will be having egg rolling competitions on Thursday 30th March, so bring in a boiled egg on this day.



Easter Services at St Cuthbert's Friday 31st March

We are taking the children up to church on Friday in two different groups:

- Reception, Years 1,2,3- 9.15am start at church. Assemble outside your child's classroom at 9.50am if you wish to walk up with your child.
- Years 4,5,6- 10.15am start at church. Please wait for us at the top gate at 10.05am, if you wish to walk up with your child.

Uniform/ Earrings

Very sadly, there are a lot of children attending school wearing **the incorrect uniform, especially for PE**, (footwear, and earrings). Children who are not in the correct uniform will be asked to change into spare uniform in school and be asked to remove earrings, for the following day. The **Year 5 and 6** children should be wearing a **shirt and tie**, even if they are wearing a hoodie, except on PE days. Ties can be purchased at the office for a cost of £4. Spare uniform and plastic earring retainers are available from the school office. Our uniform policy and list can be found on our school website. We have earring retainers in the office and spare uniform in the lobby area. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can support you with uniform in any way.

PE Days Summer 1 2023

These are the days for next half-term. (These can also be found on our website.) The days have to change each half-term to enable each year group to work with NUFC throughout the year.

Year 1 – Tuesday Year 2 – Tuesday Year 3 – Monday Year 4 – Tuesday Year 5 - Friday (Morpeth swimming/Kielder PE)

Year 6 – Wednesday

Royal Academy of Art Competition

Thank you for all the amazing entries. Miss Smith, our art lead, is very impressed with the quality and diversity of the pieces.

Easter Holidays

We break up at normal school time, 3.20pm, on Friday 31st March, and the children return to school on Tuesday 18th April 2023.

E-Safety

You can find lots of information on our school website on how to help keep your children safe online. There are resources in both the Parent and Safeguarding sections.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Gray

**ALL FREE**

Easter Holiday Events
Ashington, Newbiggin & Bedlington Family Hubs



**FAMILY GAMES, GET ACTIVE!**
Fun family games to get you feeling active!
For children 0 - 10 years

Ashington Family Hub:
Tuesday 4 April | 09:30 - 10:30
Tuesday 11 April | 09:30 - 10:30
Bedlington Family Hub:
Tuesday 4 April | 11:30 - 12:30
Tuesday 11 April | 11:30 - 12:30

Newbiggin Family Hub | 01670 812751
Cleveland Ave, Newbiggin, NE64 6RR
Ashington Family Hub | 01670 819988
Alexandra Road, Ashington, NE63 9EF
Bedlington Family Hub | 01670 822714
Stead Lane, Bedlington, NE22 5JS
Please make sure you are registered: nland.cc/fhreg

**EASTER PARTIES**
Easter Crafts and fun activities for all the family
For children of any age

Newbiggin Family Hub:
Tuesday 5 April | 13:30 - 15:00
Stay for a snack and drink afterwards

Bedlington Family Hub:
Wednesday 5 April | 10:30 - 12:00
Stay for a snack and drink afterwards

Ashington Family Hub:
Thursday 6 April | 10:30 - 12:00
Join us afterwards for FREE home cooked lunch in association with Full Circle Food at 'The Growing Zone' located off 5th Avenue at Hirst Park

**DANCE SESSIONS**
Hip Hop Dance Session
For children aged 10+ years

Bedlington Family Hub:
Thursday 13 April | 16:30 - 17:30

Ashington Family Hub:
Thursday 6 April | 15:30 - 16:30

**ART SESSIONS**
Create a photomontage to take home using photos from around the north east
For children aged 12+ years
No Adults

Bedlington Family Hub:
Thursday 6 April | 14:00 - 16:00
Ashington Family Hub:
Thursday 6 April | 17:45 - 19:45