

WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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'Let your light shine' – Matthew 5:16

Our Current Core Value: Trust

Dear Whitley Family,

I am, as always, so proud of our children. Today we had our Peace Services with Reverend Ian and the children were impeccably behaved. I have also had reports from Reverend Ian about how amazing the children have been when the Years 4, 5 & 6 went to St Cuthbert's Church for a Eucharist service. I received an email from Steven Young, Town Clerk of West Bedlington Town Council, praising the children who read at the Act of Remembrance in Bedlington on Thursday.

URGENT- Remembrance Service Sunday

If anyone was interested in going to this on Sunday, we have decided that we are unable to attend as a school due to the rise in Covid cases and hardly any children wishing to attend.

VERY IMPORTANT- Additional Day Holiday

Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, this year there is an extra bank holiday. As this day is during the June school holiday, schools have been to ask to choose an extra day when the school is closed. Our additional day of closure is **Monday 21st March 2022**. School will be closed to all staff and children on that day.

Anti-Bullying Week- One Kind Word

Next week is anti-bully week and to launch the week we are having **Odd Socks Day**. All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! It will be held on Monday 15th November 2021. We are also sending every child home with a booklet from the **Kindness Elves** as Saturday is World Kindness Day and this is another great way to get everyone thinking about how we can be kind to each other.

Attendance

Congratulations to again to Lindisfarne class who are the winners with 97%. Ford were in second place.



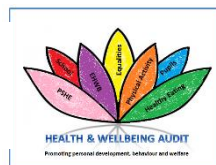
CONGRATULATIONS- 100% Attendance

Next Monday, we will be handing out the certificates and prizes to the children who achieved 100% attendance last year. Last Monday, we randomly selected the child with 100% attendance, to win our first pair of match tickets to see NUFC v Norwich City on 30th November. The tickets were won by a girl in Year 1. As you can see from the list below, we have more tickets to be won each half-term (except summer when the season has finished.) All games are at St James Park, **NUFC v:**

- Norwich City 30th Nov 21- Autumn Term 1 (Drawn 8th November)
- Man City 19th December- Autumn Term 2 (Drawn 10th December)
- Aston Villa 12th February 22- Spring 1 (Drawn 28th January)
- Crystal Palace 19th March- Spring 1 (Drawn 18th February)
- Leicester City 16th April- Spring 2 (Drawn 4th April)
- Arsenal 15th May- Spring 2 (Drawn 4th April)



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Children In Need- Time to Shine

Children- Get your Strictly on and fundraise! This year we want to bring some glitz and glamour to the Appeal so we are asking you to 'Get Your Strictly On'. The easiest way to get involved is to wear your Strictly best and feel fab-u-lous this Friday 19th November. After 18 months of pjs and joggers, we're all ready for a bit of glam, right?!

By dressing up in your samba-worthy sequins, ballroom bow ties or cha-cha sliders, you can join the rest of the nation who are getting behind Children in Need to raise some much needed funds for children right here in the UK. You can go all out in full glitter, sparkles and feathers! Please bring in a donation for this worthy cause.



Breakfast Club

Please remember the times for arriving at **Breakfast Club at between 8.00am and 8.20pm.**

Party Invites

Please give out Party Invitations outside of school. The class teachers are unable to give invites out as the children who are not invited can become very upset.

Social media

We know that Social Media groups such as Whatsapp and Facebook can be very helpful for keeping track of school events and checking information, as well as keeping in touch to make social arrangements for the children. We are also aware that sometimes these groups can be used for sounding boards when parents have concerns about something that is happening in school. We understand that getting the views of others can be very useful, but we ask that parents contact us with any concern as soon as possible so that we can resolve it promptly. Staff are occasionally made aware of some of the things said in these group chats and it can be **very upsetting** to hear that parents are sharing concerns in a larger group without giving us the opportunity to resolve the issue.

St Cuthbert's Church Invitation



Smoking/Vaping

Please can I remind everyone that our school sight is **strictly** no smoking or vaping.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Gray

