

WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am currently dressed as an elf as I begin writing this newsletter! I have just seen the children having their Christmas dinner and they are all so happy and excited. There are a lot of tinsel headbands and Christmas jumpers going on. Christmas is definitely not cancelled at The Whitley this year! I am sure that Santa can't wait to visit the children of Whitley as they have been so well behaved this term. We are all looking forward to our Christmas fun day tomorrow, another non-uniform day, as I hear a rumour that Santa might be sending an early virtual message (organised by Leading Link-see below) and you can watch it at home as well.

Remotely Christmas- Christmas Fun Day Friday 11th Dec

Bedlington Leading Link have organised an amazing virtual day of events that run from 11am to 8.30pm. We will be taking part in these events during the school day. You can also do this at home. You can watch our school's part sometime between 11am and 12. Please have a look at their website below for further details. <http://www.leadinglink.co.uk/index.php/remotely-christmas>

I will send out a programme of events, via Facebook, as soon as I receive it.

Raffle Tickets

These need to be returned to the office by Monday and the draw will take place on Friday 18th.

Christmas Finish

We are still finishing for Christmas on Friday 18th and returning on Tuesday 5th January, as planned. On Friday 18th we will need to have a staggered finish. If your child's class usually finishes at 3.00pm they will finish at 2.00pm and if your child's class usually finishes at 3.10pm they will finish at 2.10pm.

I am aware that it has been broadcast in the media that schools are closing on Thursday 17th. This was actually an option that was given to schools, only 2 days ago, and the time would have to be taken from a training day elsewhere in the year. I did not want to make last minute changes, possibly inconveniencing parents, staff and children. It would also have meant that there would not be a January training day (which is already planned) and all children would have to return to school on January the 4th.

Questionnaires

Thank you so much for all the replies that we have already received. We would love to get as many as possible and would really appreciate you taking the time to fill it in.

Bikes and Scooters

Please remind your children that they must not ride their bikes, scooters or any other type of vehicle in the school grounds. We have had a few near misses.

I have now had my Christmas dinner and it was lovely. Thank you so much to the dinner staff.

We are really looking forward to all the exciting events next week, including lots of special Covid safe parties. Our school continues to be a special place to be at Christmas, full of joy, happiness and festivity.

Take care and keep safe.

Mrs Gray

