

WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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



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Dear Whitley Family,

WELCOME BACK!!! We were delighted to welcome all the children back into school on Monday. They came back with such a positive attitude and they settled in so quickly you would think that they had never been away. To celebrate this return, today we had a school **PARTY!** School provided all the food and drink to say thank you to the children for all their hard work at home.

Attendance

I am delighted to say that as a school we achieved **98.2%** attendance this week. We had three joint winners each with 100%. They were Kielder, Dunstanburgh and Belsay. Let's keep up this fantastic attendance percentage.



Science Week



This week has been Science Week. I have seen so much wizz, bang and popping around school as the children have taken part in practical lessons. Just today alone Year 5 have done; lava lamps, rubber eggs, catapult, milk magic, Mento volcanoes and I have just witnessed lemon volcanoes (they were very messy). Earlier in the week I saw Year 1 having great fun testing different crisp flavours, all in the name of science (or so they tell me!) You can see lots of work on our Facebook page.

Home Test Kits for Families

Please read the information about home testing on the back of the letter and the enclosed leaflet. Let us continue to work together and keep the Whitley Family and the wider community safe.

PE Days

All classes will be working outside whenever possible so please remember to dress your children in their outdoor PE kit for that day. Just a reminder that for H&S reasons children should not be wearing any jewellery in school, including earrings.



- Monday Year 2 (Multi-skills)
- Tuesday Year 3 and 4 (NUFC)
- Tuesday Reception (NUFC)
- Wednesday Year 5 (Cricket)
- Thursday Year 1 (Rugby)



Comic relief- Red Nose Day

Next Friday 19th March is Red Nose Day and we will be planning a range of exciting activities that make us laugh. The day will be non-uniform with a Superhero theme to celebrate all our NHS super heroes. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to Comic Relief, please send your child in with the money on Friday. We will not be selling Red Noses in school this year due to Covid-19 and we ask that children don't bring them into school.

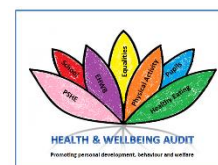


Easter Competition

We will be holding a make at home decorated egg competition this year so you might want to start thinking about it now! I will send out further information next week.



Take care and keep safe
Mrs Gray



Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, NHS Test and Trace announced last week, that all adults in households with school age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- an employer if they offer testing to employees
- Community Testing via a symptom free testing site
- by collecting a home test kit from a Collection Point
- by ordering a home test kit online

You can find out more about locations of sites and collection points in Northumberland via Northumberland County Council's website [HERE \(https://nland.uk/rapidtest\)](https://nland.uk/rapidtest).

Please be aware some of the collection points may change over the coming weeks as control of the local testing programme is transferred to the local authority from central government. All information will be kept up to date on the county council website. We appreciate your patience and cooperation at this time.

You will need to report your test result even it is negative. You will need to do this via [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

If you have any queries about the tests, please call 119.

Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Your child will not be asked to take a test as part of this programme of testing. However, should they show symptoms of coronavirus it is advised you:

- tell the school
- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the [stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Thank you.