

# WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

25.11.22

Dear Whitley Family,

Thank you all for your continued support and patience with our heating issues this week. I totally understand the difficulties that sudden school closures have on families and I thank you for your understanding. I have been doing everything within my power to rectify the situation. There is still one repair to do however the boilers are all running and we have additional heating sources provided to us by NCC in case any classrooms need them.

**Attendance Winners**

Congratulations to Ford class who won with 99.3%.

**St Cuthbert's Fair**

On Saturday 3/12/22, St Cuthbert's are holding their annual Christmas Fair. Reverend Ian has asked school for volunteer children to sing at 10.30am. We will be sending a separate letter out.

**Bedlington Christmas Lights Switch On**

Thank you so much for all the offers of singers for this event. Unfortunately, due to staffing and space on the stage, we can only accommodate 20 children. The parents of the children who volunteered have been informed.

**School Christmas Fair- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm**

The Whitley Friends are working very hard to plan and prepare for our school Christmas fair but they need your help. They need donations of items to be used as prizes. As we did for the summer fair, we are asking year groups to bring in different items: Years 5 & 6- bottles (alcohol, non-alcoholic, bubble bath etc), Years 3&4-chocolate bars, Years EYFS,1 & 2-tombola items. Can we also ask for raffle prizes and books/toys from all year groups. Please can all donations be brought in by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

**Christmas show times**

Our Christmas shows will begin at the following times; morning 9.15am and afternoon 1.45pm. The dates and classes can be found on the calendar of events sent out earlier this term, or our website.

**Coats and Jumpers**

Please make sure that your child brings a jumper and coat to school every day.

**Reading at Home**

The teaching of reading and reading comprehension within the classroom is only part of a child's learning, and the value that is given to reading at home is equally important. Research suggests that children who read regularly outside of school perform significantly better and so your support at home is essential in ensuring that your child makes the progress they are capable of. You can help your child to achieve their full potential by listening to them read daily (for about 15 minutes), reading regular bedtime stories and by encouraging them to enjoy reading and sharing books together. Reading widely through all of these approaches will help develop your child's vocabulary, which in turn will make them more confident when reading more challenging books.

Have a great weekend. Mrs Gray

