

WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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



Dear Whitley Family,

I can't believe that it is Easter already. We have only had the children back for three weeks but it seems like they have never been away. They have all settled in really well and they have been involved in so many exciting activities. We have managed to squeeze in lots of wellbeing tasks and special days these last three weeks.



Attendance

Our attendance for this week is 94.7% and our winners are Kielder with a fantastic 100%, well done.

Lateness

Unfortunately we have an increasing number of children who are late and coming through the office. To avoid this, please ensure that your child arrives on time.

Whitley Friends (PTA) Easter Fun Day

Tomorrow, we will be having a fun Easter themed day in school organised by the **Whitley Friends** and staff. This will be a non-uniform day. We will also be announcing our Housepoint winners and we will put the results on Facebook.

There is going to be an eggstra eggciting Easter hunt in our grounds for all the children to take part in as well as egg rolling.

Don't forget a **hard-boiled egg** if you want to take part.

At the end of the day, the children will all be bringing home an Easter surprise from the **Whitley Friends** and there may even be something for adults!

Easter Eggs

Today every child will be coming home with an Easter egg. These have been very kindly donated by **West Bedlington Town Council**.

Family Decorate an Egg Competition

Thank you for all the eggstraordinary entries. We will be posting pictures of some of them on Facebook and announcing the winners tomorrow. They are absolutely amazing and so many of them. Mrs Thompson, (Chair of Governors) and I had great difficulty choosing the winners. I would like to thank **Morrisons** of Bedlington for donating the prizes.



PSHE/RSE Policy and Curriculum

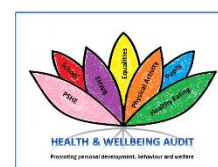
Our new policy and curriculum map can be found on our school website under the PSHE/RSE button. We would really appreciate it if you could read the policy and complete the 3 minute Questionnaire. It is really important for us to have your feedback on this.

One Way Route

As our big cone has disappeared, we now have to shut one of the car park gates to prevent cars coming in and out. This has narrowed the gap, so there is now a one way system operating at the car park entrance; in through the smaller side pedestrian gate and out through the car park gate. The children should also be using these routes.

Bikes and Scooters

All children must get off their bikes and scooters at the school gates and push their vehicles from there. If your child is in Year 5, please remind them of this.



Traffic Safety

It has come to our attention that people are dropping off and picking up their children on Gordon Terrace and then doing a three point turn next to the school gates. This is very dangerous as families are still entering and leaving the premises.

National Teaching Programme

After Easter some children will be taking part in the National Tutoring Programme. The NTP Programme is a government funded initiative to support schools to address the impact of COVID-19 school closures on pupils' learning. Schools are able to access subsidised high-quality tutoring from an approved list of providers, known as Tuition Partners. Our Tuition Partner is Vision for Education. The 1:3 one hour sessions will be taught by Sophie Gray. She has already worked in our school so has a good knowledge of the children. Further information will be sent out to those children taking part.

Birthday Sweets

For Health and Safety reasons, please do not send in sweets, cakes etc when it is your child's birthday.

Water Bottles

Water bottles should only contain water, not juice or flavoured water.

Newsletters

After Easter, the weekly newsletter will not be sent home on paper. It will be posted, as usual, on Facebook, the school website and emailed to everyone. Please make sure that we have an up to date email address. If you require a weekly paper copy, please inform the office.



Therapy Dog

We are so please to have Bailey, the Red Setter, regularly visiting our school now. A letter was sent out about this earlier this week. Please don't forget to tell us if you do not wish for your child to be in contact with the dog.

LFT (Covid testing)

Please see below for further information.

Positive Covid Tests

If your child tests positive between Friday 26th March and Wednesday 31st March, please inform us on our out of hours phone number: 07887903432

So that just leaves me to wish you all a happy Easter. Have fun, eat chocolate and keep safe!

Claire Gray

Mrs Gray



Information from DFE:

Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays for schools and colleges

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school and college, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term for staff and parents:

- › *test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)*
- › *report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country*
- › *continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays*
- › *test before returning to school for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases*

Families and households can access [home test kits for adults](#).