

Whitfield Weekly

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello and welcome back to the new school year.

The staff and I have enjoyed catching up on all your summer news via the children this week.

School feels very vibrant and there is a sense of excitement as the children begin this terms topics:

Wagtails: Extreme Weather

Younger Skylarks: Eurovision

Older Skylarks:

Our Christian Value is *Thankfulness*, which ties in nicely with this terms Harvest Celebration.

Please note that we have new email addresses:

head@whitfieldprimary.uk

admin@whitfieldprimary.uk

Please use these to contact us from now on.

You will notice that the children have got new times tables books in their bags alongside their spelling books. Please do practice with them at home and please also remember to sign their reading diaries to say they have read.

Have a happy weekend!

Katherine Ayre

Reminder for Early Years hours for transition:

Can you please ensure the office have had confirmation of what your child would like to eat each day. Many thanks

- Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th – Nursery am only Reception am + lunch
- Wednesday 12th –Friday 14th- Reception am + lunch
- Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th Nursery am + lunch , Reception all day
- Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st - Reception am + lunch
- Week beginning 24th September – normal times for Nursery and Reception.

School lunches

Our apologies that school lunches have been different to the ones chosen from the menu this week.

We are currently in discussion about the menu and provision of meals from The Elk's Head.

We hope to have all the glitches sorted out asap.

Thank you for bearing with us.

Dates for your diary

- Whitfield Independent Toddler Group meet at school on Tuesday mornings—10 am
- 8th Sept: International Literacy Day
- WE charity assembly 20/9/18
- 21st Sept International Day of Peace
- First day of Autumn 23rd Sept
- Harvest service – 28th September
- 8th Oct- Parent Consultations
- 11th Oct Visitors from: 'Peace of Mind ' for an assembly
- World Sight Day Oct 11th
- Wear it Pink Day Oct 19th

School Dinners w/b 10/09/18

Monday— Sausage & Mash & gravy

Tuesday— Lasagne with salad & garlic bread

Wednesday— Chicken dinner with roast potatoes, veg & Yorkshire pudding

Thursday— Jacket potato with Tuna or beans and cheese

Friday— Fish fingers with Chips & Beans

Remembrance Sunday

Mrs Blackett Ord has sent a message to say the PCC have asked us to be part of this years special memorial service:

'The PCC want to widen the remit for Remembrance Sunday this year as it's the commemoration of the end of WW1. We always lay a wreath at the memorial at Holy Trinity after a short service at 9.30am. We wanted to ask the W.I. and Whitfield School if they would also take part. Someone is doing knitted poppies which will be a background, as they were last year but a bigger space covered. Would this be something school could support? Would perhaps a group of children make and lay a wreath '

Would anyone be interested in helping the children knit some poppies and/or make a wreath? We can put this into enrichment or it could be run as a lunch or after school club. Let me know.

Club letters will come out once we have the printer installed on Monday. Clubs this term will be:

- ◆ Drama
- ◆ Football after school Fridays
- ◆ Gardening Club

Do let me know if you'd like to run a club for a half term, term or the year.

School Council 2018-19

Congratulations to our newly elected School Council members:

Y6: Archie

Y5: Leah

Y4: Holly

Y3: Una

Y2: Monty

Staff elected member: Scarlett

P.E

The children will now have two P.E sessions a week: Wednesday PM with Miss Pearson and Friday, as part of enrichment, with Mrs Lee-Turner.

Please make sure your children have indoor and outdoor kit in school now that the colder days are drawing in.

Please remember as your child's feet grow they will also need new plimsolls and trainers in school.

Attendance this week

National expectations : 96.1%

Our school: %

Our school target : 96.2%

Advice can be found at: <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/attendance-matters-a-parents-guide.pdf>

Individual attendance that is below 90% will automatically generate attendance notifications from school.

International Literacy Day– 8th September.

<http://www.un.org/en/events/literacyday/videos.shtml>

International Literacy Day, celebrated annually on 8 September, is an opportunity for Governments, civil society and stakeholders to highlight improvements in world literacy rates, and reflect on the world's remaining literacy challenges. The issue of literacy is a key component of the UN's [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and the UN's [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#).

Snack and Water Bottles

Please remember that Children in Years N—2 will have fruit provided at snack time.

Children in Years 3-6 may bring their own healthy snack: fruit, pure fruit bar, plain crackers or cheese portion.

Whitfield Village Fair– Sunday 9th September

Adults £5, children free OAP £2.50

Do go along and support our community if you are free!