

# Whitfield Weekly

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Greetings!

I am sorry that I sent out last week's newsletter without the older children's topic for the term! It's:

Older Skylarks: Conflict.

Topic webs will be coming out to you soon.

You should also receive a timetable in book bags today.

**Please note that we have new email addresses:**

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[admin@whitfieldprimary.uk](mailto:admin@whitfieldprimary.uk)

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**Please use these to contact us from now on.**

The children have been learning about Rosh Hashanah in enrichment today. We tasted apples and honey. You will find a recipe for honey biscuits in book bags that you might like to try at home.

I do hope you have a lovely weekend and can make the most of the last of the summer sun. Maybe you can do some good old fashioned black berry picking!

Best Wishes, 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 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.

## Would like to be one of our friends?

The Friends of Whitfield C of E Primary School are the parents and carers that do a fantastic job of supporting school. They help to deliver our enrichment curriculum, raise vital funds to enhance children's learning opportunities and help to pay for trips and visitors to school. The next FoWS meeting is Thursday next week (20th) at 1.30 in Heron Room at school. ALL parents, carers, grandparents and anyone from the local community will be most welcome to come along and help support this wonderful work that benefits all the children at school.

## **Dates for your diary**

- Whitfield Independent Toddler Group meet at school on Tuesday mornings—10 am
- 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
- 12th Oct—flu vaccinations
- World Sight Day Oct 11th
- Wear it Pink Day Oct 19th

## **School Dinners w/b 17/09/18**

**Monday— Mince and Dumplings/ veggie mince and dumplings, 2 veg and mash**

**Tuesday— Soup and Bread**

**Wednesday— Chicken Pie/ lentil stew with potato croquettes and 2 veg**

**Thursday— Jacket potatoes with Tuna/ beans**

**Friday— Fish fingers/ veggie fingers, chips and 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.

## Contact Details

**Please can you ensure we have your current contact details at school. It is really important that we can contact you if there is an emergency.**

**Please make sure we have at least two phone numbers and your correct email address.**

**Thank you**

## Reading, times tables and spellings.

Your child has got homework in their book bag. They have a times tables book that they need to practise 3 times a week, and the same with spellings ( remember they can learn these however they learn best but they still need to be written out at least 3 times a week in their books.

Reading should be done daily and we request you sign your child's reading diary even if you can't always write a comment.

## 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: 97.57%**

**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.**

## Harvest Celebration

**28th September 2pm in St Johns Church. We will be donating food to Hexham Food Bank. Please do be generous at this time of thanksgiving and send in canned, bottled or tinned goods. We will have a box out for donations from next week.**



## Snack and Water Bottles

**Every child must have a named water bottle in school every day. They may fill these up from the jug in Wagtail classroom or the fountain in the hall.**

**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.**