

# Whitfield Weekly

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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Thursday the children in Reception who were present had their school starter photo taken for the Hexham Courant. Do look out for them in the new starter supplement later this week.

The children in KS2 had an interesting time with councilor Ian Hutchinson on Wednesday afternoon. They asked him some challenging questions and used their articulation learning powers to good effect!

In Enrichment today the children have been making poppies for a wreath which we have been invited to lay at the remembrance service in November. Thank you Becky!

If a child is awake 12 hours a day for 365 days a year that's 4,380 hours. Of that time they are in school for 195 days out of a school year. Academic work is done for 5 hours in each of those days. That equates to 975 hours work time in school over a school year.  $4,380 - 975 = 3,405$  hours when a child is potentially awake and not in school.

Please can you work with us and spend some of that time helping your child to make the best progress they are capable of. I do hope you have a lovely weekend together.

Best Wishes,  
Katherine Ayre

## Mrs. McKenna

After five years at Whitfield, Mrs. McKenna will be leaving the team at the end of this half term, to spend more time with her growing family.

She has been a valuable asset to school and contributed enormously to the children during her time here.

Please join me in offering thanks for her commitment and wishing her the very best for the future.

The Worm The children in Reception and KS1 really enjoyed our visit to Bardon Mill village hall to see a production called 'The Worm'. The children learnt a lot about worms and are now so inspired they would like their own wormery to recycle our fruit waste at school...any offers? Thank you to The Friends for making this trip possible!



## **Dates for your diary**

- Whitfield Independent Toddler Group meet at school on Tuesday mornings—10 am
- Half Term Break : 26/10—6/11
- **8th November Open Afternoon for prospective parents and visitors.**
- Remembrance Sunday 11th Nov— 4pm service and children laying wreath at church
- 16th November— mufti day for Children in Need
- 2nd December— Christingle service at Allendale
- 12th December - Nativity celebration- Holy Trinity—6pm
- 13th December— Christmas around the world Celebration— School 1.45 pm

## **School Dinners w/b 22/10/18**

**Monday— Sausage Roll with new potatoes and 2 vegetables**

**Tuesday— Ham or cheese pizza with chips and beans**

**Wednesday— Roast Gammon with 2 vegetables and Yorkshire pudding**

**Thursday— Sweet and Sour chicken with rice**

**Friday— Fish cakes with potato wedges, peas and corn**

Parents should continue reading with their children throughout primary school, urges a report.

Too many parents ditch the daily reading habit once their child reaches the age of seven, according to research for Oxford University Press.

Some 44% of 1,000 parents of 6- to 11-year-olds polled said they rarely or never read with their child after their seventh birthday.

Former primary head James Clements said reading for pleasure was "vital".

The report includes a series of tips for parents from Mr Clements on how to keep pupils engaged with reading throughout primary school.

These include choosing as wide a variety of books as possible, taking it in turns to read, talking about the book and making sure the child understands any new or unusual words.

"It's a real shame that parents don't realise that just 10 minutes of reading with their child each day is one of the best ways they can support their education", said Mr Clements.

"Reading together six days a week means an extra hour of support for a child.

"It's definitely cheaper than an hour with a tutor and it could make a much bigger difference."

The report draws on research from the National Literacy Trust which suggested that young people who read outside class were 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age.

It also follows a study from London's Institute of Education published last week which suggested that children who read for pleasure are likely to be better at both maths and English than those who rarely read in their free time.

Clare Bolton of the National Literacy Trust commented: "We know from our work with parents and children in communities across the UK, that fostering a love of reading at home is crucial to children's future happiness and success.

"Parents are really important reading role models and our research shows that children's attitudes to reading improve the more they see their parents read so we'd encourage all parents to make time for enjoying a good book themselves."



THANK YOU for all your contributions to this year's wear if pink campaign for Breast Cancer.

It's good to know we've helped a little towards the campaigns 2020 target .

<https://www.wearitpink.org/>

## Attendance this week

**National expectations : 96.1%**

**Our school: 93.81%**

**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.**

Drama club is ON next week

Football club is not on next week and is turning into the skipping club on Fridays next half term.

### Our School Prayer

Almighty God  
This is our school.  
Let peace live here.  
Let the rooms be full of happiness.  
Let love live here.  
Love of learning, Love of one another,  
Love of life and Love of God.  
Teach us more of your ways,  
So that we can grow in  
kindness, tolerance and understanding.  
And give us thankful hearts,  
Today and every day.  
Amen

### Our Golden Rules:

We are kind and gentle.  
We always listen.  
We share and take turns.  
We are honest.  
We are helpful.  
We follow instructions.  
We work hard and do our best.  
We are polite and thoughtful.