

# Whitfield Weekly

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to the children for working so hard this half term. It's been a long start for our youngest pupils but they are still smiling, as always.

This year for Children in Need we have decided to invite the children to wear yellow in honour of Pudsey Bear! We will also be laying coins to cover a giant Pudsey, so do save your change to send in for that. There will also be a chance to win our Bear Bake Off. You can bake or make your entries to enter into the following categories:

**Whitfield Bake Off for Children in Need:**

**£1 per entry**

**3- 5 Years**

**6- 8 Years**

**9- 11 Years**

**Adults**

They must be bear related!

We're hoping the WI will come and judge the competition for us.

Please note the change in date for Christmas Performance in school.

**Remember after half term we have an Inset day so back to school is on Tuesday 6th November.**

I do hope you have a lovely half term break together.

Best Wishes,

Katherine Ayre

## The Daily Mile Track

We are planning on an all weather track to be installed around the field and an all weather surface outside the two classrooms on the field. We are hoping to get this work done as soon as possible.

In the meantime if it becomes wet and muddy children will be allowed to bring indoor and outdoor shoes as they did last year. Please ensure indoor shoes have a solid base.

## Book Recommendations for half term reading:

### Young children :

***The Dress and the Girl* by Camille Andros.**

A poetic tale of love, loss, the passing of time and the power of memory.

### Older children:

***Star stories* by Anita Ganeri .**

This book highlights the wealth of wisdom that exists in world cultures and offers children access to other ways of seeing the world

### Adults:

***The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin.**

If you knew the date of your death, how would you live your life?

## **Dates for your diary**

- Whitfield Independent Toddler Group meet at school on Tuesday mornings—10 am
- **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 and Whitfield Bake Off or Children in Need
- 2nd December—Christingle service at Allendale
- **11th December—** Christmas around the world Celebration—School 1.45 pm
- 12th December - Nativity celebration- Holy Trinity—6pm
- 13th December—Pantomime at Queens Hall ,Hexham: Robin Hood
- Christmas jumper day for Save the Children
- 19th December -school Christmas dinner
- 20th December—Christmas Party
- 21st December—break up
- 21st December carol service at Ninebanks

## **School Dinners w/b 06/11/18**

**Monday— Inset day**

**Tuesday— Chicken curry with rice and naan bread**

**Wednesday— Roast Beef with 2 vegetables, roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding**

**Thursday— Spaghetti Bolognese with salad and garlic bread**

**Friday— Scampi with chips and beans**

### The National Trust

There are many fun activities led by The National Trust in the area this half term:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/half-term-adventures-in-the-north-east>

- ◆ Perfect your pumpkin at Seaton Delaval Hall
- ◆ Join the Hooley at Cragside
- ◆ Have a spooky adventure at Wallington
- ◆ Test your nature knowledge at Gibside
- ◆ Be a boggle buster at Cherryburn
- ◆ Creepy crafts and scary beasts at Washington Old Hall
- ◆ Outdoor adventures at Souter lighthouse

### Little Lapwings Autumnal Art and Craft



## Attendance this week

National expectations : 96.1%

Our school: 88.16%

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.

### ROSPA Firework Code

Only adults should deal with setting up firework displays, the lighting of fireworks and the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used (and remember, alcohol and fireworks don't mix). Children and young people should be supervised, and watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance. Follow these top 10 tips for a safer fireworks party:

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable, and ensure it finishes before 11pm
2. Only buy fireworks which carry the CE mark, keep them in a closed box and use them one at a time
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

## WHITFIELD BONFIRE

Friday 2nd November

18.30 pm

The Elks head