

Whitfield Weekly

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our second half term of the year.

We have welcomed Miss. Freeman and Mrs. Hamilton on supply for the next few weeks whilst we hold interviews for a teaching assistant. The post is advertised in the Hexham Courant if you know anyone who might be interested.

The children in Wagtail Class have already begun discussions on how Father Christmas hides his home in the North Pole!

As the days grow shorter we are very much looking forward to this term of celebration.

I hope you're all looking up bear recipes for our Children in need Bake Off on the 16th. (not real bear meat please!)

Please help raise money for this very worthy cause by helping your children dress in as much yellow as possible for the day on the 16th (yes, teddy bear costumes are allowed, as are bananas if they wish!) and bringing in what change you can spare for our cover Pudsey activity.

I hope to see some of you at the memorial service on Sunday.

I wish you a splendid weekend together.

Best Wishes, Katherine Ayre

Christmas Craft Café **Saturday 8th December** **Whitfield Village Hall**

Crafts
Cakes
Games
Food and Drink

Do join us if you can and bring your friends and family too!

Whitfield School's Children in Need Bake off

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 lying 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 that a member of the local WI will come and judge the competition for us.

Dates for your diary

- Whitfield Independent Toddler Group meet at school on Tuesday mornings—10 am
- Remembrance Sunday 11th Nov- 4pm service and children laying wreath at church
- 16th November—wear yellow mufti day and Whitfield Bake Off for 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 church

School Dinners w/b 12/11/18

Monday— Sausage with mash potato, vegetables and gravy

Tuesday— Lasagne with salad and garlic bread

Wednesday— Roast chicken with roast potatoes, vegetables and Yorkshire pudding

Thursday— Burger, chips and beans

Friday— White fish in parsley sauce with vegetables and rostis

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



Attendance this week

National expectations : 96.1%

Our school: 87.56%

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.

Poppies -

I know there has been some unrest on local social media about white poppies so I wanted to explain why our school wreath will be made of white poppies.

During collective worship we have been looking at the cost of war to not only those sent to valiantly defend our country, but also to those caught in all crossfire and destruction war brings.

The children at Whitfield are seekers of peace. It is at the heart of our school community. One of the families had brought up white poppies and this led to an investigation of the origin and meaning of both red and white poppies. White poppies have been worn since 1933.

The children in our school family are empathetic beings and were touched by the sentiment of remembering not only the fallen but also those affected by wars both past and present.

We took a vote, as we often do, and the huge majority of children voted white for our poppy wreath, which they have been blessed to create with a talented local ceramic artist. If you want to read more about the white poppy please do so here:

<https://ppu.org.uk/remembrance-white-poppies>

Please be assured we have also talked a lot about the bravery and sacrifice of all the servicemen that fought in WW1 and that their sacrifice should always be remembered. In the corridor at school there is a display to commemorate the fallen, do take a look if you're in school. The letters from the trenches written by years 5 & 6 do bring a lump to the throat.

Lest we forget. We will remember them.



We Will Remember Them

Service of Remembrance beginning at the memorial in Whitfield just before 4pm followed by a short service in the church. Refreshments will be served.

Do come and join us if you can .