

Whitfield Weekly

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that the cold weather has finally reached us please find the phone cascade in the event of closure in your child's book bag. The staff will begin the cascade but it is your job to find out the phone number of the person below you on the list and ring them to keep the communication flow going. I will also put any closures on our Facebook page asap every morning. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Thank you again for all your donations to Children in Need; we raised a wonderful £ 95.58.

I am pleased to tell you that we have recruited a new TA to work with our children who need a bit of extra support in school.

She is very experienced and look forward to including her letter of introduction for you in the near future; once all the official paperwork is complete. We are still in the process of recruiting another member of support staff .

I wish you an amazing 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!

Sickness and Diarrhea

A gentle reminder that in the guidance for **'Infection control in schools and childcare settings'**

Your child must be absent from school for 48hours following any diarrhea or vomiting. Please see the attached guidance for information.

Thank you.

Quiz night

Fundraising for
Holy Trinity Church, Whitfield &
Ninebanks Church

Thursday 20th December
At The Elks Head, Whitfield.
7.15pm entry for 7.30pm start
Supper included

Dates for your diary

- Whitfield Independent Toddler Group meet at school on Tuesday mornings—10 am
- 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
- 14th December- Christmas jumper day for Save the Children
- 19th December - school Christmas dinner
- 20th December—Christmas Party and NSPCC SPARKLE Day
- 21st December—break up
- 21st December carol service at Ninebanks church

School Dinners w/b 26/11/18

Monday— Sausage roll, with potatoes and vegetables

Tuesday— Pizza, chips and beans

Wednesday— Roast Gammon / nut loaf with vegetables and Yorkshire pudding

Thursday— Sweet and sour chicken/ vegetable with rice

Friday— Fish cakes / risotto with potato wedges, peas and corn.

Christmas Post Box

From Monday the post box for children to send each other Christmas cards will be in the school entrance as it was last year. School Council will be the Christmas elves who will deliver the cards over the week.

Water Bottles

A quick reminder that all children must have their own water bottle in school every day please. This is to keep them hydrated and also to stop infections spreading . Thank you

Please don't forget it's our annual **Christingle service** at Allendale church next Sunday. If you haven't sent a reply slip back but are planning to come please let me know so that I can allocate the readings. We will be singing 'Follow that Star'.

The Outside Classroom – We haven't forgotten about this! I am preparing an action plan and gathering quotes for the various jobs that need to be done. We have had a woodland survey done and this has given us a good start in understanding what needs to be done first. Some of the trees need attention. Many thanks to Ian Hopper and Bill Pierce who are diligently working on the project behind the scenes and to the friends who are keeping the momentum going in their meetings. Thank you for strimming the path for us today Ian! If you know of any local trades people who would like to quote for the fence, logs, the three sided classroom or making and maintain a pathway do let them have my email please.

Attendance this week

National expectations : 96.1%

Our school: 93.65%

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.

School Calendars

The children have been busy with Becky, Kate and Jane making wonderful art work for this years school calendar. The calendars will be on sale very soon and I'm sure lots of loving grandparents would appreciate one in their Christmas stockings so do leave a space for them on your Christmas lists. Profits will go towards The Friends fundraising .

Thank you