

Whitfield Weekly

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Christmas season is well and truly upon us. You should by now have received a note home about your child's part in both the Nativity and Christmas Around the World.

Please send costumes to school in a named bag ASAP. Please also encourage your child to practice learning their lines without reading them.

There will be Roy Rak jewellery available to buy (not order) at the Christmas production at school on the 11th December. Do come and buy some Christmas gifts if you still have shopping to do—you will be literally saving women from the streets in Thailand.

I am delighted to let you know we have appointed Ms Curry to work as our level 3 teaching assistant. She will join the team on the 6th December. She is very experienced and looking forward to working with us. We currently have Mrs Warcup covering our HTLA hours on supply. She also has a wide range of teaching experience. We will keep you posted about this position.

I wish you a wonderful weekend together.

Best Wishes, Katherine Ayre

Christingle Service

This Sunday 30pm Allendale Church

Please try and come if you can!

We will be singing one of our Christmas songs, doing some readings and we will get to hold and light candles in a Christingle.

It's a very special service that we share with the school and community in Allendale.

If you are coming please make sure children are in school uniform.

Refreshments afterwards.

Christmas Craft Café

**Saturday 8th December
Whitfield Village Hall**

**Donations of raffle prizes needed!
cakes/home baking, clothes, toys or books.**

**Can all donations be delivered to school
by Friday 7th December
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
- 7th December The Snow Bear Whitfield Village Hall
- 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 03/12/18

Monday— Chicken curry with rice and naan bread

Tuesday— Cottage pie with vegetables

Wednesday— Pulled pork with potatoes and vegetables

Thursday— Tuna pasta bake with peas and corn

Friday— Scampi, chips and beans.

Christmas Post Box

The post box for children to send each other Christmas cards is in the school entrance now. School Council will be the Christmas elves who will deliver the cards over the week.

Attendance this week

National expectations : 96.1%

Our school: 89.7%

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.

Drop off in morning and mobile phones

Please note that children **can't** be dropped off at school before **8.45am** unless there has been some prior arrangement with Mrs Ayre. We have to ensure there is a staff member available.

The same applies to children having mobile phones in school. Only by prior arrangement for exceptional circumstances please.

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

Spellings We have noticed that many of the children are not practising the spellings in their spelling books at home. Well done to the faithful few who do them every week. We will therefore be doing a spelling check on Friday in the hope that the children will engage in this important life skill a bit more. Remember they can practise them in the way that best suits their learning style too!

Homework Project Reminder

Please remember that your child's homework projects are due in next Friday (7th December) so this is your last weekend to work on them together. They will be on display in the entrance hall before and after our Christmas Around The World performance.

Attendance

On Wednesday we have the Education Welfare Officer coming to school to talk the Mr Blake about our attendance percentages. If any parent needs further support with attendance please do get in touch with us.