



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Nurturing minds and hearts through God's love

Newsletter – 13/10/22

Dear Parents,
Bits and pieces, and a few dates to help you out with organisation for the coming half term.

Don't forget, you can find lots of school information on our [website](#) – our letters are saved on there, you can find out about our curriculum, and we have our calendar and term dates too. If you are ever in need of information, it's a good place to start!

Ofsted

The report, which we are so pleased with, has been sent out to all of you on the e-Schools app and it will go live on the Ofsted website next Wednesday. Please have a read through, and if you have any questions feel free to get in touch.

Uniform

The children are looking wonderful in their uniforms – we especially appreciate them looking smart in their P.E. uniform as its such an improvement on the 'non-uniform' look we had last year. **Can we just remind you to put names in all of your children's uniform please?** If an item goes missing with no name on, we have no way to get it back to you. We have decided that, if uniform is left for a week and is unnamed, we will wash it and put it into the Uniform Exchange. That way, you can come in and get a replacement. Of course, if it's named it will come straight back to you!

Coming Soon, Whole School Events

Thursday 20th October – Harvest Festival

Friday 21st October – Last Day of half term and Foodbank Friday. If you would prefer to bring your donations in the day before for our harvest festival that will be fine; we will start collecting at the beginning of the week. Please see the next page for information about which foods would be most helpful.

Monday 31st October return to school.

Friday 18th November Children in Need day – a letter will come out this week.

Monday 21st November our chore week to raise money for our sponsored child, Thiago, begins. We will send out chore charts.

Monday 12th December The KS2 children will walk to St Mary's Church to do a rehearsal of their carol service – a letter will be sent to you after half term

Tuesday 13th December Reception and KS1 will perform their nativity in the school hall at 9:30am and 2pm. Parents of the children performing are welcome to attend but we ask you extend this to no more than two audience members per family.

Thursday 15th December KS2 will perform their carol service at St Mary's Church at 2pm (doors will open 10 mins before). Parents of the children performing are welcome to attend but we ask you extend this to no more than two audience members per family. Children will need to be collected from the church at 3pm. If parents also have children to collect from school, please don't worry, we will keep them safe until you arrive.

Friday 16th December Foodbank Friday

Monday 19th December Reception and KS1's party in the afternoon – they can come in their party clothes on the morning.

Tuesday 20th December The whole school will be attending the Northern Stage performance of The Sorcerer's Apprentice. More details to follow.

Wednesday 21st December KS2's party in the afternoon – they can come in their party clothes on the morning.

Thursday 22nd December Last day of term and our Christmas Jumper day in aid of the Save the Children.

Friday 23rd December – school closed to children for our INSET day.

Tuesday 10th January – First day of the Spring Term.

All these dates are on our website and also on the calendar found in e-Schools, in addition to other upcoming dates and holiday information. Please call or message if you have any questions.

Many thanks, as always, for your continuing support.

R Walton

Mrs Walton and the Parochial Staff

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HARVEST WISH LIST

Dear Supporter,

In readiness for your harvest festival, please find a list of the items we use at The People's Kitchen.

Alternatively, some supporters may prefer to make a financial gift and we also accept supermarket points cards. **Sweets and biscuits** are also very acceptable.

We gratefully receive all gifts but please note that due to the generosity of previous donors, **we currently have high volumes of some items, particularly pasta, tea and full sized boxes of cereal, and these items are therefore not needed.**

Main Meals	All tinned meat – stewing steak, mince & onions, corned beef, tinned beef, meat balls, ham, burgers, Irish stew, chicken curry, minced beef chilli, Bolognese
Cooking Ingredients	Stock cubes especially vegetarian, sugar, flour, ground white pepper, cooking oil, dumpling mix, brown sauce, tomato sauce, Chinese, Thai, Mexican and cream cooking sauces, spices, herbs, jars of garlic, desiccated coconut, cooking chocolate, cocoa powder, coconut milk, beef, chicken and onion gravy granules
Drinks	Dilute orange, coffee, instant drinking chocolate
Biscuits	All types of biscuits and sweets
Puddings	Tinned or instant custard (just add water), tinned rice, peaches, fruit cocktail, apricots, mandarin oranges, pears, pineapple, jams & golden syrup, long life milk, condensed milk, lemon curd
Tinned Veg.	Peas, potatoes, sweetcorn, tomatoes
Soup	All varieties
Toiletries	Deodorants, shower gel, shampoo, shaving cream/gel, men's & ladies' razors, toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap (bars and liquid), toilet rolls. Men's toiletries are particularly needed.
Clothing	New tracksuit bottoms, t/shirts, boxer shorts (new), jumpers, waterproof jackets, jeans small, medium, large, sleeping bags
Household	Blue J cloths, yellow cloths, large pan scrubs, large freezer bags, washing up liquid, toilet rolls, small boxes washing powder non bio
Take-away bags	Small bags of crisps, small chocolate bars, individual biscuits e.g. kit kats, sweets, individual packs of cereal (not cereal bars)

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