



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Let your light shine!

Newsletter 29/1/26

News

Movie Night

Our 'Ice-Age Movie Night' was a hit! The children thoroughly enjoyed the movie and were brilliantly behaved. We managed to raise £220 for our school fund, thank you! A massive thank you goes to the PTA and those parents who volunteered to help us on the night – we couldn't have done it without you!



Valentine's Day Disco

On Friday 13th February, we're having our annual Valentine's Day Disco, from 3.30-4.45pm. Tickets cost £5 on ParentPay and the price includes snacks, a drink and a live DJ! Please buy your ticket by Friday 6th February, to give us plenty of time to order the refreshments. **Please note** – although there will be a break-out room, it will only be used for a couple of minutes for children to regulate. We won't be able to allow children to spend the duration of the disco in there, so please be mindful when buying your child a ticket, if they will struggle to stay in the disco. Please feel free to send children with ear defenders, as we don't have enough spares in school.

Save the Date

We have a couple of things up our sleeves for Mother's Day, so save the date! Friday 13th March, 3.30-4.15pm for KS1 and 5-6pm for KS2, for our children to celebrate Mother's Day with the people who fulfil a motherly role in their lives. More information to follow.

Parking

Mrs Walton has been contacted by local residents this week with photographs of cars parked inconsiderately. While we understand the pressures of morning drop-offs, it is very important that, as a school, we demonstrate our willingness to be a considerate part of the local community. We have checked the rules on this matter, and parking on paths and obstructing vehicular access to homes can be reported to the police. Parking on, and subsequently damaging, grass verges can be reported to the council and they can take action to recover the costs of repair. Our message, as it always, relates to safety. The current parking and driving observed around Newmin Way potentially puts our children at risk. I very much hope that it will not take the injury (or worse) of a child before this is remedied.

Low Balance Reminders

Parents have requested that we send out low balance reminders to notify them when credit is running low on their child's ParentPay account, for school meals – we have implemented this today and the low balance reminders will be emailed weekly. Please don't worry if you don't want to keep credit on your child's account, we are fine with parents paying as they go for school meals.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	94.12%	97.63%	97.07%	97.26%	97.79%	96.65%	96.67%
Whole School %	96.75%						



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Celebrations

Well done to this week's Wonderwall superstars!
Year 6 won the TTRS trophy, with 96% and the house point trophy was given to Bamburgh.
Congratulations everyone!



Dates for your diary... (Remember, whole school dates are on our website and ESchools calendars)

- **Tuesday 3rd February** – Year 4 trip to Segedunum (permission to be emailed to Mrs Baird)
- **Thursday 5th February** – Deadline for registering for individual and sibling portraits with Unscripted Photography
- **Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February** – Unscripted Photography
- **Friday 13th February** – Valentine's Day Disco

Things to remember...

- **Robinwood Souvenirs** - Robinwood souvenirs are available to purchase on ParentPay, the deadline for ordering a souvenir is Friday 20th February.
- **I have attached:** the Valentine's Day Disco poster (3.30-4.45pm), a leaflet from Axis, a Gateshead based advice and support company for children and families with SEND and a flyer for Grassroot's upcoming gymnastics day on Sunday 8th February.
- **Permissions required:** Year 4 Segedunum
- **Outstanding Payment Items:**
- **Year 2** – Great Fire of Gateshead
- **Year 4** – Swimming (Nov-Dec'25), Swimming (Jan-Feb '25) and Romans Workshop
- We have some brand new uniform for sale, at a discounted rate, please contact Mrs Baird if there's anything you need.