



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 5/7/24

News

Chill out day

Our second of the school councilor charity days is fast approaching. 'Chill Out day' (this is the one they were most keen on!) will be held on **Friday 12th July**. The children want to wear pyjamas/onesies or cosy clothes and play games, watch DVDs and eat popcorn! Could children all contribute £2 (on ParentPay) to cover refreshments and their donation to Dog's Trust, who will be coming in to do an assembly (but not bringing a dog, so please reassure anyone who is nervous).



Reports

Your child's report will be sent out to you on Friday 12th July. This will include their current attainment levels and the results of any statutory tests they have taken. We will include explanations of the levels on the reverse of the parent response slips (in an attempt to reduce paper waste). You may note that the official KS2 (Y6) SATs test results are due to be released on 9th July. However, we don't mention this at all to the children for several reasons. The first is that the online portal for accessing the results is overwhelmed every year and is unable to cope with demand, so we never know what time of the day we will be able to download them. We then make time to download the test papers of children who are on the borderline of age-related or high score results and check that we are happy with the marking – if we are not satisfied, we will let you know that we are getting a test re-marked. The other reason is that we don't want our children to focus too heavily on the number they received. We know that our children have worked so hard, and we don't want them to judge their achievement from a result that doesn't tell them what sort of learner they have become, or how much progress they have made. We put the result in with their report so that on the Friday night, you can talk to them about what they achieved, tell them they're wonderful and then get on with your weekend. We appreciate your support in this.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	95.15%	95.66%	96.19%	95.97%	95.98%	96.86%	94.19%
Whole School %	95.73%						

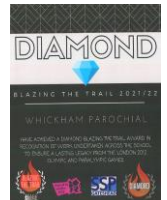
Just a reminder, we will be sending letters using our new assessment system "A-Star", to let you know if your child has dipped below 95% or into the 'persistent absentee' realms of 90% or below. Please come and see us if we can be of any help with attendance. These letters are not intended as a criticism, we are keeping you informed as we are asked to do so in guidance from the LA and DfE.

Celebrations

Well done to our WonderWall winners – they have us very proud with their excellent attitudes to learning and to each other. Our housepoint winners were Lindisfarne, and the TTRockstars engagement winners were Year 5 and Reception won the Numbots robot.



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Dates for your diary...

- Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July – Open afternoons (bookable on ParentPay)
- Wednesday 10th July – Y6 Sex Education (consent must be given by Monday 8th July)
- Wednesday 10th July – Gateshead Music Service 'Globetrotters' workshop
- Friday 12th July – Chill-out day – see info above (£2 on ParentPay)
- Monday 15th July - Year 6 and Reception Trip to Washington Wildlife Trust (£13 on ParentPay)
- Tuesday 16th July – Transition afternoon. Children will spend an afternoon in with next year's teacher in their new classrooms.
- Wednesday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9:15am
- Friday 19th July – Celebration Lunch (cheeseburger or veggie burger only, there won't be a jacket potato option). You don't need to make a lunch choice in advance.
- Friday 19th July - Last Day of the school year.

Things to remember...

- Year 1 have requested to make boats for their negotiated curriculum – if you have anything at home that would make a good base, something that can float, could you please send them into school next week?

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! Additionally, all dates are on our E-schools calendar.

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