



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 2/10/26

News

F.A.C.T Christmas Appeal

FACT, a local cancer charity, are making Christmas bags for children affected by cancer; these children may have cancer themselves, have a family member with cancer, they may be in hospital, or could even be a young carer. FACT have asked if Whickham Parochial might donate some items, please see the poster attached. These items must be new, to prevent the risk of infection. Could any donations please be handed to the school office by Friday 20th November. Thank you for your generosity in advance, you're always so kind!

School Calendar

If you're wanting to get ahead of the game for the run up to Christmas, our calendar (on the school website) is up to date with all of our upcoming events.

Parochial's Glow Party!

We are having our annual 'Glow Party' on Friday 16th October, from 3.30-5pm. Tickets are £5, on ParentPay, and the children receive juice, crisps, Haribo, glow sticks and top-notch entertainment from Garry at GBG Disco! When making payment on ParentPay, there is a mandatory notes box for any dietary requirements, please ensure you complete this – you can just write 'none' if your child doesn't have any requirements. The deadline for purchasing a ticket is Monday 12th October. Thank you!

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.85%	97.65%	98.11%	94.85%	97.27%	98.26%	95.38%
Whole School %	97.03%						

Celebrations

Our Parochial stars let their lights shine this week, well done for being chosen for Wonderwall! The TTRS trophy was won by Year 6 this week and the house point winners were Warkworth. Congratulations everyone!



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

- **Friday 2nd October** – No Irish Dancing
- **Tuesday 6th October** – Tag Rugby Festival at Winlaton Rugby Club (selected pupils only)
- **Friday 9th October** – Hello Yellow Day in aid of Young Mind (children to wear yellow, donations can be made via this link: [YoungMinds - Jane Beasey](#))
- **Tuesday 13th October** – Cross-Country at Gateshead Stadium (selected Year 4 and Year 6 pupils only)
- **Thursday 15th October** – Sportshall Athletics at Gateshead Stadium (selected pupils only)
- **Friday 16th October** – Glow Party (more information to follow) and **no Irish Dancing**
- **Sunday 18th October** – Grass Roots Gym Day at Parochial (poster attached)
- **Friday 23rd October** – Foodbank Friday for Harvest and Harvest Eucharist (parents of children in the choir and with speaking parts, are invited to join us – please note, this is a maximum of 2 parents per family)

Things to remember...

- **I have attached:** FACT's Christmas Appeal poster, Parochial's Glow Party poster, Grass Roots Gymnastic Day poster, Hello Yellow poster, People's Kitchen requests and Y4 Northumberland Zoo trip letter
- Thank you so much for the donations of tissues, they're very much appreciated!
- **Outstanding payment items on ParentPay:**
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead Workshop
Year 4 – Swimming (September-October) and Northumberland Zoo

As we reach the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your fantastic continued support of everything we do at school. The strong partnership between home and school plays a vital role in helping our children thrive, and we greatly appreciate the trust, encouragement and support you show each day.

I would also like to recognise just how proud we are of all of our fantastic children. Every day, they demonstrate the values, attitudes and behaviours that make our school such a special place to learn and grow. Whether in the classroom, on the playground, during enrichment opportunities or representing the school in the wider community, our pupils consistently show kindness, respect, resilience and enthusiasm. They are a credit to themselves, their families and our school.

Finally, a reminder that my door is always open. As a school, we are committed to working closely with our families and are here to support in any way we can. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply wish to share something with us, please do not hesitate to get in touch. By continuing to work together, we can ensure the very best outcomes for all of our children.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, and I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mr Warren

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