



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 3/5/24

News

Bank Holiday

We're celebrating the bank holiday with an ice lolly day! We will give every child a lolly as they are allergen free and we feel that we can't leave anyone out – but we would appreciate it if parents who haven't yet paid, could please do so on ParentPay – many thanks!



Staff Absence

You may have noticed that we are without the lovely Mrs Hodgson. We have heard a rumour that some people think she has been in a traffic accident! Please rest assured that this is not the case; Mrs Hodgson asked me to share with you that needs some time away from school to deal with some family related issues. The classes that she covers are all being provided with the curriculum they would usually access and, as far as possible, we are covering with staff who know the children. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her well.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	94.84%	94.76%	96.75%	96.32%	95.43%	96.65%	94.42%
Whole School %	95.61%						

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 made us very proud with their excellent attitudes to learning and to each other. Our housepoint winners were Dunstanburgh, the TTRockstars engagement winners were Year 6 and our NumBots winners were Reception!!!





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Dates for your diary...

- Monday 6th May is a **Bank Holiday**, therefore school will be closed.
- On Tuesday 7th May, it will be **lunch as usual** (beef burger, veggie burger, or jacket potato).
- Friday 17th May – **Year 6 SATs treat** to the cinema and Pizza Express. Mrs Baird needs lunch choices please!
- Friday 17th May – **Family Fitness Event** (£5 per family on ParentPay). Certificates will be given for every family that takes part!
- Tuesday 21st May – That History Bloke delivering an **Ancient Egyptians** workshop in Year 3 (£5.50 on ParentPay).
- Wednesday 22nd May – **Reception and Year 6 class photos**.
- Wednesday 22nd May – Year 2 at the **Captain Cook Museum** (£15 on ParentPay).
- Thursday 23rd May – Year 6 at the **George Stephenson Museum** (£12 on ParentPay).
- Thursday 23rd May – 'Elemental' **movie night** (£3 on ParentPay).
- ***Just a reminder, we have our **occasional day** in the diary for Friday 24th May. Each school needs to choose a day for this and it's been on the calendar since September, but I know it's easy to lose track.
- Deadline for ordering a **Year 6 Leaver's Bear** is Sunday 2nd June (£8 on ParentPay).
- **Sports Day** is scheduled for Friday 7th June, depending on whether the school field has eventually dried out!

Things to remember...

- Could all **Dance Festival t-shirts** please be returned to school, so far, we've only had 5 handed back in!
- It's that time of year when we're requesting donations of raffle prizes for the **Summer Fair**. Could any donations please be handed in to the school office before Thursday 23rd May? Thanks so much!
- Please don't forget that our **Uniform Exchange** is here for whatever you may need, especially this late in the school year!

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.