



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Nurturing minds and hearts through God's love

Newsletter 26/1/24

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.

News

January Blues

Yes, it really is still January! Our children have come back to school brilliantly and are working very hard in the classroom, in spite of the wild weather and the many coughs and colds that are circulating around school! Please rest assured, we make sure school is lovely and clean – both Mick and Jill ensure surfaces are sanitised daily. Children are welcome in school if they are well enough and don't have a temperature. If they need medication, we are happy to provide this at lunchtime, just drop into the office to fill out a form. We are reminding children regularly to do 'Vampire coughs' to avoid any further spread of germs and all classrooms have hand sanitiser for after noses are blown – if you could help them with this routine at home, we'd be so grateful.



A Parochial baby!

We are sending much love and congratulations to our lovely teaching assistant Mrs Mitchell, who had her second baby last week. The Mitchell's welcome baby girl! Thea to join a very proud big brother Oscar, who has been amazing and already loves his new sister. Mum and baby are both doing well and we are looking forward to their first visit.

Weekly Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	95.8%	99.2%	95.4%	93.3%	93.2%	99.2%	99.6%
Whole School %	96.49%						

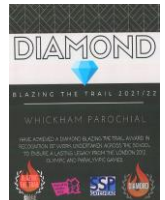
Just a reminder, we will be sending letters each fortnight to let you know if your child has dipped below 95% or into the 'persistent absentee' realms of 90% or below. Please come and see us if we can be of any help with attendance.

Celebrations

Well done to our WonderWALLERS this week! Our house points winners were Bamburgh and the Times Table Rockstars engagement leaders were Year 6, with an excellent 93%.



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Dates for your diary...

Our first Valentine's Day Disco is on Wednesday 14th February, 3.30-5pm – you can purchase tickets on ParentPay, on a first come first served basis. Additionally, we are asking children to come for a 'wear what you love day' on Valentine's Day too – please interpret this as you wish!

We have our lovely 'Unscripted' photographers back with us next week, please be sure to check my emails informing you of your child's date and time, so they're photo-ready!

Things to remember...

Please could you ensure your child's personal items (clothing, water bottles, packed lunches, shoes, bags etc.) are all clearly labelled, as we're having a lot of items going missing, or taken home by somebody else! Thankyou!

Many thanks as always for your support – have a great weekend and remember we are here if you need us!

Mrs Walton and Mrs Baird