



Whytrig Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017

Friday, 22 September
Non Uniform Day

Friday, 29 September
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Wednesday, 4 October
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Wednesday, 11 October
Open Morning

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Open Evening

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Monday, 16 October
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Parent Evening

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Year 7 Nissan Trip

Monday, 8 January 2018
Training Day

9 January to 29 March 2018
SPRING TERM

Week Commencing 5 March
Year 5 Bikeability

Monday, 16 April 2018
Training Day

17 April to 20 July 2018
SUMMER TERM

Monday, 7 May 2018
May Bank Holiday

14th to 17th May 2018
END OF KS2 TESTS (SATs)

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New Stars @whytrig MS

School Photographs

Our School Photographer was in on Friday, taking individual, class and family photographs of the children. We are sending the order forms home today, so you can choose the photographs you wish to purchase. Ordering can be done online at www.tempest-schools.co.uk by entering the reference number on the order form or by completing the order form and returning it to school with the correct money by Friday 22nd September. I am sure you will agree that the children look extremely smart in their photos!

Stars Of The Week – Well Done!

This week we are starting something new in school in order to reward individual effort over the course of the year. Each week a child from each form class will be nominated to receive the Star Of The Week Award. It might be because of their sustained effort in lessons, improvement in their behaviour, for doing something for the School Community or for other worthy reasons. We will send a postcard home to inform you that they have been chosen to be Star Of The Week and in the next assembly we will share the nominations with the school, with each child getting a certificate to put in their House Profile Pack. Stars Of The Week will then be invited for biscuits and hot chocolate with Mr Souter on a Friday afternoon. Our first group of nominations are:

5L	Keagan Jordan;	5M	Liam French
6E	Joe Miller;	6L	Dom Dickinson
7C	Aoife Graham;	7L	Carli Curran
8Ro	Aaliyah Wright;	8Ru	Kieron Munro

Non Uniform Day – Friday 22nd September

Children can choose to pay £1 to wear non-uniform with proceeds towards Bullies Out and Skye's memorial.

European Day of Languages

Next week, on Friday 25th September, we will again be celebrating European Day of Languages in School, after very successful days in previous years. Please note this is a change of date to the one previously advertised because of Mrs Stephenson's working days. Each form class has been assigned a country and we are asking the children to dress in their country's national colours or wear a costume which represents the theme. The children will learn phrases from their designated country and have the opportunity to speak in that language throughout the day. There will also be prizes for the best dressed class! Remember the emphasis should be on creativity, not cost. It promises to be an interesting day as it always is! More details to follow.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

We would like to invite you to our coffee afternoon, also taking place on Friday, 29th September at 2:30pm, in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please come along to Astley Main Hall and we will arrange for your child to join you. We would welcome any donations of cakes and biscuits and are also holding a competition for the best homemade, open to all pupils, which could be linked to the class' country for European Day of Languages. Any donations should be brought to school on the Friday morning. Thank you in advance for supporting a very worthy cause.

Year 8 High School Application Reminder

We would like to remind the parents of children in Year 8, that the Northumberland admissions portal is now open. More details on the admissions process, and a link to the admission portal can be found on the Northumberland website at

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx#onlineschooladmissionapplication> as the Local Authority are not writing to parents this year about admissions. Please note the portal will close on the 31st October. **It is essential that applications are received on time as your child may not be offered a place in your chosen school, particularly if a school is oversubscribed.**

Homework Club

Our School Homework Club starts again today from 3:30 to 4:00pm, running every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Any child wanting to use the facility is welcome to. The aim is to offer a quiet place, with the resources pupils need to complete homework their homework tasks with the help of a member of staff. Please let form teachers know through your child's diary if your child will be using this facility.

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