

Bulletin Number 9		<p><b>Whittonstall and Broomley Federation of Schools</b></p> <p><i>"Be Happy and Work Hard"</i></p> 	 <p>6<sup>th</sup> November 2020</p>
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Attendance this week- 99.0%



We really appreciate all your efforts in arriving at school promptly and working to our staggered start and finish times



### **Headteacher Message:** A huge welcome back to the children after their half term break!

The children have settled straight back in and have been working really hard this week. Although we are now in a second lockdown that does not at the moment alter any arrangements in school. We have been asked to cancel some of our after school sports provision but hopefully this will just be for the next 4 weeks. We really appreciate your support and communication during these uncertain times, remember we are here to help and answer any queries you may have.

Thank you to those who have accessed our google classroom. The Harvest videos shared by the Teachers before the half term make wonderful viewing!

Today each class has spent some time thinking about Remembrance Day. Thank you to everyone who has purchased poppies and gifts to help raise funds for The Royal British Legion.

Next week we will be celebrating 'Children in Need', and invite the children come to school in their PJs for the day, they can also bring slippers to change into while in school if they wish. This year, we will be asking the children to take their age and do something good with it. Simply take your age, the combined age of your friends, family and peers, or the age of something or someone special, and turn it into a fundraiser. It could be the distance you cover, the duration you do it for, the ideas are endless! A Just Giving page has been set up to minimise money needing to come in to school please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/whittonstall-first-school> to donate. Watch out for some Marvellous Me posts to see what the children get up to.

### **School News**

**Uniform additions:** I'm sure you will all have noticed the seasons changing and, as we are having to keep our classrooms well ventilated this year, we will all feel the chill a bit more than normal as the weather turns colder. As part of our risk assessment classrooms will be maintained at a minimum temperature, however we thought it would be a good idea to introduce some extra layers to our school uniform to help keep the children cosy.



Our uniform supplier Salto, will be stocking a **navy fleece body warmer** branded with our school logo at the cost of £10.50. It will be as the item pictured, but in navy.

The children can wear this throughout the day in class and, as their arms will be free, it will not interfere with their ability to write and get on with their work.

Salto will also be supplying a **long sleeved** polo shirt in white at a cost of £6.50. This will not be branded with the school logo so you are welcome to buy this from another supplier if you prefer.

Neither of these items will be compulsory uniform, but give you the option to add some extra layers if you feel this would benefit your child.

**As soon as these items are live to buy on the Salto website we will send you a Parentmail to let you know.**

You will be able to order online at [https://www.saltouk.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=59\\_148](https://www.saltouk.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=59_148) and choose between home delivery or a 'click and collect' service.

**Children in Need Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** next Friday is Children in Need Day and as always we will be supporting this amazing cause in school.



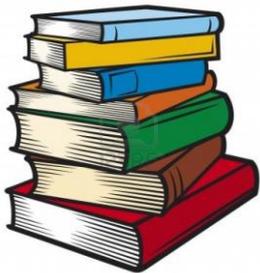
The children are invited to wear their PJ's for the day and we will be having special activities in the afternoon to celebrate and think about the fantastic work that our fundraising efforts help to happen.

Please remember to ensure that your child will be warm enough in what they are wearing; a layer under PJ's, dressing gowns or onesies are fine and they can bring a pair of slippers to change in to in school.

We have set up a 'Just Giving' page to allow you to make donations directly and minimise cash sent in to school. You can make a minimum donation of £2 via the page and keep an eye on how much we have raised as a school so far. Please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/whittonstall-first-school> or scan the QR code below to make a donation.



**Northumberland BorrowBox:** Northumberland Libraries have asked us to let our families know about their BorrowBox scheme.



This is a free digital library that can be accessed all the time. It contains eBooks and eAudiobooks for both adults and children. If you are not already members you can join online at the [library website](#) and get access straight away without having to come into the library to collect a card.

You can view what is available on the website here - <https://fe.bolindadigital.com/northumberland>.

There are over 300 eAudio titles for children with lots of popular authors featuring such as Julia Donaldson, Liz Pichon and Roald Dahl.

**Flu Vaccinations 2020:** a Parentmail was sent this week reminding parents that the Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** to give nasal flu vaccinations to all children from Reception and Years 1, 2, 3, & 4 (where consent has been given). We also attached again a copy of the consent form. **If you have not already done so**, this form should be printed off, completed and returned to school. Only parents who have not already returned the consent form need to do this. If you are unsure whether you have already returned the form, please complete again.

If you are unable to print the form, please let the school office know and we will provide you with a copy. If you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine, please complete the 'no consent' box and return the form to school. If the NHS team do not receive a consent form for your child, they will be unable to give your child the nasal flu vaccination. If you need any further information about the vaccine, please contact the NHS Nasal flu team directly - the details are on the letter.



**Applications for Reception Class 2021:** The portals for Reception class applications are now open and will close on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January**. Applications are made online direct to the local authority, and not through school.

For families who pay their council tax to Durham County Council, please follow the link below-

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2189/Apply-for-a-primary-place-deadline-15-January-2021>

For families who pay their council tax to Northumberland County Council please follow the link below –

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>

Parents will be informed of the outcome of their application on Offer Day, Monday **1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**.

**Job Vacancy at Prudhoe Castle First School:** one of the other schools in our Trust, Castle First School, has a vacancy for a Catering Manager. If you or anyone you know would be interested in applying for the post please visit [https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Catering\\_Manager\\_School/201146](https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Catering_Manager_School/201146) for further details.

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**Dates for your diary**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need Day – wear your PJ's to school.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – nasal flu vaccinations in school for Years R-4

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – break up for Christmas holidays

Have a lovely weekend everyone and stay safe

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher

