

Bulletin Number 3		<p><b>Whittonstall and Broomley Federation of Schools</b></p> <p><i>"Be Happy and Work Hard"</i></p> 	 <p>11<sup>th</sup> September 2020</p>
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Attendance this week- 98.3%



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

**Headteacher Message:** A huge thank you to all the parents for your response to our COVID update yesterday. We really appreciate the whole community working together to try and keep everyone as safe as we possibly can. The children as always have been brilliant and exceptionally resilient to any additional measures we have had to put in place.

This week we have been blessed with lovely sunshine so the children have been outside at every opportunity. Can we ask parents to please apply sun cream prior to coming to school if the weather forecast is for high temperatures.

We hope you have enjoyed your Marvellous Me updates this week, the teachers will be uploading these twice a week to share and celebrate the children's achievements. Hopefully this can help communication and share positive experiences during this difficult time. If you haven't yet managed to log in to the app and you need a reminder of your log-in details please let the school office know.

This week in school the children have been introduced to their google classroom accounts; next week we will circulate all the login information, a video tutorial and a step by step guide for parents at home. These will only be used in the event of a bubble lockdown or if a child needs to self-isolate at home with family members.

Your child should now be bringing home their reading books on a Monday and then returning them to school on a Friday each week. We currently have a large focus on reading in school so please do make any comments in the reading diaries to let us know how your child is managing at home. We hope you had time to digest all the information sent home last week with regards to classroom timetables and our recovery curriculum, if you have any questions please email [admin@whittonstall.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whittonstall.northumberland.sch.uk) and we will direct them to your child's class teacher.

#### COVID test notifications

Can we please ask that parents update school via the admin inbox if you have received a test result, whether this be negative or positive. This also applies to the weekend and we will ensure admin boxes are checked on a Saturday and Sunday. In the event of any bubble closures we will notify via Parentmail and also a text message.

## School News

We have been delighted to welcome our new pupils over the last couple of weeks and are so proud of how well they have settled in to our school community. A big Whittonstall welcome to Angus, Madeleine, Henry, Aurelia-Grace, Zak, Rowan, Poppy, Rosie, Alice, Fox, Jude, Logan, Malorie and Holly.

**Wellbeing:** This week in school the children have been focusing on responsibility and how feeling responsible and having someone be responsible for us contributes to our wellbeing. The children have discussed what responsibilities make them feel good, how they can be responsible and what they may be responsible for. We also looked at who they can trust to be responsible for them, both in school and in our larger community. There has been some fantastic questioning from the children as they develop their understanding and we are looking forward to next week's work on achievement



**School photographs:** big smiles and hair brushed **next Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September** as Debbie Young will be visiting school for the morning to take individual pupil photographs. In order to adhere to our Covid guidance, we are only able to allow sibling photos for children who are in the same bubble this year. We will also be unable to have any younger siblings brought in to school to be photographed with their older brothers and sisters. Thank you for your understanding.

**Flu Vaccinations 2020:** 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).

The NHS team sent out consent form letters by post over the summer but our school nurse has advised us the response rate has been lower than normal. We therefore sent an information letter and a copy of the consent form by Parentmail this week, for any parent that did not receive or has not yet returned the postal form. This form should be printed off, completed and returned to school. Only parents who have not already returned the consent form need to complete the form. 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.



**Virtual Macmillan Coffee Afternoon:** Every year you do amazing things to make our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon a success and raise lots of money for this amazing charity.

This year we will be hosting a 'virtual coffee afternoon on Friday the **25<sup>th</sup> of September from 3.00 pm**. We would like you to bake something amazing at home with your family on any theme you choose.

We would like you to take a picture of yourself with your delicious creation and email it to school.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> we will set up our 'virtual cake stand' where we can share all our home baking photos you have sent. We will have prizes for the most imaginative decorations and there will be a collection box for parents to donate to the cause. We usually raise several hundred pounds at this event and it would be great to do it again this year! Get baking you amazing lot!

Please send the photo of yourselves with your creations by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of September to **admin@whittonstall.northumberland.sch.uk**



**Magpie Sports Club for Years 1, 2, 3 & 4:** Mr Thompson will start his after school club from next week- details below - **(please note it will be held on a Tuesday night not Thursday)**

Magpie Sports Ltd after school club starting on Tuesday 22nd September from 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Sport- Football

Dates- 22nd September till 20th October ( 5 sessions)

Cost- £15

To book your child's place, please email [info@magpiesportsltd.com](mailto:info@magpiesportsltd.com) or text 07801 821 112. You will be sent an online form to fill in and this will also contain payment information.

School will not be sending out any paper letters or receiving any payments. Please contact Mr Thompson directly to book a place for your child.

**Year 4 to Year 5 transition:** Corbridge Middle School have asked us to let parents of children in Year 4 know that they will be holding a **virtual** open day this year. They will be sending further details soon so watch this space. The portals for Middle School applications are now open and will close on **31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**.

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

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2192/Apply-for-a-secondary-place-deadline-31-October-2020>

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.aspx>

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

For parents applying for a **Reception class** place for their child for September 2021, the portal will be open to apply between Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Look out for more information in the newsletter nearer to the time.

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## Dates for your diary

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** – Magpie Sports after school club begins (Years 1-4) 3.15 pm – 4.30pm

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – Individual pupil photographs in school

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Macmillan Virtual Coffee Afternoon

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – break up for October half term

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Teacher Training Day

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – deadline for applications to Middle School

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – pupils back for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Autumn term

**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

