



Whalton School News

Summer Term

20th July 2018

Teacher Training Days - Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September 2018

School will be open on Tuesday 4th September to collect any uniform orders placed with Border Embroideries. Please note that the school office will be closed on Monday 3rd September, due to staff training off-site. Thank you.

Greenheart Project

The children have completed their final two areas of training at school; using and developing their skills across the curriculum to complete the Green Heart Project and help the world to become a better place. We are very fortunate and appreciative to be a part of this wonderful project; put together by Sharon Lashley and Phil Macari. On Friday 6th July the children were presented with their certificates and treasured wands.



Super Splash Heroes Interactive Water Saving Pantomime

On Tuesday 10th July, we received a visit from North Tyneside Theatre Company, Gibber and the Super Splash Heroes. Their aim is to help school children get water wise with their special educational programme, inspiring children to make a positive difference and waste less water.

During the show the children learnt why it is important to use water wisely and found out practical ways they can save water every day.



The performance was excellent, professional and effective. The children were engaged and entertained. The Gibber performers were passionate about the message and engaged the children with their energy and enthusiasm.

The programme forms an important part of Northumbrian Water's Every Drop Count's campaign - dedicated to educate children, their families and the wider community about water efficiency to help people reduce their water usage and save money.

Don't forget to visit Northumbrian Water's [education hub](https://nwl.watersavingkit.com/) to access useful resources that cover all aspects of the water cycle. - <https://nwl.watersavingkit.com/>

Thank you for letting us spread the message!



Reception Early Years Banquet at Ogle Castle - Thursday 12th July

A glorious day was spent at Ogle Castle. The Early Years welcomed King Tony with music, entertainment and a marvellous feast. The children looked amazing with their tabards and shields. In the afternoon the Reception children enjoyed the woods as they walked on a trail finding envelopes, directing them to animals close by.

Thank you to Kristina for allowing us to share her beautiful home.



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Year 5 Immersion Day at Ponteland High School - Friday 13th July

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their immersion day! We managed to squeeze so many engaging activities into our day surrounding Biochemistry, Physics, Maths and Sport, not to mention working alongside our Partnership friends in two different groups.

Orienteering Festival - Year 3, 4 and 5

Congratulations to our Year 4 children who won the cup for the Morpeth Ponteland Schools.

The Year 5 boys won the cup for the Year 5 competition.



End of Year Church Service - Friday 20th July

Thank you to all parents, friends and family who came along to our end of year service. What a wonderful service it was, performed by our students, Reverend Sample and Pam Walker. It was lovely to hear the children singing, and it was particularly special to hear the solos.

Many congratulations and a huge thank you to the children who are leaving us this year. We wish them all the very best in their new schools.

Year 5 Dukeshouse Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th September 2018

All of the primary schools across the Ponteland Partnership are joining together for a Year 5 Autumn Term visit to the activity centre to kick-start the new academic year. The main focus of the visit is to meet new friends across the partnership, promote team work and co-operation skills and to have FUN together as the children settle into their new classes.

The remaining balance of £60.00 is due by Wednesday 5th September. This has been added to your child's School, Gateway account. Thank you.



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Whalton Village Show - Saturday 15th September

This event is fast approaching. It takes place on Saturday 15th September. As some of you are aware, this is a massive event for the village, attracting a huge amount of people from inside and outside the county.

As a school, we have stalls on our school yard and some of the main events happen on the school field. It is a large fundraiser for St. Mary Magdalene Church, Whalton Village Hall, Whalton School and PAWS.

Bikeability - Year 4 (level 1) and Year 5 (level 2) - Tuesday 18th September 2018.

Whalton has been chosen to receive Bikeability Cycle Training when we return to school in September. This training is designed to give our year 4 and 5 children the skills and experience to cycle safely and confidently

Children enjoy cycling and of course it brings many health benefits, develops confidence and gives them independence. Children who have been trained are much safer and, in addition, tend to cycle more.

The deadline for returning your child's consent was Thursday 19th July. If you have not already done so please return your child's forms to school as soon as possible. Thank you.



Bags 2 School - 24th September 2018



Bags 2 school is back in September. If you are having a clear out over the summer holidays, we would be grateful of any donations. Bags will be given out when we return to school. Please return bags to school on the morning of 24th Sept. Thank you.

Gateway Payments- Summer Term 2018

We are now a cashless school. Please note that **all** payments are to be made via your child's school Gateway account. Once we have received your child's permission slip and consent for a visit/activity your payment will be added to their School Gateway Account. Thank you.

Autumn term payments are now on Gateway. The cost of a school dinner is £2.20/£11.00 per week. Swimming for autumn term 1 is £33.00 and £35.00 for autumn term 2. (Please note change to the original price due to an increase in the cost of lessons/the bus). If you have any queries about your School Gateway Account and making payments please do not hesitate to contact Miss Johnston in the school office. Thank you.

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Dates for your diary -



Monday 3rd September - Teacher training day

Tuesday 4th September - Teacher training day

Wednesday 5th September - School re-opens for autumn term 1

Thursday 6th September - Start of PE sessions in school

Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th September - Year 5 to Dukeshouse

Monday 10th September - Author Adam Bushnell Visit

Saturday 15th September - Whalton Village Show

Tuesday 18th September - Bikeability for Years 4 and 5

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