



**WHITLEY CHAPEL**   
First School

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Dear Parents

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### **Advance notice of After School Clubs**

We will be giving more details of After School Clubs at the beginning of next term, but please note – the Sports Club run by the Queen Elizabeth High School students will take place on Thursday at 3.30 – 4.30 in the **first** week back, 25<sup>th</sup> April, and will run for three weeks only, after which the students will be doing their exams and we will do another club instead. Please help us encourage them by as many children staying for this club as possible. All other clubs will start in the **second** week of term, but if anyone needs After School care from 3.30, Linda will run Chat and Relax at a charge of £2.00 per half hour.

### **Sponsored event to raise money for a Yurt**

The Building Trust committee will be running another sponsored event next half term, and the focus will be to raise money for a Yurt – Google tells me that this is ‘a circular tent of felt or skins on a collapsible framework, used by nomads in Mongolia, Siberia, and Turkey’. Ours will be probably covered in canvas and tarpaulin, but we want to use it during our Forest Schools activities, particularly in the colder weather, and make our outdoor space even more enjoyable. The event will be a sponsored ‘Danceathon’, which some of you may have seen on Comic Relief this year. It will take place after school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May for one hour after school, and there will be refreshments for spectators and children afterwards. We are sending home the Sponsor form today in case any of you are seeing friends and family over Easter and want to drum up some support! I hope lots of the children will join in the fun, and if any adults want to take part too, please ask for additional sponsor forms at the school office.

### **Memorial Service for Nigel Gibson**

Many of you will be aware of the very sudden and tragic death of Nigel Gibson, our Vice Chair of Governors, at the beginning of March. We will miss him greatly – he was a very faithful servant of the school with a wealth of experience to share. There is to be a memorial and thanksgiving service for his life at St Helen’s Church at 2.00 pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. If you feel you would like to, you are welcome to come and pay your respects.

Thank you for your support this last very busy but enjoyable half term – we really appreciate the way you encourage your children to enter into events like Book Week with such enthusiasm, it makes activities so much more enjoyable for everyone and makes our school a very special place. I hope you all have a very restful and enjoyable Easter break, and we look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Please remember that if you mislay them, school letters can always be found on the school website. There are also lots of lovely pictures of the children and information about upcoming events.

Find us at [www.whitleyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.whitleyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk).

Miss Jenny Morgan