



WHITLEY CHAPEL CE
First School

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Tuesday 8th January 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back - I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and a good rest. Here are some dates and information for the new term.

Swimming

Children from Reception to Year 4 will be having Swimming lessons at the Wentworth Pool in Hexham every Thursday afternoon for the whole of this term, starting on Thursday 10th January. We will be leaving school at 12.30 and the lesson will run from 1.00 – 1.30 pm. Please ensure that children have a separate bag for their swimming costume and towel, and please send swimming goggles if your child is used to using them. Girls are asked to wear swimming caps if they have long hair – please can they come with their hair tied back on Swimming day, and also wear trousers rather than tights and a skirt, as it makes it easier for them to get changed quickly and independently. We would really appreciate a voluntary contribution of £1.00 per week towards the cost of transport; this works out at £12 per term. Please send it in to the office in a named envelope.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will be starting next week. This term will be: Monday – Handicrafts; Tuesday – Sport; Wednesday – Lego and Games; Thursday – Computer. Please can you sign and return the permission form before Monday. Chat and Relax will run as usual from 4.30 – 6.00 pm by prior arrangement with Linda or the Office at a charge of £2.00 per half hour.

Maths Workshop

We will be running a Maths workshop on Wednesday 16th January from 3.30 – 4.30 pm, to explain to parents some of the strategies used in the new Maths scheme we have recently adopted, and to help you help your children more effectively with their homework. If you need childcare, you will be able to leave your children with Linda in Lego and Games club. Please can you return the reply slip in advance, so that we know how many people to expect.

Milk

Milk is available to children for their morning break, free up to the age of 5, and thereafter at a charge of £10.00 per term. Please let the Office know if you would like your child to have milk.

Tesco Bags of Help grant

We have been awarded £1000 from the Tesco Bags of Help grant. Thank you to everyone who put your blue tokens in the box for us last summer – it has taken a long time to arrive! We have already had to pay to repair the slide, which is what we originally applied for, but they are allowing us to spend the money on some other aspect of the playground. We intend to use the money to buy more bark chippings, and to use the rest to put towards the money given by last year's Year 4 parents to buy a trampoline. We hope to be able to buy a really good one that will be robust enough to withstand the use it will get in school.

Kind regards

Miss Jenny Morgan

Dates for the term	
Date	Event
Mon 14 th Jan	Forest School Class 2 PM
Wed 16 th Jan	Maths Workshop for parents 3.30 – 4.30pm
Mon 21 st Jan	Forest School Class 1 PM
Wed 30 th Jan	Early Years Forest School AM
Mon 4 th Feb	Forest School Class 2 PM
Mon 11 th Feb	Forest School Class 1 PM
Fri 15 th Feb	Teacher Training Day – school closed to children
Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd Feb	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Thurs 28 th Feb	PE Morning with Mr Williams
Mon 4 th March	Forest School Class 2 PM
Tues 5 th March	Early Years Forest School AM
Wed 6 th March	Ash Wednesday Service 9.15 am St Helen's Church
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th March	Book Week
Mon 11 th March	Forest School Class 1 PM
Thurs 14 th March	Book Character Fancy Dress assembly 9.15 AM Parents and friends invited
Mon 18 th March	Forest School Class 2 PM
Mon 25 th March	Forest School class 1 PM
Wed 27 th March	Early Years Forest School AM
Thurs 4 th April	Easter Bonnet competition AM
Friday 5 th April	Easter Service St Helen's Church 1.30 pm. School closes for Easter holidays 2.15 pm
Tuesday 23 rd April	School re-opens for Summer term

Maths Workshop Reply slip
<p>I will be attending the Maths Workshop for parents on Wednesday 16th January</p> <p>Signed</p>