



WHITLEY CHAPEL
First School

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Dear Parents

5th September 2019

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays – it has been lovely hearing all about the adventures the children have had. Thank you to all the families who helped water the plants in the garden and greenhouse over the summer. Mr and Mrs Hilton have finished building the keyhole gardens now, and they are helping to make the grounds look much tidier. We are also delighted to have our new trampoline; thank you for the donations towards it, the children are really enjoying using it.

We are really pleased to welcome our new starters in Nursery, and we also have a new member of staff, Mrs Jane Armstrong, who is working as a teaching assistant in Early Years on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Breakfast club and Chat and Relax club

Breakfast club will run every morning from 8.00 am to 8.50. It is £3.00 per session, and includes a breakfast of cereal or toast. Chat and Relax runs from 4.30 – 6.00 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and from 3.30 – 6.00 pm on Wednesday. It is charged at £2.50 per half hour. This will include a snack and quiet activities such as board games, art, craft or computer, or on a fine day the children might play outside in the school or Parish Hall playground. Linda will run both of these clubs and they are available for children from Reception to Year 4.

PE

This term the children in Class 1 & 2 will be having PE on a Tuesday afternoon with Mr Collins, and on a Thursday afternoon – it will be Dance for the first half term with Pippa, and Gymnastics with Gayle for the second half term. Please can you make sure they have suitable PE kit for these lessons, including outdoor PE shoes and warm jogging trousers and tops for outdoor PE.

Leek Show

The Leek show will be taking place on Saturday 21st September. If you would like to enter, you need to bring your exhibits along to the Parish Hall by 11.00 am. Judging will be finished just after 4.00 pm, so please come along and see how you have done. As usual, school will be exhibiting work; please bring the children along so that they can collect their prizes and enjoy seeing their work on display. Please return any cups from last year as soon as possible.

After School Clubs

After School clubs will be starting from next week – Monday 9th September. We have decided not to do a club on a Wednesday as there are fewer members of staff available on that day. If you need after school care on a Wednesday, please contact the office and Linda will do Chat and Relax. Clubs this term will be: Monday – Gardening for the first four weeks, Dance for the remaining 2 weeks until half term, and Christmas Crafts after half term; Tuesday – PE with Mr Collins; Wednesday – Chat and Relax; Thursday – Lego and Games. Please complete the permission slips so that we know which children will be attending.

Miss Jenny Morgan

Dates for the term	
Wed 11 th September	Queen Elizabeth High School Drop in to learn about plans for the new school building QEHS 5.00 – 8.00 pm
Friday 20 th September	Children bring in materials to make miniature gardens for the Leek Show. Letter to follow
Saturday 21 st September	Leek show entries in by 11.00 am. Doors open 4.00 pm.
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th Sept	Healthy Schools week. Letter to follow
Monday 23 rd September	Class 2 Forest School PM
Monday 30 th September	Class 1 Forest School PM
Wednesday 2 nd October	NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE School closes at 3.15 pm so that all staff can attend Safeguarding training in Hexham
Friday 4 th October	Year 4 Collective Worship Parents and friends welcome
Thursday 3 rd October	Early Years Forest School AM
Friday 11 th October	Harvest Lunch 12.00 pm, followed by Harvest Festival Service at St Helen's Church 1.15 pm. Family and friends welcome to both
Friday 18 th November	Year 3 Collective Worship Parents and friends welcome
Monday 21 st October	Class 2 Forest School PM
Wednesday 23 rd October	Early Years Forest School AM
Friday 25 th October	TEACHER TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 4 th November	Class 1 Forest School PM
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Community Breakfast 8.30 – 9.30 am
Friday 22 nd November	Year 2 Collective Worship Parents and friends welcome
Monday 25 th November	Class 2 Forest School PM
Thursday 28 th November	Early Years Forest School AM
Monday 2 nd December	Class 1 Forest School PM
Friday 6 th December	School Fair 3.15 – 4.30 PM Wreath making Evening 7.00 – 9.30 pm
Friday 13 th December	Year 1 Collective worship Parents and friends welcome
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Concert 6.00 pm Parish Hall
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas party 12.00 – 3.15 pm
Thursday 19 th December	Visit to Northern Stage Newcastle All day
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Carol Service St Helen's Church 1.15 pm – family and friends welcome. School closes at 2.15 pm for Christmas holidays
Monday 6 th January 2020	School re-opens for Spring term Class 2 Forest School PM