



# Whytrig Newsletter

## All Different, All Equal @whytrig MS

### Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday, 8 November  
KS2 Maths G&T Event

Friday, 10 November  
Remembrance Assembly

13 – 17 November  
Ant-Bullying Week

Monday, 13 November  
Odd Socks Day

Tuesday, 14 November  
Year 5 Cycling Session

Wednesday, 15 November  
Listening Bus in School

Thursday, 16 November  
Year 5 Trip – Victoria Tunnel  
U12 Boys Football at Walker

Friday, 17 November  
Year 5 Bike Assessment  
Thunder In The Valley

20 – 24 November  
Road Safety Week 2017

Thursday, 30 November  
Year 5 Cycle Assessment

Friday, 8 December  
Year 5 Bike Ride

Thursday, 14 December  
Christmas Show

Tuesday, 19 December  
Year 6 Safetyworks Trip

Friday, 22 December – 2pm  
End of Autumn Term

Monday, 8 January 2018  
Training Day

9 January to 29 March 2018  
SPRING TERM

Week Commencing 5 March  
Year 5 Bikeability

Monday, 16 April 2018  
Training Day

17 April to 20 July 2018  
SUMMER TERM

Monday, 7 May 2018  
May Bank Holiday

14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
END OF KS2 TESTS (SATs)

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### Anti Bullying Week 2017



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Next week we will again be supporting Anti bullying Week 2017, which is organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The theme this year is 'All Different, All Equal' which will promote equality in schools. The idea is to help children and young people celebrate what makes them, and others, unique and help them understand why it's important that every child feels included in school able to be themselves without fear of bullying. To kick start the week we will be having 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> where everyone is encouraged to wear odd socks for school with their normal uniform.

Children and staff will work on this theme in PSHE lessons next week. We also have a limited amount of 'All Different, All Equal' wristbands which we will be selling in school next week for £1, if your child wishes to purchase one. You can follow the events on social media using #antibullyingweek and #abw17.



### Children In Need

Next Friday we will support the BBC Children In Need appeal as we do every year with a non-uniform day. Children can make a donation of £1 if they want to come to school not wearing their uniform for the day, with all proceeds going to Children In Need. You can go to the BBC website here <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/psvxkB6QDMK63pgHmP5RJF/who-you-help> to find out how BBC Children In Need appeal projects support disadvantaged children and young people throughout the UK. This year the Great Spottacular is back, so we are encouraging people to come dressed with a 'spotty' theme if they can!

### Stars Of The Week – Well Done!

Our Stars of the Week for last week were:

5L	Anna Gregg	5M	Erin Boxill
6E	Ellise Hill	6L	Miah Wilkie
7C	Abbey Lane	7L	Jessica Wells
8Ro	Daniel Parsons	8Ru	Cameron Mitchell

and also well done to the following pupils who have been nominated for this week's hot chocolate and biscuits:

5L	Devon Small	5M	Lucy Brown
6E	Maxwell Walker	6L	Steven Aspinall
7C	Nathan Guy	7L	Lyla Bensley
8Ro	Amy Paxton	8Ru	Georgia Ralph

### Thunder In The Valley Ticket Offer

After our success last year in winning the event, our Key Stage 2 pupils are representing the School in a basketball tournament on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at Sport Central, Newcastle, home of The Newcastle Eagles. The School teams will arrive at 16:15 and the tournament will run from 16:30 to 18:20 before the Eagles play their BBL Championship league fixture against Sheffield Sharks. Tickets which would normally sell for £16 can be bought through School at the special discounted price of £5, which is a great deal given that the Eagles are our most successful North East professional club and the most successful British basketball team of all time! So why not do something different next Friday and come and support our children in the tournament and then take in a BBL game which we are sure you will enjoy!

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# Schoolgateway

We are constantly looking for ways to improve our communication with you and keep everyone up-to-date and well informed. From January 2018 we are implementing School Gateway, an electronic school communication system, across all three Seaton Valley Federation schools. This will enable you to receive all your information from school quickly and reliably. We can send letters by email to your inbox and short messages directly to your mobile phone and, if necessary, you can reply the same way too! If you have an Apple or Android mobile phone this will be via a **free** app, otherwise this will be via text message. You will also be able to make payments via Instant Bank Transfer, through the app or online, as well as top-up and view lunch account balances.

## You will

- Receive letters more reliably and promptly.
- See letters in your inbox like any other email.
- Get a short text or app message if we need to contact you urgently.
- Still get paper letters if you don't have email.
- See your child's timetable for the current week.
- Not need to rely on your child for delivery.
- Be able to reply by email or text.
- Send us any reasons for absence via app, text or email.
- Top-up your son/daughter's lunch account quickly and easily, as well as monitor their spending.

## We can

- Send more letters and information regarding your child/ren.
- Save money on admin time, printing and paper.
- Contact you urgently when necessary.

The school will use the email address and mobile number that we hold for the Priority one contact(s) in our database. If you change your contact details please let the school know as soon as possible. We have written to all parents/carers recently informing you about School Gateway and requesting confirmation of your contact details. Please return the School Gateway datasheet by Friday 17 November 2017.

## Gold Pupils

We have more Gold Pupils to announce this week, who have achieved their first 25 merits this year. A very big well done to Josh Cowley, Holly Lord, Kaci Pearson, Olivia Winter, Daniel Parsons, Charlotte Scott, Laurence Edwards, Kean Kingdon, Osion Duff, Callum Robertson, Harry Robson, Matthew Hughes, Liam Armstrong, Summer Hobson, Charlie McIntyre, Alice Brown, Charlie Forrest, Rianna Hill, Paige Taylor, Jessica Bradford, Matthew Towart, Zyron Douds, Lilly Jo Dunn, Lily Box, Sam Henton, Jamie Stoneman, Alyx Charlton, Kieron Munro, Kaj Errington, Ollie Gregory, Jai Small, Matthew Rogers, Tamzin Hill, Bethan King, Lyla Bensley, Carmen Hutchinson and Luis Henderson.

## Excellent Pupils

We now also have children who have earned 50 merits in this term. Well done to Anna Gregg, Sebastian Rutter Close, Derren Farrell, Emily Tagger, Hannah Wardle, Evie Lancaster, Leah Henderson, Amy Paxton, Lucy Brown, Alice Brown, Holly Lord, Cameron Mitchell, Keagan Jordan, Amelia Cotiss, Kate Vural, Joe Miller, Adam Steadman, Katie Mahoney, Nate Langlands, Hasan Gulbey, Coral Oldham, Zak Wisdom and Matthew Hughes.

## Superstar Pupils

Our 75 merits Superstars this week are Jasmine Sparkes, Rowan Dobbins, Luke Stewart, Aimee Coatsworth, Reiss Mason and Joseph Smith. Well done to all of them.

## Owl Award

We also got our first pupil to reach the 100 merit mark for this term this week. A massive well done to Aimee Coatsworth in Year 6!

## School Clubs

Dodgeball Club now runs on a Friday from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Come along if you are interested!