



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO 9

DATE: 16.12.2021

Love, Learn, Share, Care - We are God's children doing God's work

Our Christian Value for this half term is PEACE

**School Closes at 1:30pm tomorrow for the main school and 3:25pm for nursery.
(Nursery parents can pick up early if they wish).**

Thanks to all the parents who have been daily lateral flow testing (LFT) due to close contact within their child's class. We have come to the end of term with three year groups (Y1, Y2 and Y4) in bubbles and not mixing with other classes. The staff have been brilliant in covering each other and stepping in at a time that has been logistically challenging. The 'reset button' will effectively be pressed during the holidays, so we aim to begin the term with no individual classes in bubbles and will follow government guidance about school operation. This may well change during the holidays.

Please ensure your children do a lateral flow test on the morning of Tuesday 4th January 2022. This will reduce the chance of them bringing Covid into their classes if they are asymptomatic. All children will then need to have a LFT twice a week from then on and until further notice. We will also need to ensure that all children with any illness symptom including colds, upset stomachs (anything at all) have a negative PCR test before coming into school.

I am sure you are all ready for the Christmas break and time for rest and relaxation. We hope that you have a lovely Christmas.

Gwen Morgan (Teaching Assistant) Retirement

Tomorrow sees the retirement of Gwen who has worked for many years in school in our Infant Classes. Staff have been passing on their good wishes to Gwen today. Everyone in school has such fond memories, and she will be wholeheartedly missed. However, we look forward to seeing her again, sometime in the New Year, as she will be coming in to school to volunteer.

Aladdin Panto (Rescheduled from December)

Wednesday 12th January 2022

Thank you so much to all of the parents who have made contributions. Please could any remaining payments of £3.00 per child be made as soon as possible in the New Year but before the Panto takes place on the 12th January.

Primary School Places - Reception 2022

Just a reminder that applications for places in Reception for September 2022 should be made online by Wednesday, 15th January, 2022.

Reception Topic for the New Year - 'People Who Help Us'

We would be grateful of any toys or costumes for our new topic in the New Year. This could be costumes of nurses, policemen or toys such as fire engines, etc. that are no longer used, which could be donated to school.

Our God Given Talents

We would love to receive photographs of the children displaying their God given talents, for a display in school. The children amaze us on a daily basis with the many talents they share with us.

A Year 5 pupil shared with us the many mountains he had climbed with his father and that he planned to sponsor his next one and raise some money for the mountain rescue team.

We have talented football players, hockey players and musicians. Please send in any photographs with a few words about their God given talent.

Living It Out

We would be grateful of photographs and a small description of children showing examples of their help outside school, in the community and with other people. For example, two Year 5 boys spent time doing a litter pick close to their home. Photographs can be brought into school or emailed to office@whittle-le-woods.lancs.sch.uk



Bags

Could parents ensure that their children's bags are not too big. They need to fit their bag, p.e. kit and coat in their locker each day. Thank you for your support.

Junior Children - would you like to learn a Musical Instrument in the New Year

We have several Music Teachers who visit school each week to teach instruments such as Flute, Clarinet, Keyboard and Guitar. If your child is interested in learning any of these instruments in the New Year please contact Lancashire Music Service for further information on 01772 234450. You can visit the website for more information on <https://www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk/files/2021/06/7358-LMS-PDP-Brochure-2021-V6-WEB.pdf> or email lancs.music@lancashire.gov.uk. They also have an Instrument Hire Service. Please also let us know if your child is interested, as some of the Music Teachers do have spare instruments.

Water Bottles and Healthy Snacks

No fruit juice in bottles. As we are a Healthy School please could parents fill bottles with WATER only. When sending snacks into school for break times, could these be Healthy Snacks only.

Prescription Only Medication in School

Just to remind everyone that **PRESCRIPTION** medication can only be administered in school. If this is the case please complete the Medicines Form which can be found on the school website, and hand the form with the medication to a member of staff on the gate first thing in the morning at drop off time. If your child requires over the counter medication, this should be given before coming to school.

Medical Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment booked, please could a message be left in the first instance by telephone with the School Office in advance of the appointment. Please remember to follow this up with the appointment letter, which can be emailed. It is not enough to class dojo.

School Dinners

If you pay for school dinners, please log on to ParentPay this half term to find out your up-to-date balance. Please could accounts be kept up-to-date. School Dinners for next half term (4.1.22 - 11.2.22) will be £66.70. Payments by ParentPay please.

After School Club Fees

Please could parents remember to pay promptly.

School re-opens on Tuesday 4th January, 2022 at the usual start times.