



# Whalton School News

## Autumn Term

### 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

#### Thank you!

Thank you to all parents. You have kept to the staggered times and your children have brought in their wellies so that they can play in more spacious school field. We are extremely grateful.

#### School360 and Online Learning

School360 is our online learning platform and can be used as a virtual classroom. Children in Years 1 to 6 have been given usernames, passwords and class codes (class codes are only needed on the first occasion to enter your child's correct classroom) to access their classrooms. Reception children will be added in due course! Mrs Potter, Mrs Elliott and Miss Anderson have set some homework on their virtual classrooms for the children (and you!) to have a go at familiarising or re-familiarising themselves with how to 'turn in' work. There is a video on the school website, under the SCHOOL360 tab, that guides children and parents through the process. But please do either speak to us at the school gate or contact us via [whaltonadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk](mailto:whaltonadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk) if you would like further help.

Also attached to this email is an online safety presentation (in Powerpoint/PDF) that we would, in different circumstances, like to present to parents in the school hall. It is from the <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> website. It explains what your child's online world might look like and the positive and negative experiences they may encounter within it. It also gives good advice on how to prevent, address and resolve potential e-safety issues.

Today, in Computing lessons for Years 1 to 6, we have been talking to the children about 'Online Safety' and have shown them the 'Pupil Acceptable Use Policy' and the 'School360 agreement' that we would like them to follow in

school. They are bringing both documents home tonight and we would be very grateful if you could talk them through the rules again, before you both sign it. Please then could you return it to school as soon as possible. Many thanks for your co-operation in helping our children access a safer online learning environment.



## Peripatetic Music Lessons

Thank you if you expressed an interest in peripatetic music tuition for your child. We are collating the information and will contact you as soon as possible about your child's lessons.

## Parking and Home time



Thank you so much for your consideration in parking in the village and walking down to school. Congestion at the school gate has eased and created a much safer environment for our children. Please do come right into the front area of the playground designated for parents so that we can handover your children as safely as possible, without the worry of the road.

## Contact Information: Data sheets

Thank you for updating these sheets and please let us know if anything changes during the course of the year.

## Flu Immunisation Forms

Thank you to those of you who have returned the Nasal Flu Vaccination form. For those of you who still wish to participate please return your completed forms to school by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## Year 7 Admissions

For parents of our Year 6 children, a reminder that the school Admissions Application Process for secondary (Year 7 ) school places has started again. Please make sure you apply online before the deadline. The portal opened on 12<sup>th</sup> September and closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Late applications may result in pupils not securing a place in their preferred school. The School Admissions Team will contact schools during October with the names of those yet to apply so you can be issued with another reminder.

For more information please click on the web page:

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1.aspx>

Or contact the team directly using the following email address:

[schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk)

## Missing School Uniform

Some children have lost items of uniform during the last couple of weeks. Please could everyone check their child's uniform for clothing that may belong to someone else? We are currently missing a clip on tie; a small girl's cardigan and a red hoody. Many thanks!

## Dates for your diary -

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sports Club for Class 2  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sports Club for Class 2  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - School breaks up for half term

