

Whalton School News

Autumn Term

23rd October 2019



Parking outside school



Parking has always been an issue at our school, however, following a number of reports from concerned parents and members of the community, can we please remind and ask you to park safely and considerately at all times, even if this means parking further away.

If you need to drive your child to school, for the safety of all our families, please remember:

- Only park at the school gates in an emergency (please keep clear for the taxis and school buses)
- No parking on corners or junctions especially near the school entrance

Fewer cars at the school entrance will help make it safer for you and your children. ***If we don't consider carefully where we park, we could risk endangering a child's life.***

What can you do instead?

'Park and Stride' - consider walking part of the way to school by parking away

from the school entrance and walking the last 5 or 10 minutes. Walking half a mile only takes between 8 and 17 minutes. How many calories you burn depends on how fast you walk! The Beresford Arms has kindly offered the use of their car park for parents to avoid congestion in the village.

Try Car Sharing - consider sharing the school run. If you have to drive to school then get together with other parents who need to go by car and take it in turns to drive.

Walking Bus on Wednesdays- Walking to school contributes to the recommended daily physical activity for you and your children. It also helps to reduce congestion around the school and helps to improve air quality, providing benefits for everyone.

Please park with care and help make the area near and around our school a safer place for your children. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Festival – Thursday 17th October

Miss McAlindon was very impressed with, not only the standard of rugby played by the Year 5 and 6s, but also their conduct, for which they were commended by the organisers on the day. We were also thrilled with their efforts.

French Breakfast

A delicious start to a Wednesday morning with French treats! Thank you very much to everyone who attended and to Caroline and her PTA for all the hard work they put into this morning. Bon Travail!

Children in Need Friday 15th November

Get Together, Get Active and Raise Money this BBC Children in Need

We shall be raising money again for Children in Need in November year. The theme is getting together and being active. With this in mind, we would like the children to come to school dressed in sports kit. Look out for a School Council letter explaining more about what we intend to do, after half term.

Shoebox appeals

Over the past years many families from our school and community have enjoyed supporting a charity which sends a specially created shoebox of gifts to those in need.

Last year some of you were keen to support the *Link to Hope Charity* which organises delivery of shoeboxes of gifts to families and the elderly in need, while in the past, people have been keen to create shoeboxes linked with *Operation Christmas Child Charity*. This shoe box appeal is a Christian charity which sends shoeboxes to children in other parts of the world - often in Eastern Europe.

Both leaflets have been sent home for you to take a look at. Please feel free to come in if you would like more information about either charity. Although linked with Christmas (which is still a little while off) both charities request the shoeboxes in advance so they are able to make delivery by Christmas.

Parent Volunteers - reading and swimming help urgently needed!

We actively encourage parents to come into school each week to listen to children read. It is great to see both Mums and Dads doing this. If you wish to volunteer on a Thursday morning between 9:00am and 10:00am, please speak to your child's teacher.

We are also seeking volunteers to help at swimming on a Wednesday afternoon. This can be every week, or on a rota system, travelling on the bus with the children, or meeting us at the pool; it is entirely up to you. If you are able to spare some time to help us please speak to your child's teacher or contact Miss Johnston in the school office. Thank you so much for your continued support.



Dates for your diary -

Friday 25th October - Family Church Service

Friday 25th October - School breaks up for half term

Monday 4th November - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th November - School re-opens for autumn term 2

Tuesday 5th November - Operation Encompass 'Drop in' and class PSHE session for Reception and Year 1

Monday 11th November - Remembrance Service at 10:45 in church

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November - Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 15th November - Children in Need

Friday 29th November - Family Church Service

Friday 6th December - Christingle Service - 2:00pm in Church

Monday 9th December - Rehearsal in Village Hall - **Please collect children from the Village Hall at 3:10pm unless they are going into PAWS**

Tuesday 10th December - Rehearsal in Village Hall - **Please collect children from the Village Hall at 3:10pm unless they are going into PAWS**

Wednesday 11th December - Afternoon Christmas Performance - 1:30pm in the Village Hall

Thursday 12th December - Evening Christmas Performance - 6:00pm in the Village Hall (5:30pm for children to get ready)

Monday 16th December - Christmas dinner for children - 12 noon in school

Monday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day (donations for Save the Children Charity)

Tuesday 17th December - Pantomime - The Snow Queen with Travelling Theatre Group - Longhorsley Village Hall

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Party for children (children may come to school in party clothes)

Friday 20th December - Christmas service - 2:00pm in Church

Friday 20th December - School breaks up for Christmas

