



Whitley & Eggborough Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a few things prior to the end of term. It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks in school in relation to Covid tracking and isolation and as you will have seen earlier this week, we have had to close a bubble for the second time in two weeks. I am also aware that so many of the children have had sniffles or illness that have turned out to be unrelated to covid but I wanted to express my sincere thanks to you all for helping us keep the school as safe as possible by isolating and taking tests to confirm a negative result before sending them back to school. It has really been appreciated. As of today, we currently have 90 children not in school which is an incredible number and as you know, I am fastidious about school attendance. I cannot wait to see 100% hit my screen again as it did in the Autumn Term 2020.

As you will be aware, the bubble closure system is due to come to an end as is the requirement to self isolate, following the Prime Minister's announcement last week. We have, however, discussed with the governors last night, our wish to continue to the end of term following the same guidance as we currently operate under. We are very conscious that the school holidays for everyone are close and for the sake of four days of restriction easing, we want to keep as many children, families and staff as safe as possible in preparation for what will be a well deserved holiday. Whatever the situation the learning will continue either in school or remotely. We thank you for your continued support with this and the other guidance of social distancing and the wearing of face coverings on site until the start of next term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say well done to all the children who have shown resilience and strength over the year and have carried on learning with a smile and enthusiasm - you make us very proud!

A huge thank you also goes to every member of staff within our school community from the Catering, Cleaning and Caretaking Team to the Teachers and TA's and the Woodland and Sports Coaches and the Office Team - they have all worked so very hard to keep our wonderful school going.



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I also wanted to share a few dates with you, of information that is to follow prior to the end of term.

- Monday 12th July - new class organisation will be shared with parents.
- Monday 12th July / Tuesday 13th July - September 21 new starter visits to school (4:30pm)
- Wednesday 14th July - September Starter 2021 - Parent Meet online - 7pm link will be shared on Google Classroom and email via Parent mail shortly
- Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th July - Bikeability for Maple Year 6 and Oak who are free from self isolation.
- Monday 19th July - Year 6 trip to Filey
- Monday 19th July - reports will be sent to all parents at 4pm.
- Tuesday 20th July - whole school transition with Woodland Activities and Sports planned for our current Year 6 children.
- Wednesday 21st - Year 6 Leavers treats and final assembly - unfortunately we are not allowing parents on site but we will ensure that we take plenty of photos to share with you. WHITFEST will take place between 2pm and 6pm for the Year 6 Leavers. More details to follow.
- Thursday 22nd - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE SUMMER TERM
- **Tuesday 7th September - START OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022**

Advance notice of consultation of start and end times for the school day.

We will shortly be sending out a form to consult with you regarding your choice of start and finish times for the school day. We have found the staggered start and finish times have benefitted both the learning of the children and also the traffic congestion for parents on Learning Lane and we are therefore looking to continue with these staggered times.

Please keep your eyes out for this form on Parent Mail.

100 Challenge Sponsorship Money

And finally, well done and thank you to everyone who has donated / taken part in our 100 Challenge. We have raised an amazing £1203 so far. If anyone has any outstanding monies please bring it in as soon as possible please. The money, as you will be aware, is going towards the development of the Wellbeing Area in the second quad. In addition to this we have



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also managed to secure a donation from NYCC and Selby District Council for £2500 - it should help us make a fantastic area for the children. Well done everyone.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and cooperation for what has been yet another unique and challenging year. I wish you a pleasant weekend - Keep safe and ENJOY the football.

Kind regards

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