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Weekly Reminders Week 2

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to our week 2 updates letter. These letters can be found on the home page of our website and also on the News page of the website

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Thank you to everyone who managed to get to one or both of our POP UK concerts. We hope you enjoyed it.

School Calendar

Already we have some updates to our dates letter so please see our School Website for new additions and also the KS2 Christmas Performance has changed from Thursday to Wednesday and the Early Years date has been confirmed.

<https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

Fantastic Opportunity! We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. In the attachments today, there is an information sheet about what the role of a school governor is. If you are interested after reading this information we would love for any interested parties to get in touch for more information and about the application process.

Reminders

Next week we have our **PTA meeting** and **RWI and Early Reading** meetings. Please do join us.

Our Toddly Play session continues every Wednesday. This week was our first session with a small but perfectly formed group of young toddlers who were joined by the youngest Nursery children and had an amazing time. Please see poster on our news page for further details.

Our Babes in the Woods Forest School Baby and Toddler monthly session is coming up soon. Please see poster attached and on our news page for further details.

Walking Bus

Just a reminder to please complete the google form - <https://forms.gle/f1x5ywh88Uqykcbi7> so that we can see if this is a viable option for us.

Clothing Bin

Our clothing bin gets emptied regularly and raises money for school so if you are having a clear out please do use it.

FUNK AND SOUL NIGHT

Please don't forget to buy your tickets for what promises to be a fantastic night with music and food.

Headteacher: Mrs Belinda Athey



Using School Grounds

We are proud to be one of the very few schools in Northumberland that allow their grounds to be used after school and it is lovely to see the children enjoy this resource. Please do remember that in order to use the grounds after school or at weekends you must read and sign a Code of Conduct for your child/ren and return it to school. Paper copies are available from the School Office.

School Office

Mrs Kennedy continues to be on sick leave and I will cover the majority of the office tasks. However, some charges may not be put on immediately such as After School Club and Milk Money as these are normally set up by Mrs Kennedy.

Thank you for sending your messages into the office with changes to end of day arrangements by 2.45pm and informing the office if your child is off school before 9am. If you send a change of arrangements to your class teacher please do make sure the office is informed as well.

Please do not use the Memorial Hall carpark at the start and end of the day as we need the space for school buses and for our children to come in and out of school safely.

Safeguarding

As part of our safeguarding procedures we will ask visitors who come into school to leave their mobile phone in the school office where it will be stored securely if you are helping in classrooms or on a trip.

Policies

As I mentioned last week we have been updating a number of policies over the summer break and these can be found on our school website -

<https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/policies/221929>

We are currently updating our **Packed Lunch Policy** in line with having a member of staff with a nut allergy and the new EYFS framework. Please do not put nuts or nut-based products in packed lunches or in snack boxes for After School Club. If your child is 5 there is guidance regarding chopped fruits/ vegetables in packed lunches. A really useful guide from the Food Agency has been produced to help families and can be found on our news page of the website alongside this letter.

We are also looking to overhaul the SEND section of our website. Recent updates include a newly updated Accessibility Plan and I will look to improve this very soon. Any suggestions welcome!

On Thursday I attended the Northumberland and NHS Graduated Response for Northumberland and what resources are offered for families and schools. Some of the information will be on the news page of the website alongside this letter as well as some information from North East Family Hubs.

Online Safety / E Safety

As you will see from our policy page our online safety policy has been updated. Please don't forget to send your child Acceptable User Policy Agreements by 11th September. Please also refer to our online safety section of the website where our Wake Up Wednesday e safety newsletter is stored along with historical information that may still be useful.

<https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/e-safety/222084>

Thank you for your support,
Belinda Athey – Headteacher.

