



# Whytrig Newsletter

## Another new beginning @whytrig MS

### Autumn Term 2022

Monday, 5 September  
Training Day

Monday, 12 September  
6E cycling (am)

Monday, 12 September  
6F cycling (pm)

Tuesday, 13 September  
6L cycling (pm)

Wednesday, 14 September  
6E cycling (all day)

Wednesday, 14 September  
KS2 Anglo Saxon workshops

Thursday, 15 September  
6F cycling (all day)

Thursday, 15 September  
School Photographer

Friday, 16 September  
6L cycling (all day)

**Monday, 19 September  
SCHOOL CLOSED**

Friday, 23 September  
Mental Health Day

Monday, 26 September  
European Day of Languages

Wednesday, 28 September  
Year 4 Open Evening

Thursday, 29 September  
Dogs Trust workshops

Thursday, 29 September  
Year 8 Open Evening (at  
ACHS 5 to 7:15pm)

Friday, 30 September  
Dogs Trust workshops

Monday, 10 October  
World Mental Health Day

Monday, 17 October  
Parents Evening

Thursday, 20 October  
Mental Health Champions

Friday, 21 October  
End 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term

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### Start of Academic Year

Last Tuesday morning we welcomed our new intake of Year 5 pupils into school for 8:50am. After waving goodbye to parents at the gate on Mr Barnes' prompt, our Year 5 group became the first children to occupy Whytrig this year. The have been superb and Mrs Chadwick, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Lowden and staff on our shared site say they have settled in really well and can be proud of their first week and a half. At 9:20am the remaining three quarters of the school arrived and after briefly lining up and being met by their new form teachers, entered their classrooms for this year. If you have been at the gates in a morning and are new to our school, you will notice that we ask the children to line up in their form classes before they go into school. We believe this allows us all to have a calm start in a morning, preparing us all for the day ahead. An excellent start to the term by everyone – well done!

### HM Queen Elizabeth II

After learning the news of the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II, we started last Friday morning with a moment of silence in our form lines before entering the school building in the same manner. As a school we were all very proud of the way the children gave their mark of respect and the conduct in school throughout the day and also when discussing this significant moment in history since then. Due to HM The Queen's funeral, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September will now be an additional Bank Holiday and our school will be closed as a result. Whytrig will reopen to all pupils as usual on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### School Photographer

We would like to remind all parents and carers that the photographer is in school tomorrow to take individual and class photographs. Please ensure your child arrives in school looking their usual smart self in their correct regulation school uniform. Family photos will be taken in the gymnasium before school starts at 8:30 am. Please note too that the Y6 pupils who are out on the bike ride tomorrow should arrive in full school uniform and bring their cycling clothing to get changed into on this occasion because of the school photos. Theirs will be taken before their bike ride.

### Uniform

We are halfway through our second week of the new term and it has been great seeing the children back in school again. It is great to see the children at the start of the year looking very smart in their new clothes. Staff have noted however, there are a small number of instances where the regulation uniform is not being worn. Parents and carers may already be aware of this if it has been noted in the child's school planner. Whytrig has a smart and practical uniform and we would like to draw parents and carers attention to pages 22 and 23 of the school planner, which details what is permitted. The main issues arising at the start of term are:

- **Trousers** should be black, straight legged and a standard length and should not be jeans, leggings, jeggings, cords, tracksuit bottoms or tight fitted/tight legged.
- **Skirts** should be black and a standard length and should not be mini skirts or made of stretch material.
- **Trainers should not be worn for school.**

We would also remind parents that all items of school uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name which will ensure we can reunite any lost belongings quickly with children. We thank you again for your support in ensuring the children wear the correct uniform and can give the best possible impressions when attending and representing our school.

### WMS cycling

We have been delighted to get our school cycling up and running right at the start of term. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the children and staff who have taken part so far, making the experiences enjoyable for all. We look forward to more bike rides as the school year progresses.

### Admissions Portal

The High School admissions portal is now open and will remain open until the 31st October. All parents or carers of Year 8 pupils must apply for a High School place for their child(ren) as places are not automatically allocated. Please go to the website at [https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en).

You can find more information at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Yr-5-Middle-Yr-7-Secondary-Yr-9-High-entry-applica.aspx> and any queries must be directed to Northumberland County Council School Admissions on 0345 600 6400.

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