



# Whytrig Newsletter

## A New Start @whytrig MS

### Autumn Term 2021

Monday, 20 September  
WMS Mental Health Week

Thursday, 23 September  
Year 8 Art Trip

Friday, 24 September  
MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Monday, 27 September  
Parent Evening

Thursday, 30 September  
Year 8 Open Evening at  
Astley HS (5-7:15pm)

Monday, 4 October  
Flu Vaccine

Wednesday, 6 October  
Open Morning (9-11am)

Thursday, 7 October  
Year 4 Open Evening 5:30 to  
7pm

Friday, 8 October  
Hello Yellow Fundraiser

13 to 15 October  
Year 5 Residential  
Kingswood, Hexham

Friday, 22 October  
End of 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term

Monday, 1 November  
Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term

Friday, 5 November  
Attendance Non-uniform

Thursday, 11 November  
Remembrance Assembly

Friday, 12 November  
Children In Need

Monday, 15 November  
WMS Mental Health Week

Friday, 10 December  
Christmas Jumper Day

Friday, 17 December  
End of Autumn Term  
School closes at 1pm

Monday, 3 January 2022  
Training Day

Tuesday, 4 January 2022  
Start of Spring Term

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### Start of Autumn Term 2021

We have now completed our second week back in school following the summer break and I would like to congratulate all of our children on the way they have quickly adapted to the new routines as they once again have the freedom to move around school. It really has been wonderful to see and our school feels so much more like it did prior to March 2020. Our staff have also done a superb job in ensuring everyone has settled so quickly into school life, especially our new starters and those in Year 6, who have never experienced anything other than 'bubbles' at Whytrig. We have had some building work done over the summer, with the addition of two new classrooms for our Year 5 pupils and our school is now at the largest it has been for some time, with eleven form classes. We are really looking forward to a successful and enjoyable year for everyone at Whytrig Middle School! Please use the helpful date strip on the side of our newsletters as a reminder for some of the activities and events which will take place over the coming weeks.

### Year 5 visit to Seaton Delaval Hall

Last Friday, Year 5 had a fantastic transition visit to Seaton Delaval Hall. We played team games, investigated the basement, explored the park and, most importantly, relaxed on the grass to have our lunch. A fabulous day was had by all and our Year 5 children thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each other and the long walk there and back! We would also like to mention the volunteers who helped support the visit on the day. Their help was greatly appreciated!

### Club Timetable (Autumn Term1)

Staff have shared the initial club timetable for this half term, which will be published on the school website. The offer this term so far is as follows:

Monday - KS2 Dodgeball (Gym).

Tuesday - KS2 and KS3 Netball (Yard/Sportshall).

Tuesday - KS2 Bike Club.

Tuesday - Performing Club (Main Hall/Stage Area).

Wednesday - KS3 Boys Rugby (field). Children will require boots, gum-shields etc.

Thursday - KS3 Girls Rugby (field) Children will require boots, gum-shields etc.

Thursday - KS3 Boys football (Sportshall).

Thursday - KS2 Dance (gym).

Thursday - KS2 Maths Club (classroom tbc).

Friday - KS2 Science Club (classroom tbc).

All clubs run from 3:30 to 4:30pm on an evening at the end of the school day.

### Packed Lunches

We have now completed our first two full weeks in school with the children and already our routines are established. We have re-introduced the pre-covid fortnightly rota for order in which year groups go into lunch (the first two weeks were 5, 6, 7, 8 and this and next week will be 6, 7, 8, 5 and so on, giving all year groups the opportunity to go first into lunch). If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure that it is brought in a **lunch box which is clearly marked with their name and class**. Children need to remember to put them in the containers on a morning when they come in, as we have a really good group of Year 8 monitors who ensure the containers are moved to the hall ready for lunch time. **We will continue to remind children to collect them on an evening but we would appreciate your help in this matter too!** Your child would also benefit from having their own **clear water bottle with a sports top with their name on**, which can be taken into lessons. We have cold water dispensers in both key stages to refill them.

**Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone in school on Monday.**

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