

Whytrig Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday, 25 September U12 Boys County Cup

Wednesday, 26 September European Day of Languages

Thursday, 27 September U13 Boys Football

Friday, 28 September MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday, 3 October Full Governing Body Meeting

Monday, 8 October Year 5 Kingswood Meeting 6 to 7pm

Wednesday, 10 October Open Morning

Thursday, 11 October Open Evening

Monday, 17 October KS2 Parents Evening

19 to 21 October Year 5 Kingswood Residential

Friday, 26 October End of 1st Half Term

Monday, 5 November Start of 2nd Half Term

Monday, 5 November Year 5 Woodhorn Visit

Monday, 12 November Anti-bullying Week

Tuesday, 13 November Year 5 Nasal vaccines

8 January to 4 April 2019 SPRING TERM

Monday, 7 January 2019 Training Day

> Friday, 5 April 2019 Training Day

23 April to 19 July 2019 SUMMER TERM

Monday, 6 May 2019 May Bank Holiday

13th to 16th May 2019 END OF KS2 TESTS (SATs)

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Well Done

Our Year 5 pupils continue to settle well into their new routines in school. Thank you to Mrs McClellan and her team for making it a successful start to life at Whytrig.

School Photographs

Our School Photographer took individual and class photographs of the children last Friday. Ordering can be done online at www.tempest-schools.co.uk by entering the reference number on the order form or by completing the order form and returning it to school with the correct money. Some of the sibling photographs which were unable to be taken last week were completed on Wednesday when the Photographer was at the High School. I am sure you will agree that the children look extremely smart in their photos!

Stars Of The Week - Well Done!

We are pleased to announce our first Stars of The Week this term. For our new Year 5 parents, each week a child from each form class will be nominated to receive the Star Of The Week Award. It might be because of their sustained effort in lessons, improvement in their behaviour, for doing something for the School Community or for other worthy reasons. We will send a postcard home to inform you that they have been chosen to be Star Of The Week and in the next assembly we will share the nominations with the school, with each child getting a certificate. Stars Of The Week will then be invited for biscuits and hot chocolate with Mr Souter, usually on a Friday afternoon. Our first group of nominations are:

5Eta: William Allan-Dunbar; 5Delta: Courtney Barnes; 5Pi: Vincent Bowery;

6E: Andrew Fountain;6L: Caitlin Gaiger7Ro: Alfy Charlton;7Ru: Jaden Dytham8C: Maddy Hampton;8L: Tristan Huckins

European Day of Languages

Next week, on Wednesday 26th September, we will again be celebrating European Day of Languages in School, as we have done in recent years. Each form class has been assigned a country and we are asking the children to dress in their country's national colours or wear a costume which represents the theme. The children will learn phrases from their designated country and have the opportunity to speak in that language throughout the day. There will also be prizes for the best dressed class! Remember the emphasis should be on creativity, not cost; please do not go to the expense of buying costumes. This year: 5C – Poland; 5M - Spain; 6E - France; 6L – China; 7Ro – Italy; 7Ru – India; 8C – Greece; 8L – Mexico.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

We would like to invite you to our coffee afternoon, taking place on Friday, 28th September at 2:30pm, in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please come along to Astley Main Hall and we will arrange for your child to join you. We would welcome any donations of cakes and biscuits and are also holding a competition for the best homemade one, open to all pupils. Any donations should be brought to school on the Friday morning. Friday will also be a non-uniform day and we are asking for a donation of 50p which will go to the charity. Thank you in advance for supporting a very worthy cause.

Year 8 High School Application Reminder

We would like to remind the parents of children in Year 8, that the Northumberland admissions portal is now open. More details on the admissions process, and a link to the admission portal can be found on the Northumberland website at

http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx. Please note the portal will close on the 31st October. It is essential that applications are received on time as your child may not be offered a place in your chosen school, particularly if a school is oversubscribed.

Homework Club

We would like to remind parents that our School Breakfast Club opens at 8:20 each morning. There is no cost, other than that for the food the children wish to purchase. Our School Homework Club runs from 3:30 to 4:00pm, every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Any child wanting to use the facility is welcome to. The aim is to offer a quiet place, with the resources pupils need to complete homework their homework tasks with the help of a member of staff. Please let form teachers know through your child's diary if your child will be using this facility.

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