



Whytrig Newsletter

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Autumn Term 2020

- Monday 2 November
Start of half term
- Wednesday 11 November
Remembrance Day
- Friday 13 November
Children In Need
- Friday 20 November
Mental Health Day
- Friday 18 December
End of Autumn Term
(School closes at 1pm)

Spring Term 2021 5 January to 26 March

- Monday 4 January
Teacher Day
- Tuesday 5 January 2021
Start of Spring Term
- Friday 12 February
End of half term
- Monday 22 February
Start of half term
- Friday 26 March
End of Spring Term

Summer Term 2021 13 April to 16 July

- Monday 12 April
Teacher Day
- Tuesday 13 April 2021
Start of Summer Term
- Monday 3 May
Bank Holiday
- ### KS2 SATs Week 2021 10 to 13 May
- Friday 28 May
End of half term
- Monday 7 June
Start of half term
- Friday 16 July
End of Summer Term

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Autumn Second Half Term

We hope everyone managed to have a restful and enjoyable half term break and have been really pleased with the way the children have returned to school this week. In what is an undoubtedly difficult time for us all, the children and staff have continued to work hard and it is a pleasure to walk around a calm and purposeful school, with lots of good learning taking place. We continue to believe that Whytrig is a safe place and the best place for pupils to be and our routines are constantly under review to ensure this remains the case. Our attendance continues to be good given the circumstances, albeit a little down on the same time last year.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday we will hold our annual Remembrance assembly. This year it will be a little different as we are unable to gather as a whole school under the covid conditions to remember the service men and women and those associated with them; instead the assemblies will take place in form classes alongside other themed work around why we 'remember' at this time of year. We would like to thank some of our Year 8 pupils in advance who have been making recordings to be played in the assemblies, including some readings of poetry from the First World War, which has been covered in some of their lessons this term. We will hold a minute silence at 11 o'clock as we always do when Remembrance Day takes place on a school day and we would encourage children to wear poppies if they have been able to get one this year – unfortunately we have not been given a supply from the Poppy Appeal to sell in school this year.

Gold Pupils (25 Merits)

Well done to Heidi Hillman, Heidi Dalgarno-Todd, Jack Tully, Georgina Gordon, Joseph Maloney, Max Reid, Beth Collins, Leo Senior, Paddy Nicholson, Alyssa Sibley-Mather, Ava Miller, Maggie Foster, Jess Watson, Savannah Moore, Skye Golding, Ella Chandler, Taylor Bowery, Kai Watt, Bailey Wright, Brooke Royce, Kelsey Rochester, Alex Addey, Demi Harbertson, Yasmin Roberson, Eben Kennedy, Leah Dixon, Evie Hughes, Gwen Peddie, Laila Heathcote, Vincent Bowery, Finn Dobbins, Nathaniel Deeming, Lana Coppen-Gibb, Talia Green, Courtney Barnes, Rory Thompson, Chloe Bensley, Daisy Storey, Charlie Phillips, Ryley Fenwick, Eden Kennedy, Lewis Horn, Maddison Chambers, Leo Senior, Tamsin Russell, Declan Vincent, Ella Taylor, Halen Baird, Leo Armstrong, Holly Gordon, Layla Rutherford, Jake Gleghorn, Megan Keir, Jack Coulson and Sophie Anderson who have all achieved their Gold Pupil badges. Well done everyone!

Excellent Pupils (50 Merits)

We have now had our first group of pupils in school to reach the 50 merit mark this year. A very well done to Louie Bell, Sophia Corbett, Jack Tully, Ryan Bland, Isabel Barry, Casey Sixsmith, Nikola Flisikowska and Lyla Bensley!

Stars Of The Week

Each week a 'Star of The Week' is nominated in each form class. They are each presented with a certificate and bar of chocolate in form class to celebrate their achievement.

Week ending 16/10/20

5B: Alfie Ferguson; 5C: Lexi Dytham;
6E: Danny Stone; 6L: Harry Moore;
7L: Rhys Friend; 7Ro: Lyla Burr; 7Ru: Jimmy Tweedy;
8C: Abigail Storey; 8L: Lucy Brown;

Week ending 23/10/20

5B: Jessica Hollyman; 5C: Taylor Bowery; 5M: Nikola Flisikowska;
6E: Tyler Wells; 6L: Lexi Brown;
7L: Joe Turner; 7Ro: Laila Heathcote; 7Ru: Charlie Kidd;
8C: Lewis Dawson; 8L: Derren Farrell;

Week ending 6/11/20

5B: Sophia Corbett/Annalise Harvey; 5C: Amy Fitzgerald; 5M: Alfie Coats;
6E: Ava Miller; 6L: Max Reid;
7L: Finlay Richardson; 7Ro: Vincent Bowery; 7Ru: Mohamed Mostafa/Roshfen Mohammed;
8C: John Paul Watson; 8L: Liam Armstrong;

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Friday, 06 November 2020

Firework Safety Assembly

This week our annual fire safety assembly was delivered virtually by one of the crews at West Hartford Fire Station in each of our classes. This was another first for us, but may become part of the new normal in the way messages are delivered. Hopefully when circumstances change the crew will be able to visit us in person with the Fire Engine as they have done in previous years!

Mental Health Days

Following on from the success of World Mental Health day, we plan to have a planned focus on mental health and well-being in school on the third Friday of every half term. Over the course of the year we intend that children and staff will have the opportunity to engage in a range of activities designed to support good mental health self awareness. We feel that it is especially important that everyone keep their minds healthy as well as their bodies, especially in these difficult times we are living in right now.

Children In Need

Next Friday it is Children In Need day, and whilst we will not be able to engage in the usual fundraising activities for this charity, we would still like school to participate, especially with this year being the 40th anniversary. With this in mind we will be holding a non uniform day where children can make a donation to come into school wearing their own clothes or something to do with the Children In Need theme. For more information about Children In Need you can visit <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

After School Clubs

We had been hoping to start some after school activities in this half term which would take place in the different year group bubbles on consecutive evenings. However, we have unfortunately had to postpone the start of these clubs until after the new lock down period. We will review things again in December and will inform parents in advance of any clubs starting.

Home School Planners

We would like to remind parents that your child should bring their home school planner home on a Friday evening to be returned on a Monday morning in school. Currently the diaries only come home once per week as we try to limit the things coming to and from school. We would however appreciate parents' support in taking time to look at their child's diary over the weekend to see if any notes have been written in or for merits/demerits which may have been recorded and to sign them before they are returned.

Next Week

It is also.....

Maths Week England
Road Safety Week
Anti-Bullying Week