

## Week beginning 18 September 2023 – Edition no. 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new school year.

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### Key dates for your diaries

(The dates for the whole year are already on the website - this is just a termly snapshot)

Day/Date	Event/time
<b>TERM 1</b>	
<b>Sept 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Teacher Training Day - INSET no. 1</b>
<b>Sept 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Term starts</b>
Sat 16 Sept	Leek Show 3pm – 5:30pm
29 September	Macmillan coffee morning
10 Oct	Year 4 Class collective worship - 09:05 - 09:20
12 Oct	Harvest Lunch
16 - 20 Oct	Parent's appointments week
18 Oct	Immunisations
<b>27 Oct</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day – INSET no. 2</b>
28 Oct - 5th Nov	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>TERM 2</b>	
10 November	Remembrance service - parents welcome to attend
13 - 17 Nov	Anti-bullying week
17 Nov	Children in Need activities/fundraising
1 Dec	Adult only Christmas wreath making

Future class collective worship dates (09:05 – 09:20)

Autumn 2	Tuesday 5 December	Year 3
Spring 1	Tuesday 30 January	Year 2
Spring 2	Tuesday 20 March	Year 1
Summer 1	Tuesday 14 May	Year 4
Summer 2	Tuesday 25 June	Year 3

**Building Trust Fund – Next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023, at 5pm**

Please come along to share ideas and support the fundraising efforts.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**



**Mae'n amser Bore Coffi  
ac mae gwahoddiad i chi  
It's time for Coffee Morning  
and you're invited**

**Beth am wneud beth bynnag sydd ei angen  
i gefnogi pobl sy'n byw gyda chanser.**

**Let's do whatever it takes  
to support people living with cancer.**

**Lleoliad:** Whitley Chapel CE First School, Main Hall  
**Place:**

**Dyddiad:** Friday the 29th of September  
**Date:**

**Amser:** 10:00am - 11:00am  
**Time:**

**Cyswllt:** Please let the office know if you wish to donate any  
**Contact:** baked goods for the event, thank you so much

Yn syml, sganiwch y  
cod QR hwn gyda'ch ffôn  
i gyfrannu at  
Ffore Coffi eich gwestywr.  
Mae'n hawdd, yn gyflym  
ac yn ddiogel.  
Diolch.



Simply scan this QR code  
with your phone  
to donate to your host's  
Coffee Morning.  
It's easy, quick and secure.  
Thank you.



**CYMORTH CANCER  
MACMILLAN**

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

Cymorth Cancer Macmillan: Elusen gelfredoldd ymgynghrudd a Llosg (2007), yn ddiar (2008/09) ac Ffôn Hawdd (2008).  
Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (243975), Scotland (SC039957) and the Isle of Man (2022). Also operating in Northern Ireland.  
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## **Staff updates**

	<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>
Teacher	Miss Tweddell	Mrs North	Mrs Hilton
		Ms Clark*	
Higher Level/Teaching Assistant support	Mrs Dent Mrs Hardcastle* Mrs Wilson Miss Harrison*	Miss Harrison Mrs Hardcastle Mrs Dent	Mrs Hardcastle* Miss Harrison* Mrs Dent
Volunteers		Mrs Gibson	Mrs Wrighton Mrs Parker Mrs Blenkarn
Cook	Linda Harrison		
Office Manager	Mrs Gemma Kellett		
Caretaker	Mr Lewis Short		

\*Staff who cover teaching in those classrooms

We are always grateful for anyone who can support us in hearing our readers, please pop in and see us if you have an hour to spare.

## **Summer Updates**

### **Website**

Over the Summer period we launched our new look website. Please take a look if you haven't already seen it. The calendar has been populated with all the dates we have so far across the year. The reordering of pages should be easier to navigate. This is an ongoing task to improve and we will soon be launching our new parent communication tools through the website too.

### **Outside spaces**

If you have been into school or around the grounds you may have noticed some changes that have occurred. There has been a number of people working hard to create positive changes and additions to our environment.

The first is right outside the school entrance, where the dying and tangled shrubs and weeds have been dug out and replaced with a layer of gravel and soon to be brightly coloured potted plants, and possibly some seats. The initial prep work was done by our new Office Manager, Gemma Kellett, her husband Steve and their boys. Gemma then secured a very generous donation of both materials and time from @MKM Hexham and S Fairless Limited.

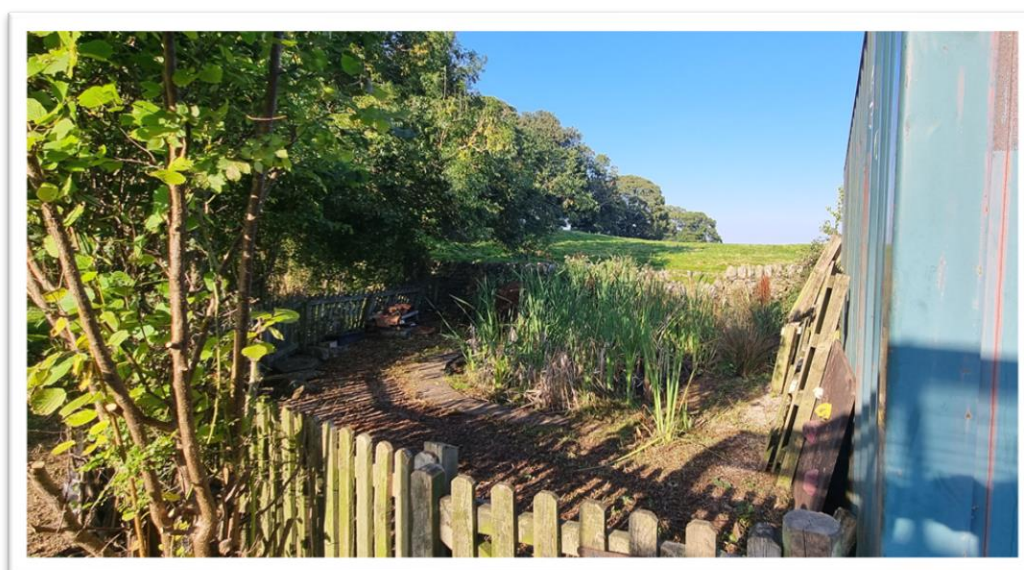




It is a much-improved space now and has also allowed more light to filter into the staffroom. Further improvements will be to add some seating and planters.

Gemma and her team had tackled the slightly overgrown wildlife area, revealing the wildlife pond.

The gate was fixed by our new Caretaker, Lewis Short, who was appointed over the Summer Break, and the area is getting ready to be used by the children as part of the Science and Geography curriculums.





As a parting gift, Richard Thompson, our outgoing Caretaker, built our much-needed compost bins also over the Summer, reusing materials from the climbing wall that we had to remove this time last year, so materials being recycled and being put to good use.

This area runs alongside the Container unit, which is going to get its own makeover when Pete the Poet returns at some point this term as a painter (you'll notice that it has been painted white this week - thanks to Miss Tweddell and Mrs Hilton), and soon it will have another transformation. Watch this space!



### Indoor spaces

An area inside school that had a revamp was a cloakroom space that was no longer needed. It has been turned into library space. We have bought a programme that allows children to scan books in and out. All of the children will get their own library card with a barcode. Official training of the first set of librarians began on Tuesday.



The next area on our list to do something magical with is:

The ground directly behind the main gate, the area that you see when you enter the school every morning. Despite the Gardening Club making a valiant effort last year to try to improve this space we found it was beyond their capabilities, though they did have some fantastic ideas of what it should look like. We would like to propose that a working party gather to work on this area and create a space for all to enjoy. Please join us if you can.



WHITLEY CHAPEL CE FIRST SCHOOL  
**OUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!**  
CAN YOU HELP US REVAMP OUR  
SCHOOL ENTRANCE?



**NO SKILLS REQUIRED JUST HARD WORK AND A WILLINGNESS TO  
GET STUCK IN!**

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO COME AND HELP AND WE WILL  
UPDATE YOU ON PLANS AND ARRANGEMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR THE DAY

### Autumn lunch menus

Lunch Menu w/c 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Week 1	Main	Dessert
Mon	Spaghetti Bolognese Garlic bread with carrot Sticks	Biscuits and cheese
Tue	Chicken Savoury with Mashed potato and farmhouse vegetables	Blueberry greek yogurt
Wed	Beef Cobbler, garden peas and broccoli	Fruit cocktail with Cream
Thu	Lentil and Vegetable Soup with Crusty bread	Lemon drizzle cake
Fri	Fish fingers with Mashed potato, green beans and ketchup	Chocolate muffin

Lunch Menu w/c 11<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October

Week 2	Main	Dessert
Mon	Sausages with Roast potatoes and Baked beans	Apple and cheese
Tue	Pasta Sauce, Cheese and Cucumber Salad	Raspberry and cherry Crumble with Cream
Wed	Fish cakes with Savoury rice and Broccoli	Ice Cream and Peaches
Thu	Pasta with Tuna, Sauce and Sweetcorn	Gingerbread with Toffee Sauce
Fri	Minced Beef and Dumplings with Dark Greens	Fruit yogurt

Lunch Menu w/c 18<sup>th</sup> September, 16<sup>th</sup> October

Week 3	Main	Dessert
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Mon	Soup and Bread roll	Vanilla Sponge with Custard
Tue	Minced Beef Pie with Vegetables and Gravy	Greek yogurt with Fruit
Wed	Chicken Curry with Rice and Vegetables	Fruit Sorbet
Thu	Fish cakes with Mashed potato, Carrots, Peas and ketchup	Homemade Cheesecake
Fri	Sausages with Mashed potato, Mixed Vegetables and Gravy	Chocolate Cake

#### Lunch Menu w/c 25<sup>th</sup> September, 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Week 4	Main	Dessert
Mon	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread and Cucumber	Jelly, Fruit and Cream
Tue	Chicken Korma with Naan Bread, Mango Chutney and Cucumber	Ice Cream with Fruit Sauce
Wed	Fish fingers with Rice, Peas, Sweetcorn and ketchup	Apple Crumble and Ice Cream
Thu	Sausage Roll with Coleslaw	Yogurt
Fri	Savoury Beef Mince with Mashed potato and Vegetables	Fruit Muffin



## Notices

## Homework

We hope that you will hear your children read every day as well as the following additional tasks. Children in Classes 1 and 2 will be given a reading record for you to record their progress. It is vital that you record a comment so that we can see all the little steps of progress that they make beyond, as well as in, the classroom.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
EYFS	Reception Phonics 'Sound of the Day'	Reception Phonics 'Sound of the Day'	Reception Phonics 'Sound of the Day'	Reception Phonics 'Sound of the Day'	
Due	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Class 1	Daily Reading Spellings with phonic focus sound	Daily Reading	Daily Reading	Daily Reading Maths	Daily Reading Writing journal
Due	Friday (test)			Tuesday	Wednesday
Class 2	Daily Reading New spellings	Daily Reading	Daily Reading Maths	Daily Reading	Daily Reading
Due	Monday (test)		Wednesday		

## After School clubs

### Autumn 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs North Art Club	Full of Beans Dance with Jenny	Full of Beans Fitness/Kickboxing with Charlotte	Full of Beans Sports with Natalie	No clubs

### Autumn 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Full of Beans Fitness/Kickboxing with Charlotte	Full of Beans Dance with Jenny	Crafts with Mrs Hilton	Full of Beans Sports with Natalie	No clubs

## PE DAYS

This term PE Days are as follows:

- EYFS Wednesday
- Year 1 & 2 Tuesday and Thursday with Jenny
- Year 3 & 4 Tuesday and Thursday with Natalie

### Uniform reminders

- Yellow polo shirt or t-shirt (plain or branded)
- Grey skirt, pinafore, dress, shorts or trousers
- Dresses – green or yellow, striped or checked
- White or grey socks, green or grey tights
- Bottle green jumper or cardigan (plain or branded)

### **PE Kit**

- Yellow or green polo or t-shirt
- Bottle green hoodie or sweatshirt
- Bottle green shorts or skort
- Bottle green or black jogging bottoms
- Trainers

Your child will need a water bottle with them; please ensure it has a non-spill lid.

Please remember we are a nut free school.

Uniform can be purchased from the School Office. We do sell branded items with the school logo on, these are nice but not a necessity to purchase.



### The School Office hours



**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8am-2pm**

**and**

**Friday 8am – 12noon**

**01434 673294**

If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please see them at the end of a day or send an e-mail to the School Office and your query will be dealt with as soon as possible.



### **Safeguarding**



Safeguarding is about protecting vulnerable children or adults from abuse or neglect. It means making sure people are supported to get good access to an education, health care and stay well, to have full and

happy lives. If you have any concerns about a child's safety, please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL).

Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs K North

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss A Tweddell

**Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility**

### Community notices

A poster for a Canoe Slalom Development Day event. The poster features a large photo of a person in a blue kayak on a river with trees in the background. Below this is a smaller photo of a person in a blue kayak navigating a slalom course. The text on the poster includes the British Canoeing logo, the event title 'Canoe Slalom Development Day', the slogan 'BUILDING SKILLS & HAVING FUN', a list of activities, the Hexham Canoe Club logo, the date '8th October 2023', and contact information. A QR code is also present.

**Canoe Slalom Development Day**

**BUILDING SKILLS & HAVING FUN**

- Expert coaching on-hand
- Fun practice sessions
- Try out different craft
- Refreshments available
- Sign up online

**Hexham Canoe Club**  
**8th October 2023**  
Info & online sign-up here:   
Contact: [slalom@hexhamcanoeclub.co.uk](mailto:slalom@hexhamcanoeclub.co.uk)