

**Whitehead**  
Primary School  
& Nursery Unit

**'LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER'**

5 November 2021

Dear Parent

### **KINDNESS COUNTS – NI HOSPICE**

You will be aware that as a school and nursery unit we are completing a fundraiser for NI Hospice. Our Pupil Voice have met and have decided what we will do on our fundraiser day. Please see below the note from Anna and Lilly. I would really encourage you to support our pupils as they fundraise for NI Hospice. All donations should be made from Monday, 8 November via School Money with a suggested donation of £3 per child. If you would like to donate more than this there is the option on School Money to increase your donation.

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY**

Christmas Dinner Day in school will be Friday, 17 December 2021. The cost of the dinner is £2.60 and all children should be booked via School Money by Friday, 3 December 2021. Payment for this will be available on School Money from Monday, 8 November. We would encourage everyone to wear something "Christmassy" on Christmas Dinner Day. All of the children will have the opportunity to make Christmas hats and will enjoy their Christmas Dinner in their classroom with their friends.

### **POSITIVE CASES**

As you are aware, we have had a "wee run" of positive cases in school. I am utterly convinced that the best place for children is in school and I will do everything in my power to ensure that as many children can be in school on as many days as possible.

I do have to make you aware that the prevalence of Covid across the whole education system in Northern Ireland is placing unprecedented pressure on our ability to source substitute teachers and cover for classroom assistants. I am aware that some schools have already been forced to close classrooms and move to remote learning.

Therefore, I ask for your continued support. If your child is unwell, please err on the side of caution before sending them to school. If your child shows symptoms of Covid-19 please isolate them and arrange a PCR test. I know that lots of parents will use LFD tests, which is great, however, I am becoming increasingly aware of children who are testing negative on LFD, but then positive on PCR.

As I have already said, thank you for your incredible support so far and, as we move into the winter months, your continued support is absolutely vital.

Kind regards.

**J LOUGHINS**  
Principal



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Our decision for our fund raiser is a PJ, wacky hair and movie day. We will have a vote in each class of the movie we are going to watch. You can bring in blankets, gowns, teddies and snacks if you would like. Go crazy with your hair! This takes place on November 12<sup>th</sup>. We would like each pupil to donate as much as you wish, that would be appreciated. Since we are not allowed to bring in money we ask if you can pay by school via online.

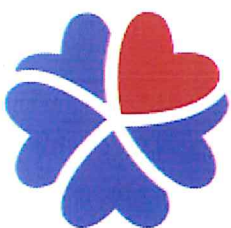
Northern Ireland hospice have created a kindness counts campaign for schools across Northern Ireland on lead up to world kindness day.

The charity decided to create the campaign during the COVID-19 pandemic to highlight the continued need for kindness in our community and are working with local schools to promote the kindness counts.

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