



**Whitehead**  
Primary School  
& Nursery Unit

**'LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER'**

3 February 2023

Dear Parent

### **SCARLET FEVER**

Please continue to be aware of the symptoms of scarlet fever. There have been two confirmed cases of scarlet fever in Mrs Parkes' class and one in Miss McClay's class.

### **PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS**

In order to facilitate the Parent/Teacher Consultations which take place next Monday to Thursday all children will finish school at the following times – Y1-4: 1.45 pm, Y5-7: 1.50 pm.

### **BUILD A BEAR RAFFLE & GUESS THE NUMBER OF SWEETS**

The last day to buy raffle tickets (£1 a strip) and guess the number of sweets in the jar (50p a guess) is Thursday, 9 February 2023.

### **BAKE SALE & COFFEE MORNING**

This PTA fundraiser will take place on Friday, 10 February. We need lots of buns and we would ask that you and your children bake some buns or buy some buns and send them into school on Thursday, 9 February. All of the children in school will have the opportunity to buy some buns at the Bake Sale which will be set up in the Gym Hall. We would also love it if you, your friends and your family joined us in the Assembly Hall (9.30 – 11.30 am) where you will be able to avail of a "wee" cup of tea/coffee and enjoy a bun while raising money for PTA.

### **STRIKE**

You will be aware that the teaching unions in Northern Ireland have called for teachers to take strike action from midnight to midday on Tuesday, 21 February 2023. I am currently conducting a risk assessment and I will update you early next week regarding any potential impact that strike action might have.

### **HOLIDAY LIST 2023/24**

Several parents have contacted school requesting the holiday list for next year. Please find attached a **draft** copy of the holidays for 2023/24. The holiday list needs to be confirmed both at a Governor and EA level, however, I don't anticipate any major changes to the list.

Kind regards.

**J LOUGHINS**  
Principal



## HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2023-24

**DRAFT**

SCHOOL BEGINS	SCHOOL CLOSES	HOLIDAY (dates are inclusive)
Wednesday, 23 August 2023	Thursday, 28 September 2023	<b>School Development Day</b> Friday, 29 September 2023 (1 staff training day)
Monday, 2 October 2023	Friday, 27 October 2023	<b>Halloween Half Term</b> Monday, 30 October - Friday, 3 November 2023 (4 days + 1 staff training day)
Monday, 6 November 2023	Thursday, 21 December 2023 No school dinners	<b>Christmas</b> Friday, 22 December 2023 – Friday, 5 January 2024 (10 days + 1 staff training day)
Monday, 8 January 2024	Friday, 9 February 2024	<b>Winter Half Term</b> Monday, 12 February – Friday, 16 February 2024 (4 days + 1 staff training day)
Monday, 19 February 2024	Thursday, 28 March 2024 No school dinners	<b>Easter</b> Friday, 29 March – Thursday, 11 April 2024 (9 days + 1 staff training day)
Friday, 12 April 2024	Friday, 3 May 2024	<b>May Day</b> Monday, 6 May 2024 (1 day)
Tuesday, 7 May 2024	Friday, 24 May 2024	<b>Spring Half Term</b> Monday, 27 May – Friday, 31 May 2024 (2 days + 3 staff training days)
Monday, 3 June 2024	Friday, 28 June 2024 No school dinners	<b>Summer Holiday 2024</b>