

# RIISING 3 YEAR OLD PROVISION



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Friday 22nd March 2024  
Multiple page issue.

# Headteacher's Blog



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,  
After another busy week we head towards the Easter Break this will be the last HT Blog of the term. In school next week we have our Awards Ceremony and Easter Service so we hope to see you there and we break up on Thursday at 3.15 and return to school on Monday 15th April. If you are hoping to use the school grounds in the holidays please note this must only be done so if you have read, signed and returned a Code of Conduct to school. Please do not go into the MUGA, Forest Schools and Gardening Area or Early Years outdoor space and only come on the field if it is dry. The play equipment will not be checked over the Easter Holidays so please be aware that you are using it at your own risk and note and adhere to the age restrictions. When we return to school if your child wishes to play after school please do also make sure you have read and signed the Code of Conduct. If the grounds are misused unfortunately we will return to locking the grounds at the end of the day. Please, if you feel able and see children who do not attend our school using our facilities please enquire as to whether they have signed a Code Of Conduct and have spoken to me. As always, Mr Charlton or I are contactable on Gate Duty each morning, during the day in the office- 01665574222 or directly by email (please do not use any other email as there may be a delay in your email getting to me as it does not go directly to me)

-[belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk)

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

## Easter Bingo-

Thank you to the PTA and everyone who came and supported our Easter Bingo last night. We have not had a final amount but estimate it to be over £500!

This year the PTA has contributed to Chromebooks for Class 1, our amazing outdoor space in Early Years and now will be able to contribute towards music resources for the whole school as we have been awarded a music grant and have just bought a class set of djembes and a class set of steel pans which is music to our ears!



## Success for our Football Team-

A great result this week from our school football team at the NUF Football Foundation Tournament. Getting through to the semi finals and narrowly missing out on a place in the finals. Our team played fairly, skilfully and with a great sense of team spirit. Well done. Thank you Mr Charlton for taking the team and for PE Governor, Nicola Wood for joining us.

## Well Done Class 1!

This week saw an amazing class assembly with Year 1 and 2. I was so impressed with how well the children all spoke and the quality of work shown was fantastic! Thank you to everyone who took time out of their day to join us.





# *Easter Service*



**HE IS RISEN**

*Celebrate the Resurrection*

*Please join us on Thursday 28th March at 2.00p.m. in  
St Bartholomew's Church. .*

**HAPPY EASTER**



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From 15th April 2024 we will be able to offer a 'flexible entitlement' to our 30 hours Nursery Provision. Please ask to speak to Mrs Athey or Mrs Marsden for further details - 01665574222 or email [admin@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk)





# COMMUNITY POWERS NURSERY



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**Did You Know?**  
**Our School offers 5 morning nursery sessions - 8.45 -11.45 and 5 afternoon nursery sessions 11.45-3.15.**

**Afternoon sessions can be free to those families whose both parents work \* See for further details <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>**  
**OR**

**If you are not eligible or use these hours with another childcare provider you can pay for afternoon sessions at £15.00 per session plus £2.60 per day if you would like your child to have a delicious school meal.**

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# CLOTHING SWAP



As we head once again towards the time where we collect clothes for the Air Ambulance building on the success of last year the Rota kids have thought this would be an excellent opportunity to keep aside some children and young adults clothes and donate the to our 'Swap Shop'. We would love it if every child in school brought in clothes that either they have just grown out of ( older brothers and sisters clothes are welcome too!) or have never really got wear out of these. These clothes will be displayed in our Rota Kids 'Swap Shop' so that during the day the children will have the chance to go shopping for free!

**What needs to happen:** Please put aside children and adult clothes that are in good condition. Send them into school in a plastic bag ( we will re-use these in our shop) from **Monday 15th April**

The shop will be open to the children on **Wednesday 17th April**. All unclaimed clothes will go to our Air Ambulance Appeal so there will be no waste.

Thank you for your support,

Rota Kids - Emily, Lacey, Bobbi, Dorothy, Laurence, Archie and Octavia.