



Whittingham  
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# Headteacher's Blog

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issue.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to the Headteacher's Blog of the week. I hope you managed to have some time together over half term and it is wonderful to see the children back and continuing their hard work. Thank you for your patience and flexibility regarding the alternative entrance to school this week. The full roof replacement in our outdoor stone outbuilding should be complete by the end of the day and as soon as the skip and fencing are away we will be able to return to using the main gate. We have always had plans to have this converted into an additional learning space so this is something that we hope to put in place before the end of the school year! After Christmas we should have our new library and intervention space completely finished so I will organise an informal 'opening' in January. As a staff we are starting to analyse the parent questionnaires and we notice that our outdoor space, sporting facilities and forest schools sessions are extremely popular but we could work on our internal space as with having older children areas in school space may seem to visitors to be at a premium. As a Governing Body we have been aware of this for a few years and had plans for improvements to our learning spaces prior to the COVID pandemic but due to this there have been delays but I am happy to say that now it is full steam ahead. At each stage of our improvements I hope to invite you into school so you can continue to share with our children and staff a sense of pride in our lovely school.

As always we have lots of events in and out of school and our calendar can be found on our school website by copying this link - <https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>.

As always, please do not hesitate to talk to teachers at the end of the day if you have any queries or concerns or Mr Charlton and I while we are out on Gate Duty each morning.

I imagine there will be lots of firework displays being attended this weekend. Please do stay safe.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

## PTA

Our PTA continue to work fantastically hard, raising money for school and providing some wonderful experiences for our children. Already this term they have:

Hosted a Movie Night and another one is planned for December 1st 3.15-5.15 ( poster to follow). They also organised and hosted a disco before half term. Both events were really enjoyed by the children.

The PTA also have friends in high places and have teamed up with Santa himself to buy tickets for every child in school to have a truly memorable experience. Early Years are going to Alnwick Playhouse to see The Hungry Caterpillar.

Class 1 are going to Alnwick Playhouse to see Remarkable Robin.

Class 2 and 3 are going to Berwick Maltings to see Ali Baba and the 4 Tea Thieves. Letters have gone out with full details. School is covering the full cost of transport so this lovely treat is fully paid for.

The PTA are currently planning a coffee morning and have a meeting on Monday 7th November - 3.30 -4.30 so please come along and join us. (School aged children may join our ASC but please ensure you contact the office so we are able to organise the end of the day effectively).

## School Houses

As part of our positive reinforcement to our children the children in Early Years are awarded a 'Smiley' and across the rest of the school the children earn 'Dojo' points. The children can celebrate their individual efforts but also these points are added to the house team they belong to. Our house teams consist of Aidan, Bartholomew and Cuthbert and each half term the 'points' are counted and the house with the most points are awarded the house cup and can choose a treat such as additional break time or a non uniform day.

Just before half term the children voted for House Captains who are pictured below.



## Stars of the Week and Effort Cup Winner

Well done to Theo, Flinn, Noah and Ted for being Stars of the Week and for Archie for being the Effort Cup winner.

## Reading at Home and School

I have really enjoyed seeing the wonderful progress in reading the children are making which I truly believe is due to the hard work in both school and at home. Please continue to sign your child's reading record at least 3 x per week. At the end of term I will be taking a group of children to Barter Books to choose their own book and of course have a hot chocolate so please keep up the great work.

**This Anti-Bullying Week,**  
let's come together and  
**reach out** to stop bullying

# REACH



**Monday 14th to  
Friday 18th November**

#AntiBullyingWeek  
#ReachOut

**Bullies Out**

*Help us start the week off  
celebrating differences by  
wearing odd socks for the  
day on Monday 14th  
November.*





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# Christmas Coffee Morning

Our wonderful PTA will be hosting a Coffee Morning on Saturday 3rd December 10-12p.m. We will be serving teas, coffees and refreshments and there will be stalls including cakes and the children will be selling Christmas crafts they have made. You will be able to have a look around our school grounds and classrooms as we welcome the community back into school after the restrictions of the COVID 19 pandemic.

If you have a small business and would like to book a stall (for the price of a raffle prize donation only) please contact:

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