



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog

Friday 12th January 2018
Blog and Spring Term dates letter.

**Dear Parents/ Carers,
Happy New Year**

Welcome back to school after our Christmas break. We hope you all had an enjoyable time and it is good to see the children come back to school refreshed and ready to learn. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you all for your well wishes, Christmas cards and gifts.

This is a short term after our long Autumn Term but there are still plenty of events where I look forward to seeing you. Although I continue to have a full time teaching commitment if you would like to catch me for an informal chat or to talk about anything in particular I am generally available daily after 3.30 p.m. so can make time available then. Or if a longer meeting is required an appointment can be arranged with Mrs Kennedy. If there is anything that you would like to suggest to make our school even better please do, and if there is anything that you are unhappy with please let staff know so we can sort things out. On the other hand it is lovely to receive positive comments when something has gone well or if your child has enjoyed something in particular so we can replicate it in the future. Please find the dates letter attached for your information

Wishing you all health and happiness in the coming year.

Kind Regards

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Safeguarding News.

Many children use tablets, laptops and other smart devices that access the internet. To help us keep up to date in ways to keep our children safe please come to our workshop delivered by our Community Safety Officer Judith Davies next Tuesday at 2.30 p.m.

Football News.

Just a reminder that Girls Football will return the first Tuesday after half term. The football squad will train each Wednesday lunchtime. As we have such large numbers the squad will be picked accordingly before each game. The children will be told and the information will be written in their planner. We do not have a match during the month of January.



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PTA News.

Thank you to the PTA for the Christmas treats for the children including a Christmas Disco and sweet treat for everyone. Please see dates letter for the next meeting and please attend to share your ideas for ways in which to raise money whilst having fun. Thank you to the PTA for our new maths resources in school.

Curriculum News. Please use our long term planning that is on the school website and class topic letters to help you know about the topics your child is learning.

Library News.

We have now logged 1000's of books onto the system, purchased new and recycled old or damaged books. We now need you!

There are two ways in which you can help:

Firstly, if you are artistic we have a mural in mind for the walls of the library please contact the office if you could help here. Secondly, we hope to open the library 8.30-9.00 and 3.15- 3.45. Even if you could just spare half an hour a week that would be great. If you can please contact the office.

Family Fun and Fitness.

As I mentioned last term we would love some help for our next Family Fun and Fitness Session. I was thinking that going on a walk together would be a lovely way of keeping fit together. As a school in the past we used to often take a walk around Whittingham but as this hasn't happened in a long time due to the ratios we now need when out and about. If you are a local resident and know of a good walk that can be completed in around half an hour could you please let me know. We would also need lots of you to make this a success so please contact the office if you can help. Dates for the next session is on the dates letter.