

Headteacher's Blog



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issue.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to the Headteacher's Blog of the week. Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Christmas Coffee Morning and Open Day. It was so lovely to see such a good turn out, including members of the local community, families and pupils past and present. Over £1000 was raised which is amazing. Thank you.

Also thanks go to everyone who continue to help keep our children and staff safe whilst travelling to and from school by not parking or reversing on the village hall carpark before 9a.m. or after 3pm.

Building work for our new intervention space and library has now finished so pick up from Monday will return to Class 1,2 and 3 doors. Drop off remains at the school gate each morning as we find the children are much more settled when left at the gate ready to be welcomed to start their new school day by staff. The space will be decorated during the Christmas Holidays with new furnishings completing the look mid January. Once we have it fully up and running we will have a grand opening probably around the end of January. This will also include a warm hub one or two afternoons. Details will be finalised soon.

We will continue to look to improve our internal space over the next two terms as part of our planned developments and will look to having another Open Day of both the school grounds and inside space in the Summer Term.

There is so much on from now until the end of term. Please don't forget to check all dates on our school website calendar which can be found - <https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

We are already adding dates to January which include some parents workshops so please make a note of those too.

As always, we welcome queries, comments and feedback and it always is easier when this is face to face. Teachers are available at the end of every day and Mr Charlton or I are on Gate Duty each morning.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Swimming Success.

We are really proud of the number of children who do extra curricular activities. Don't forget to look out for Tilly in the local paper this week who has had great success in swimming competitions recently.



More ways to support us raise funds for school

smile.amazon.co.uk



Tea Towels.

We have some of our lovely tea towels left to sell. If you would like one (priced at £4.00) please send money in a labelled envelope to the school office. We will also be selling tea towels at our Christmas performances alongside the raffle.

Story Chair - Help please.

We would love to 'upcycle' a wingback chair that has been gifted to us and for it to become a beautiful story chair for our new library. Our idea is something like to chair in Alnwick Library.

If you are interested in gifting us fabric or your skills please let us know.



Our school in photos.

We welcomed School Sports Organiser Haydn Matthews to school who trained some Class 3 children to be Sports Leaders recently. As always, more photos can be found on class pages and the whole school gallery page of our school website.



*Christingle Service Thursday 22nd
December at 1.30 p.m. in St
Bartholomew's Church.*



*Join us in a final time of togetherness
and festive celebration before the end
of term. Please note we will also be
breaking up for the Christmas
Holidays on this day.*

THE BIG LITTLE NATIVITY



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The children from Early Years and Class 1 would love to invite you to their performance: 'The Big Little Nativity' in Whittingham Memorial Hall on Tuesday 20th December starting at 2p.m. (Doors open 1.30p.m.) We will not be selling tickets or reserving seats but there will be a donations plate so you can 'Pay What You Can' to help us cover the costs of hiring the hall and a raffle.

Cinderella & Rockerfella

A Panto-style musical by Mark & Helen Johnson
Script by Sue Langwade



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The children from Class 2 and Class 3 are excited to invite you to their performances of: 'Cinderella Rockafella' in Whittingham Memorial Hall on Monday 19th December.

There will be multiple performances so that all the family can attend.

If you have a baby or toddler and would like to bring them please only to the dress rehearsal on **Monday 19th December at 10.30a.m. (Doors open 10.15a.m.)**

Afternoon performance open to school aged children and adults is at **2p.m. (Doors open at 1.30p.m.)**

Evening performance open to school aged children and adults is at (Please bring children who are performing back to the hall for 5.15p.m.) **5.30 p.m. (Doors open at 5p.m.)**

We will not be selling tickets or reserving seats so please arrive early to avoid disappointment as we are limited to numbers due to fire regulations).

There will be a donations plate so you can 'Pay What You Can' to help us cover the costs of putting on a performance and hiring the hall as well as a raffle.



Following the success of our Storytime Adventures in Early Years and our recent Stay and Play we would like to tell you about a really exciting venture we have planned for the New Year!

Working with Adventure Babies we are going to be offering a monthly Stay and Play session to families with children who have had their 2nd birthday to come to our lovely school hall for a Story Time session with Ashleigh followed by a chance to meet new people and have a catch up in our new learning space whilst having a snack and drink.

The session will be 9.30 -10.15 in the school hall followed by snack and drink until 10.45.

Sessions will be on Fridays: 27th Jan, 10th February Friday 24th March, 28th April, 26th May, 30th June and 21st July.

Places will be limited to 9 2plus year olds per session as we will be inviting our nursery children to attend (parents welcome too) on a rotation basis.

We are aware that times are hard financially and have secured funding to enable the price per toddler (parents/ carers come free) to be only £2.50 per session.

Please contact the school office on 01665574222 to confirm a place.

