

Headteacher's Blog

'Hand in hand together we will become resilient, respectful and responsible citizens of our community and the wider world.'

Friday 28th April 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Another busy week has passed and I would like to especially thank all staff who continue to ensure our school remains open and runs as usual during the days of national and local strikes. We expect school will also run as usual on the next strike day which is next week.

Thank you also to staff for organising our Languages Day in Early Years, Class 1 and 2 and to families who attended. Class 3's day will be re-arranged shortly.

Our current phase of building improvements has almost come to an end and we hope to have the school field and playground back in use out of school hours but are looking carefully at how this can happen without our lovely school being damaged or equipment taken as following items being taken from the Early Years garden over the holidays a number of saplings which the children have taken great care to plant have been vandalised and areas of the school grounds which are not allowed to be used as per the school code of conduct been disregarded as well as crossing No Entry signs and playing amongst building work which could have been extremely dangerous. We have a Code of Conduct for school grounds use which I shall update and circulate. If you know of young people in the area who enjoy using the grounds please could you remind them that they need to contact school to get a copy of the Code of Conduct which needs to be read and signed by themselves and their parent or guardian before they are allowed to come onto school site after school.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Charlton on Gate Duty if you have any suggestions as to how we can improve, concerns, queries or comments. Staff are also happy to talk to you at the end of each day during collection time.

Please do have a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

More Sporting Success

The Year 5 and 6 football team have had another friendly match this week. 2 shorter games were played. The team lost one and won one which is really impressive. Thanks to Mrs Thomsen who covered in the absence of Mr Charlton and to Mr Pickup from Dt Thomlinson's who refereed.

The Year 6 swimming team attended regional qualifiers at RGS in Newcastle on Tuesday and I am amazingly proud that, amongst strong competition in the North East and Yorkshire we have qualified for the National Finals at Sheffield in June!

A week at Whittingham in photos:

More can be found on our school website. Events include: Languages Day, Solo singing performance and Barter Books trip.



Coronation Party

On Friday 5th May the children will be asked to wear non uniform and we will be having a disco party in school that afternoon. We would also like to have a pooled party buffet in school time and ask if children in EY bring in a plate of something sweet, Class 1 a plate of something savoury, Class 2, sweet and Class 3 savoury which we can combine to help us have a wonderful celebration.

