

# Headteacher's Blog

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issue.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

After a shorter week this week I welcome you to the Headteacher's Blog. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or comments as to how we can make our wonderful school even better.

Mr Charlton or I are on Gate Duty every morning.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

## Movie Night Success!

Thank you to PTA members who shopped, made popcorn cones and helped alongside staff who stayed in school to host the PTA Movie Night. 74 children attended! We hope to have this as a termly feature and may even fit in a Christmas Movie Night towards the end of term if we can. We also will be having a Harvest Disco on Friday 21st October ( see attached poster) and Coffee, Cakes and Open Morning on Saturday 3rd December 10-12p.m.

## A new adventure for Mrs Lewis!

As you will know, Mrs Lewis has been a highly valued Teaching Assistant at our school for a number of years now. She is now embarking on becoming a teacher! Mrs Lewis will continue to work in school and train with Sunderland University at the same time.

## Breakfast Club and After School Wrap Around Care

Unfortunately, we have had no interest in Breakfast Club this half term. As we have already arranged for staffing for the half term we will keep this offer open until the half term holiday to see if it may change but if not will not be offering it after half term. After School Provision also has relatively low numbers and we will be monitoring this closely so please do make use of this. The current focus include Arts and Crafts, STEM and Sports. If you would like further details please ring the office and Mrs Morris who runs the club will be able to speak to you further.

## Reading

In Classes 1,2 and 3 you will notice there is a new piece of information in the inside sleeve of the Reading Record all about our reading books and expectations for reading at home. We also will be having a parents information meeting on Early Reading and Phonics this term. We have a rather packed term so we are just finding a date to fit this in. As soon as we do I will let you know.

## End of an Era!

It is with sadness that I share with you that Mrs Weatherburn has resigned from her role of lunchtime supervisor and cleaner in charge. Her last day will be on Friday 21st October.

Sylvia has an exciting new opportunity in the care sector and I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her hard work with us and wishing her all the best for the future. Sylvia has been a massive part of our school for many years now and her commitment to school and the children has been unwavering. She will be massively missed. We will be advertising for her replacement(s) on North East Jobs very shortly but in the meantime please see attached information. Please share with anyone who you feel would be an excellent asset to our school.

## Dates for the diary

Please don't forget all the dates for this term are on our school website calendar - <https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>. I am really pleased to confirm provisional dates have now been confirmed so we have lots on between now and the end of term.

## School Library - Back in use!

Thanks to Alex's Mum, Laura this week marked the return of library time. Class 2 and 3 children enjoyed choosing books and it was wonderful to have this lovely resource back again.

## Stars of the Week and Effort Cup

We have streamlined the awards we give out during Celebration Assembly each Friday.

Stars of the Week for the last week were-  
Josh, Luca, Sara, Rory and Isla G.

Effort Cup - Archie S

Class Effort in the Daily Mile - Class 1.

Well done everyone.



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# HARVEST *festival*

On Friday 21st October at 9.30 a.m. in St Bartholomew's Church we invite you to our Harvest Festival. The children in Early Years have chosen Alnwick Food Bank as their class charity so we welcome donations of tinned goods, cereals, pasta, pasta sauces and so on. These can be brought into school any time during the week leading up to the Harvest Service.



THE MORE  
YOU BRING,  
THE MORE  
YOU RAISE!

# HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE



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On Friday 21st October the children will be given an Air Ambulance Bag to take home and hopefully over the half term holiday

By bringing into school  
bags and bag of unwanted...

**CLOTHING  
BLANKETS  
TOWELS**

We also collect

**MOBILES  
INK/TONER CARTRIDGES**

Please bring this back to  
school on the morning of  
Monday 31st October



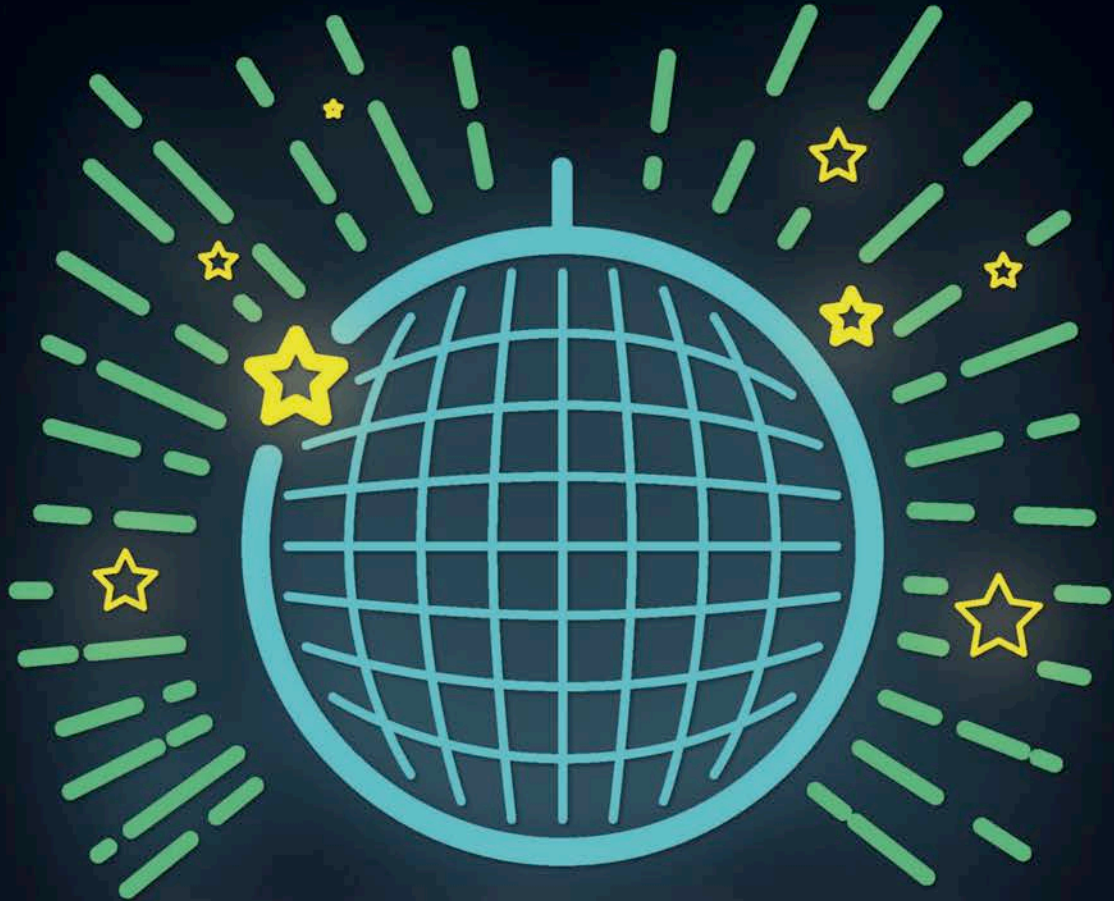
[www.greatnorthairambulance.co.uk](http://www.greatnorthairambulance.co.uk)

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# PTA PRESENTS



# DISCO

## NIGHT

Friday 21st October in Whittingham Memorial Hall

Nursery and Reception aged children are welcome but please note: parents or carers need to stay with them while they are at the disco. Disco time is 5pm - 6.30pm.

Class 1 parents and carers can stay with them but this is not necessary. Disco time is 5pm - 6.30pm

Class 2 and 3 children do not need to be accompanied by an adult and have a longer time of 5pm - 7pm ( **Please note 6.30pm -7.00pm is for Class 2 and 3 children only**).

Food, drinks, glo sticks etc will be available to buy. Tickets (£3 PER CHILD) must be bought in advance from the School Office in October. Costumes may be worn.

# TICKETS £3