



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog

Friday 2nd December
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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to the Headteacher's Blog of the week. We are really excited that our new intervention and library space is almost completed. It will be decorated during the Christmas holidays and new furnishings will be in place mid January. As soon as there are furnishings are in place we will have a 'Grand Opening' details will be sent out as soon as we can.

The change to pick up and drop off time continued to go smoothly this week - thank-you. The building works should have finished by Monday so pick up and drop off procedures will be:

Morning drop off - Main school gate for Classes 1,2 and 3.

Pick up at the end of the day - From the classroom door.

Early Years continue as usual as they have been unaffected by the build.

Despite working from home this week I was pleased to share with you further details of our Christmas performances and our really exciting Stay and Play for 2-3 year olds which starts in January. Details can be found on the posters attached to the Blog.

Our PTA Coffee Morning/ Fair and Open Morning is finally upon us and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there tomorrow 10-12.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Charlton on Gate Duty if you have any suggestions on how we can improve, concerns, queries or comments. Finally, a very big thanks to Mr Charlton and the team who kept the school running smoothly while I was working from home whilst isolating for the most part of the week. Looking forward to being back to school in person today.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Early Years Visit from Alnwick Fire Crew

Thank you very much to Alnwick Fire Crew who came to visit Early Years last Friday as part of their topic looking at the world of work. Here are a selection of some of the photos. As always, photos are uploaded to our school website - Main School Gallery and Class Pages where you can see a wider selection of the children having great fun whilst learning.



Movie Night Success

Another really successful Movie Night was had last night. Thank you for supporting us and to everyone who helped at this event which raised funds for our PTA.

Santa Dash is back!



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PTA will be hosting a Coffee Morning on Saturday 3rd December. We will be serving teas, coffees and refreshments and there will be stalls and the children will be selling Christmas crafts they have made. To have a look around our school grounds and classrooms as we normally back into school after the restrictions of the COVID 19.

Santa Dash.

The School Games Santa Dash is becoming a bit of a tradition at our school as we join many schools across Northumberland celebrating physical activity in this way. On **Friday 9th December** please can children come into school wearing a festive hat. This can be a Santa hat, something sparkly or their usual hat with a bit of added tinsel. All the children will wear their festive headwear while completing the Daily Mile.

After School Club

After an initial increase in numbers after half term we have found that numbers for After School Club have decreased. I will be asking for confirmation of interest for Spring Term next week so that we can confirm our offer for Spring 2023 before the end of term.

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.

