

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Thank you for the 2 parent questionnaires responses returned so far. We would really encourage you to have your say on what works well and what we could do to be even better so don't worry if you haven't managed to return your questionnaire; you have until 6th December. Please make the most of this opportunity. However, if at any time you have a query or concern please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher in the first instance, if this doesn't produce a satisfactory result then our DHT, Mr Charlton. I will also be there to support or answer any queries along the way. Full details of our complaints policy can be found on the school website - <https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/complaints/542463>

The children have been involved in their own feedback too. and I hope to collate the findings before the end of term and will then discuss with staff and governors how some of the suggestions may be implemented in future.

Best Wishes,

Belinda Athey -Headteacher.

## Christmas

All our wonderful Christmas events and activities are on our website calendar and it is lovely to see and hear the children practising for their own special class events. If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends we will be following the same protocol as last year. Cards can be written with the name of the intended recipient and class on the outside of the envelope. If cards be brought in in a plastic bag on Friday 10th December and given to their class teacher. They will then be handed out the week beginning Monday 13th December.

## Rainbow Laces Day

Wednesday 8th December. As a Stonewall Champion School who celebrate equality and diversity we will be taking part in Rainbow Laces Day on Wednesday 8th October. The theme this year is equality in sport so please can all children come into school wearing any clothes that can be worn for sport in colours of the rainbow? We are raising awareness, not funds during this day but will be asking the children to once again choose their own class charities and be raising funds after the New Year. We have made a conscious decision over the last 20 months to ask for very little in the way of parental contributions or money for fundraisers as we realise how COVID 19 may have impacted upon families and our wider community.

More events in School Santa Dash - Friday 10th December



Message from Miss Clark about an exciting Forest/ Schools/ Outdoor learning venture that is planned:

Hi everyone,

I have got a big ask, I am doing a big challenge for 2022 and need your help. Please, if you or your family buy 2 litre bottles of pop, can you please keep your bottles for me( with lids), if you are happy to wash and dry them out before passing them on( would be appreciated).

Thank you for your support.

## Support for all our children after school closures due to COVID 19.

We have remained committed to working tirelessly to address the missed learning and wellbeing challenges that our children have face over the past 20 months. All classes have had additional staff employed since September 2020, clubs have been provided free of charge and additional nursery hours have been provided at NO COST to families. Staff have implemented new teaching methods based on research from the Education Endowment Fund and also the vast majority of staff have received extensive training in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children. We have also improved our already fantastic outdoor provision. We won't stop there to provide the best education possible and continue to implement new things as we continually strive to be outstanding in all that we do aswell as offering amazing opportunities for all our pupils.