



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog

Friday 1st October 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We continue to make our gradual and safe return to 'normality' over the coming term with the following events and activities in school. Year 5 and 6 Alnwick Partnership Football League returns. Alongside the league organiser and guidance from the FA we have made the decision to allow limited spectators. There will be a letter to families before our first game which is at home on Monday against Seahouses Primary.

We have arranged to film our Harvest Festival in class bubbles in Church and will send you out the link before the half term holiday.

Please remember that if you do not wish for your child to be filmed please indicate this on the Data Collection Sheets and we will ensure that although your child will not be able to have an active role in performances as they are now all filmed. Staff will ensure that your child feels especially important and will endeavour to give them a backstage role or help by being an assistant director!

We also hope that we can safely can have an Early Years and Class 1 play if we are able to hire the village hall as this will enable us to keep safely distanced and have limited tickets available but will of course give you full details nearer the time. Class 2 and 3 will lead the Carols and Christingle on Friday 18th December in Church, once again, the space enables us to hopefully accommodate an audience. This will depend on the local situation regarding the COVID 19 pandemic and advice we follow from the Health and Safety team at NCC so I will keep you fully informed nearer the time.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, suggestions, concerns or queries.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Class 2 are lucky enough to be involved in hoping to gain the John Muir Award. Four Challenges lie at the heart of the John Muir Award, Discover, Explore, Conserve, Share.

We will be spending four days working with Bridie from Mudlarks to achieve the award.

The first day was spent at Alnmouth Beach. Here are just a few photos, more can be found on our school website. Each class has their own page which is kept updated with photos and information.



Reminder

We are looking forward to supporting a good cause whilst raising money for school by collecting clothes in Air Ambulance Bags. Before the half term holiday each child in school will be given 2 bags to see if it can be returned with clothes that are no longer wanted on **Monday 8th November 2021 after 9 am but before 1 pm.** If you are able to have more bags please let us know and we will arrange for more to come home with your child.

Keeping Safe Online

As part of our regular updates to support parents and carers in keeping their children safe. Here is a helpful website:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

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Fundraising for school.

