



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

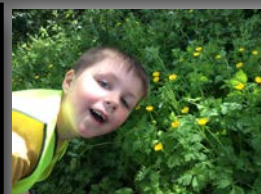
A lovely and sunny few days has made our outdoor learning all the more enjoyable this week. The children in all the classrooms have continued to be busy and it is lovely to see the progress they continue to make thanks to their hard work and the work of our staff in school supported by families at home. One thing it would be great and help us to be even better would be for all families to continue to hear their children read every school night and record this in their child's reading record as this helps consolidate the work we do in school and is a wonderful lifelong skill.

As always, if you have any queries, concerns or suggestions as to how to make our school even better Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

## Outdoor Environment

We all know how wonderful the space around our school is. Here you can see some of the children from Early Years whittling their own sticks ready to toast marshmallows and the children from Class 1 on a nature walk around Whittingham. We are so lucky to have such amazing resources on our doorstep!



## Our Lovely Leavers

Another year and another set of leavers. As a staff, we continue to be amazed and proud of how our children mature and grow socially, academically and emotionally as they move through school. Here are our current Year 6 Leavers. After a little wait, we hope to have our Leavers Year 6 hoodies ( thanks again PTA!) some time next week. We will be having a Leavers and Whole School Celebration service in Church on Monday 18th July 2022 1.30 -2.30 and the leavers treat will be that afternoon ( details to follow from Mr Charlton).

## Big Sing for the Earth and Big Sing for Mini Singers

It is fast approaching the time for our children in Class 1,2 and 3 to take part in the Big Sing at Sage Gateshead and we cannot wait! Here are some children practising earlier in the week.



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## Sports Day

After a very tough few years for us all I am relieved to say that our Sports Day will be back to 'normal' ( although better than ever) on Thursday 23rd June. For Early Years and Class 1 the Sports Day will be 9.30 - 10.00 and Class 2 and 3 1.30 -3.00. Refreshments are kindly being provided by our PTA. There will also be an informal 'Open Day' at the same time where families and friends of school will be invited to take a look around all the new developments on the school grounds and admire some of the children artwork along the way! There will be no limit to the number of visitors as this is an outside event and restrictions have been lifted. However, there is a hand sanitiser on the way into school for you to feel free to use if that makes you feel more at ease. Here you can see some of the children in Class 1 practising for the day!

## End of day arrangements - what would you prefer?

We are looking to further streamline our end of day procedures to ensure that we keep our children and families as safe as possible due to our school environment and its proximity to the road and also opportunities for families to chat to staff at the end of the day. Before the COVID 19 pandemic, children who went home via bus were dismissed together and safely put on their school bus followed by parents coming onto school grounds to pick up their child ( sen) via the classroom door. Before we make any changes I would love to have your opinion. Please drop school and email or mention your preference via Tapestry, Class Dojo or when staff are on Gate Duty so that we can make an informed decision.