



Whittingham
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Headteacher's Blog

'Hand in hand together we will become resilient, respectful and responsible citizens of our community and the wider world.'

Friday 24th November 2023
Multiple page issue.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,
Welcome to the Headteacher's Blog this week.
As always, Mr Charlton or I are contactable on Gate Duty each morning, during the day in the office- 0166574222 or directly by email (please do not use any other email as there may be a delay in your email getting to me as it does not go directly to me) - belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk
Best wishes,
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Christmas Lunch -
Mrs Arkle does an absolutely amazing job of cooking Christmas Lunch for the whole school from scratch each year. To enable her to do this we have 2 separate lunch days.
On Tuesday 19th December Early Years and Class 1 children will wear their own choice of clothes and have their Christmas Dinner.
On this day we ask for Class 2 and 3 to bring in a packed lunch and wear school uniform as usual.
On Wednesday 20th December Class 2 and 3 will have their Christmas Dinner while wearing their own choice of clothes. We ask that Early Years and Class 1 bring a packed lunch on this day.
The cost of our Christmas Lunch is more expensive than a normal school meal. However, school are going to subsidise the cost this year and no extra charge above the normal cost of a school meal will be made.
If your child has a packed lunch and would like to have their Christmas meal please contact the school office before Wednesday 29th November.

Importance of 60 minutes physical activity every day -

Keeping Safe Online -
Are you watching TV? Or is the TV watching YOU? As internet-enabled televisions become the norm, this week's #WakeUpWednesday guide has some useful #OnlineSafety tips to help parents ensure their children are viewing safely
Download >> <https://bit.ly/47w5VD5>

Rota Kids latest idea -

Physical activity for children and young people (5-18 Years)

BUILDS CONFIDENCE & SOCIAL SKILLS	DEVELOPS CO-ORDINATION	IMPROVES CONCENTRATION & LEARNING	MAINTAINS HEALTHY WEIGHT	IMPROVES SLEEP	MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD
STRENGTHENS MUSCLES & BONES	IMPROVES HEALTH & FITNESS				

Be physically active

Spread activity throughout the day

Aim for an average of at least **60 minutes per day** across week

All activities should make you breathe faster & feel warmer

PLAY	WALK	BIKE	ACTIVE TRAVEL
SWIM	SKATE	SPORT	PE
SKIP	CLIMB	WORKOUT	DANCE

Get strong **Move more**

Find ways to help all children and young people accumulate an average of at least 60 minutes physical activity per day across the week

UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines, 2019

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, making them a success in a range of features. However, to use these features, children need to use a Wi-Fi network, and streaming services such as Netflix, Disney, Amazon, and others require logins and passwords. Most parents therefore are unaware of the risks of connecting your home streaming services to your child's TV. This guide provides tips for your child's TV to ensure they are safe and secure.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
- UNCONVINCING SECURITY**
- A SILENT SPY?**
- CONTACT FROM STRANGERS**

Advice for Parents & Carers

- MAKE IT A FAMILY THING**
- CREATE CHILD PROFILES**
- CONSIDER THE LOCATION**
- SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS**

Meet Our Expert: **NOS National Online Safety**

#WakeUpWednesday

EACH YEAR 1 IN 4 CHRISTMAS JUMPERS END UP THROWN AWAY OR NEVER WORN AGAIN. WE CAN CHANGE THIS!

WE ARE TAKING PART IN THE BIG Christmas Jumper SWAP!

BRING IN YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS JUMPERS BY 28th November

READY FOR A SWAP EVENT (FOR £1) ON TBA

RAISING MONEY FOR Air Ambulance

Clubs - Early Bird, Monday ASC and Tuesday night late club will be definitely continuing after Christmas. I am just checking with staff who deliver clubs on all the other evenings if they are still able to do this as they give their time on a voluntary basis. I will have an answer by next week and will let you know.



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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

There will be a cake stall, craft stalls, local small business stalls, children's enterprise stalls, charity stalls, tombola, raffle, refreshments and much more!

Whittingham C of E Primary
School Hall Saturday 2nd
December 10-12

Parent Teacher Association



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CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Reception to Year 6 classes are invited to stay in school for a Christmas Movie Night on **Friday 8th December (3.15 - 5.15)** to raise money for the PTA.

There will be a choice of three different Christmas Movies (one will be aimed specifically at the younger children and children who may find sitting through a movie hard and need short movement breaks etc) which the children will choose beforehand.

The cost per child will be £3. The children will already be wearing Christmas themed clothing (see separate poster for details) so do not need to bring a change of clothes but they will need to bring a packed tea / snacks and a drink.

If you wish for your child to attend please send the exact money in a labelled envelope with the name of the child/children attending and addressed to The PTA by Friday 1st December. (If your child attends Lego Club they will not be charged for that evening).

If someone other than usual is picking them up please contact the office to let them know earlier in the day.



After the success of our first 'Babes in the Wood' Stay and Play sessions run by our qualified Forest School Leader, Mrs Manners we can share the dates for the rest of 2023 and early 2024 with you:

Thursday 9th November 1.30-3.00
 Thursday 7th December 1.30-3.00
 Thursday 11th January 1.30- 3.00
 Adults and Babes in Arms free.
 £4.00 per child aged 12 months to 4 years.

Babes in the Wood



Join us in an unrivalled Forest Schools space in the beautiful grounds of Whittingham Primary School. Get to know other families from the area. Help your child appreciate the awe and wonder of nature while making friends, being creative and learning through our Forest Schools activities delivered by qualified school staff.



Numbers are limited so that we can offer a truly unique experience so please call the office on 01665574222 or email admin@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk to book a place.



EARLY YEARS & CLASS 1
PRESENTS

Humph the Camel

Thursday 14th December 2023

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**Early Years and Class 1 (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2)
would like to invite you to our performance of
Humph the Camel.**

Thursday 14th December

**Dress Rehearsal Doors Open 10 a.m. in the Village Hall
recommended for babies and toddlers.**

**Performance Doors Open 2pm in the Village Hall
Everyone Welcome.**

**There will be no charge for tickets, donations welcome.
Raffle tickets will be on sale and drawn after the second
performance.**



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KS2 of Whittingham C of E Primary invites you to our production of ...



This magical show promises to lead you on a classic tale of fantasy and adventure, performed by our very own dedicated and talented KS2 children.

When: All performances will be on **Tuesday 12th December**

-If you have a baby/ toddler and would like to bring them then please attend the dress rehearsal **10am**.

- Afternoon performance at **1:30pm**

-**Children are to return to school at 5pm for a 5:30pm start** for the evening performance.

Where: Whittingham Memorial Hall.

We will not be selling tickets or reserving seats so please arrive in good time 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.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Christingle



Christingle Service in Church 21st December at 1.30p.m.

We are really pleased to have regular involvement with the Church since Reverend Rich has been in post and following my meeting with him today we have decided to run our Christingle Service in a different way this year.

Reverend Rich will lead the Christingle Service on Thursday 21st December in Church at 1.30p.m.

Families will be invited to join their children to make the Christingles together in Church during the service interspersed with the children singing some lovely Christingle songs.

I will be sending out a letter very shortly with full details and also for families to sign up to this special service but wanted to make sure everyone was aware beforehand so they can sort out work commitments etc.

Looking forwards to a very special service to bring us all together at the end of a busy term.

**Best wishes
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.**



On **Friday 8th December** the children will be asked to come into school in non uniform / Christmas clothing **and donate £1** to raise money for the PTA.