



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog

Friday 19th October 2017

Safeguarding News -

Please ensure if you take photos of any of our events in school that they are not shared on Social Media. Thanks.



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to our weekly blog, the final one of the first half term of the year. It is today where we wish Mrs Fletcher well as she starts her maternity leave and we look forward to meeting her new baby soon. Thank you to so many of you who have responded and have supported our planning permission plea as the more support we get the stronger the case for us getting our MUGA in place quickly. Have a lovely half term.

Many Thanks, Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

More Feedback -

Many of you praised our variety of after school club but this was also an area where more variety was required. We tried a new club for this half term, Poetry, but unfortunately this has had to be cancelled as we only had two children interested. Also, two of our clubs, cricket and gymnastics have run at a loss due to low numbers and this cost has had to be covered by school. It is with much regret that we probably will have to cut down this provision in the future. The saying 'Use it or Lose it' is relevant here.

Well done Class 3!

In a bid to improve our whole school attendance we are going to look at the class which manages 100% attendance each week. Well done again to Class 3 for 100% attendance this week. This links to our UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award Article 28 - Every child has a right to education. More news about this award that I will be leading after half term.

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Thank you volunteers past and present -

Thank you to the volunteers involved in helping our school life this half including Steph, our Chair of Governors, Sophie, a past pupil and Louise Hodgson, Ruth Oldfield and Clare Stirling who have worked with Mrs Fortescue to develop the Girls Football Team. A great first friendly game against St Michael's was played last night and the girls were a credit to the coaching in and out of school. Thank you to Mr Athey who has volunteered and coached the Football PE lessons and Football Squad. He will continue to support the children during the matches but work and time commitments with his coaching for Alnwick Town Girls mean that he is unable to offer a weekly slot of coaching the football squad as our P.E. lessons will change to a different focus. Weekly after school coaching would be greatly beneficial as we only have two games in November and then rest until February. If any parents of the KS 2 boys would like to set up an after school coaching session please let me or our PE co-ordinator, Mrs Fortescue know as continued practice is needed if we are to continue to improve.

Looking forward to Class 3-

I will be taking up the class teaching role in Class 3 and I can't wait! Please be aware of my teaching commitment if wishing to book appointments or waiting for a response on Facebook or any other forms of communication.