



**Whittingham**  
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Headteacher's Blog



**Friday 24th September  
2021.**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It has been a strange week as I have been back in the world of virtual meetings and working from home. I must say how much I have missed being physically in school! Thank you for all the lovely get well messages sent regarding my son, who as you know has tested positive for COVID 19. As an extremely fit 13 year old I think we were rather taken aback by how this virus affected him and how unwell he has felt. As family we do regular lateral flow tests and I cannot recommend this highly enough as a way of helping to keep yourselves and others as safe as possible. Kits can be picked up at most pharmacies or by ordering online for delivery - <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Also, thank you to the many of you who have taken the time to speak to staff or let me know of how pleased you are with the measures we have in place in school to keep our children and the wider community as healthy as possible. We are still following our RA from the start of term and all the safeguarding measures this entails with the one change that Class 2 and 3 are together for outdoor clubs and The Daily Mile (although we will continue to monitor this). Until mid next week I will continue to be contactable via Class Dojo or email. In person, school continues to be extremely well supported by Mr Charlton and the staff team who are able to speak to you in person.

Stay Safe and Well,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

## Healthy Relationships

I attended some interesting training recently on looking at the impact of adult relationships on children. As part of the training the following clips were shared with us as discussion points and are interesting and thought provoking so I thought I would share them with you:

[#SeeItDifferently - Chloe's family - YouTube](#)

[#SeeItDifferently - Maddie's family - YouTube](#)

[See It Differently - New Trainers - YouTube](#)

[See it Differently - Withdrawal - YouTube](#)

## Morrisons Good To Grow Voucher Scheme.

Across school children are heavily involved in planting flowers and growing vegetables. Historically, we have always taken part in this scheme where we use vouchers that are collected while you shop in Morrisons to spend on gardening equipment. If you do shop in Morrisons please put any vouchers in the special collection box inside the plastic box at the school gate.

For further information please - <https://itsgoodtogrow.co.uk>



## New School Year September 2021.

We very much hope our families all remain safe and well but we also appreciate that there may continue to be time off school due to COVID 19 and we wish to continue to support families at home who may be unable to attend school. Each class has created a pack of work for the children to access if they are well enough and is available on the home learning page of the school website - [https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/home\\_school\\_learning/505507](https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/home_school_learning/505507)

Teachers are also available for support or queries via Tapestry or Class Dojo or via a phone call before and after school.

## DLD Awareness Day 15th October

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) is the new term to replace Specific Language Impairment (SLI). Developmental Language Disorder is diagnosed when children fail to acquire their own language for no obvious reason. This results in children who have difficulty understanding what people say to them, and struggle to articulate their ideas and feelings. Recent research has shown that, on average, 2 children in every class of 30 will experience DLD severe enough to hinder academic progress. **To raise awareness we will be asking your child to wear a small something which has the colours of purple and yellow to complement their uniform / PE kit on this day as we promote awareness of differences and tolerance in our world.**

**TWO CHILDREN  
IN THE AVERAGE  
CLASSROOM HAVE DLD**

Support DLD Awareness Day | **Friday 15 October 2021**

