



**Whittingham**  
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Headteacher's Blog



**Friday 1st July 2022.**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Our busy weeks continue as we hurtle through the summer term towards the holidays. Lots of different events have been going on this week and next week is no different; with Athletics finals, KS 2 Big Sing, Early Years Stay and Play for our new starters and interviews for our new Class 1 teacher. Miss Trafford continues to be unwell and will not return to teaching this term. She hopes to come in to say goodbye to the children. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her commitment and care of the children and that she gets better soon. After next week we have Pop Uk and during the last week of term we have our Leavers and Whole School Celebration on Monday 18th July at 1.30 p.m in Church. Everyone is very welcome.

Please note that we will be changing our end of day pick up points for Class 1, 2 and 3 from Monday ( Early Years to stay at the same place). Please carefully cross the carpark and stand outside your child's classroom door and once the buses are dismissed your child's class teacher or teaching assistant will dismiss the children who do not get the school bus. This is also an opportunity for you to catch up with your child's class teacher on a more regular basis and if you have any queries, concerns or suggestions as to how to make our school even better please do not hesitate to speak to us at this time or on Gate Duty, via message, email or telephone. We will review our morning arrangements depending on how this 'new' ( although not to everyone) way of picking up your child works.

Best wishes,  
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



## Big Sing

As part of our development in music and the arts both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 are taking part in a marvellous musical experience at the Sage Gateshead. Class 1 went this week. They had a wonderful time and sang along to all 10 songs with real 'gusto'. Well done! Here are some of the children pictured on Thursday. Class 2 and 3 will have their turn on Tuesday. They will be swimming afterwards so please remind them to bring their swimming kit but as it is a one off they need to be smart in their school uniform and not wear their PE kit this Tuesday.

We are almost at the end of our swimming provision for the school year. Any feedback regarding this would be greatly appreciated.

## PTA Meeting

There will be a PTA meeting in school on Monday 4th July at 3.30 p.m. ( creche provided for school age children, younger children welcome to stay in the meeting). It would be lovely if more families could attend, welcome our new committee, decide on fundraising ideas for the new school year and hear about what school would like money to be raised for. Please let the office know if the end of day arrangements change for your child or if you need to use the 'creche' facility.

## Air Ambulance

The collection on 29th April raised £157.60 for PTA funds. The clothing amount weighed 788kg, this was a fantastic effort from everyone around the villages and surrounding areas as well as the people who offered to collect bags and we look forward to the next one arranged for October.

## Year 6 Roots and Shoots

The Year 6 pupils have just finished their Roots and Shoots project where they have learnt more about a healthy diet and growing food to eat. The staff team involved in delivering this and even let our Year 6 children finish off with a game of crazy golf!



## Rota Kids

The Rota Kids were absolutely fantastic on Friday night in St James' Hall. They were the youngest children to speak and we had lots of compliments from the Rotarians and also people attending the event. We were also awarded a Presidential Citation in recognition of the work that we do to ensure our children 'connect to the world and the environment' Very well done girls. Also well done to Harry, Olivia and Rhys who received a special commendation for their writing competition entries on the theme of ' Our Environment'.

