



**Whittingham**  
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Headteacher's Blog



**Friday 18th June 2021**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the volume of emails and letters sent out this week in response to the delay in the Government Road Map and the additional safeguarding measures that we are putting in place in order to keep our school and the wider community safe and to prevent any school or bubble closures so near to the end of term.

Thank you for your support in the decisions that have been made. As you will know any decisions which mean continued restrictions continuing are always taken upon advice from the Health and Safety team at NCC as well as what is best for us as a school as there is not a 'one size fits all' in these circumstances.

As always, if you have any questions, queries, suggestions or concerns please do not hesitate to send us a message or catch either myself or Mr Charlton after Gate Duty.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

## School Staff 'Pen Portrait' Week 5 - Mrs Morris and Mrs Manners.

We continue our staff interviews this week and will be interviewing Mrs Lewis and Mrs Kennedy next week Mrs Morris.

Q- What is your favourite part about this job?

A- There are so many things I love about my job. The countryside and setting that school is in is beautiful and there is a 'family' feeling about the school, but the best part is working with the children.

Q- What lesson are you best at?

A- I think I am probably best at supporting English lessons, as it was always a subject I enjoyed at school and I feel that I understand this subject well.

Q - What is your favourite hobby?

A- My favourite hobbies are usually centred around family time. I love spending time with my family watching films, going to the beach, swimming and going on trips together. I also love music, reading and films.

Q - What made you want to work here?

A- I wanted to train as a teaching assistant for a long time, and as soon as I saw the advert for an apprentice TA then got my TA qualification I jumped at the chance!

Q- What is your favourite animal?

A - This is a difficult question to answer as I love animals. We have two cats and hope to get a dog soon.

Otters, dolphins and big cats are some of my favourite animals, and of course, Dec, our school guinea pig.



Mrs Manners

Q- What persuaded you into becoming a teaching assistant?

A - Being with the children is a great part of the job and the main thing for me.

Q- Do you have any hobbies outside of school, if so what are they?

A- Yes, I really like tennis.

Q- What was your previous job before you worked at Whittingham?

A- Before starting at Whittingham, I used to be cabin crew.

Q-Why did you choose this school to work at?

A - Because it is a lovely school.

Q- What do you enjoy about working at this school?

A- The school ethos.



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