



**Whittingham**  
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Headteacher's Blog

**Goodbye and Good Luck to  
our Year 6 Leavers.**



*Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,  
May I take this opportunity to thank  
you for the ongoing support you  
have given to myself and our  
wonderful team at school. On their  
behalf I wish you health and  
happiness during the Summer  
Holidays and we all look forward to  
seeing you on Tuesday 7th  
September.*

*Best Wishes,  
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.*

## **After School Clubs**

Restrictions dependent we intend to have After School Clubs in Autumn Term for Classes 1,2 and 3 in the first instance and as the year progresses we often include Reception class. One of the clubs we have planned will resume on Friday 10th September and that is Football with Years 5 and 6 ( in the first instance) so an email will be coming out today to ask you to register interest before September. The other clubs will not run for the first week and a letter will go out as soon as we return from the Summer Holidays.

## **School Grounds**

We have continued to be advised to keep in place our current Risk Assessment and procedures until at least September therefore the school grounds will continue to remain closed over the holidays.

## **Restrictions Continue**

Whilst many, if not all restrictions will be lifted on 19th July we have been advised by the NCC Health and Safety team to keep in place our current Risk Assessment for COVID 19 ( Version 6.3) and Face coverings ( Version 5) in place for at least the first week to enable me to update all new risk assessments and consult with staff and governors.

Therefore pick up / drops off arrangements and timings will be exactly the same as they were during transition week for AT LEAST THE FIRST WEEK.

There will be a small change in KS1 and 2 as we will be providing every child with pencils, pens and a pencil case to be kept in school so any pencil cases your child brings into school now need to be kept at home. Please also make sure that school bags are not too big as there is limited space in the classrooms. Ideally, if you are buying a new bag if it has a side pocket that fits a water bottle it would be fantastic. However, please do not buy a new bag if it is not needed. The children currently using a reading folder should continue to use their this.

## **PE Kit.**

In Nursery through to Year 6 we have a PE kit for our pupils to wear. We will be continuing to come into school wearing our PE kit on the days each class has PE and your class teacher will let you know either on Tapestry or Class Dojo. Our school uniform can be found on [https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/school\\_uniform\\_list\\_2020-21/549952](https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/school_uniform_list_2020-21/549952)

## **A Message From Our Chair of Governors**

As we approach the end of school year I want to say a great big "Thank You" to every member of our school community, our children, families, staff and governors. It has been a year like no other and you have all played your part in keeping each other safe and supporting learning for all. Let's look forward to the summer break and to a new beginning in September. Sandra (Chair of Governors).

## **Track and Trace -**

The numbers of positive cases in NCC schools has reached its highest point this week. If your child displays symptoms of COVID and then a positive PCR test on Friday, Saturday or Sunday please contact me - [belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk). From Monday I have been informed that PHE / Track and Trace will take over this responsibility.

## **Bubble Closure -**

Unfortunately we have had to close EY bubble yesterday due to a positive result of a pupil in that class. If this affected you please see the letter that was sent out yesterday. As we have had to do this BEFORE restrictions change on Monday 19th July please be aware that your child will still need to isolate. We have been advised by Public Health Northumberland that the affected pupils need to isolate until 23rd July 2021.