



**Whittingham**  
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 8th December 2023  
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# Headteacher's Blog

'Hand in hand together we will become resilient, respectful and responsible citizens of our community and the wider world.'

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,

Welcome to the Headteacher's Blog as we complete yet another busy week and head towards the end of the Autumn Term. Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. It was lovely to see so many people join us in having some social time together whilst raising funds for the PTA. As soon as totals are finalised I will be in touch with you regarding how much was raised on the day. Thank you to the PTA for their help in the organisation of this.

This week we have had our Christmas jumper swap and non uniform day, Santa Dash, Adventure Babies Stay and Play, Babes in the Woods Forest Schools session, Class 1 trip, Christmas Movie Night ( thank you to staff for attending this) so it has been a busy week indeed!

There have been lots of preparations for our Christmas Performances which will be held in the Village Hall ( see posters for details) next week. Please note if you have babies or children under 3 or who find sitting through longer performances tricky you are most welcome to join us for the dress rehearsal where it is more relaxed. The children and staff have worked extremely hard and I am sure you will enjoy them. We are not charging for tickets but there will be a donations plate to 'Pay What You Can' and a raffle to help us cover the costs of hiring the hall, purchasing costumes and play scripts.

Please continue to keep updated on events in school by checking our school website where the calendar is updated <https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

Just a reminder that the deadline for responses to our Early Bird and After School Clubs for Spring Term 1 is on Monday 11th and I have attached a copy of the letter to our Blog as a reminder.

As always, Mr Charlton or I are contactable on Gate Duty each morning, during the day in the office- 01665574222 or directly by email (please do not use any other email as there may be a delay in your email getting to me as it does not go directly to me) -

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Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

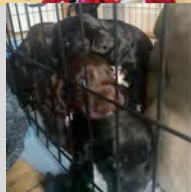
## Events for the New Year -

School Disco - 19th January - details to follow

Also following our Parent Surveys this term it was suggested that it would be nice to be involved in school life and look at children's work other than parents evenings so we will continue our class assemblies and on Monday 12th February from 2.30 p.m. there will be the first of a termly 'Come and See' where you will be invited into school to come into the classrooms and see what your child has been learning. More details and also of a planned termly Awards Ceremony in the Blog next week.

## A week in photos -

Class 3 Charity Event, Rota Kids - Christmas Jumper Swap, Class 1 trip, Jess' puppies and Adventure Babies.



# KS2 of Whittingham C of E Primary invites you to our production of ....



This magical show promises to lead you on a classic tale of fantasy and adventure, performed by our very own dedicated and talented KS2 children.

**When:** All performances will be on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

-If you have a baby/ toddler and would like to bring them then please attend the dress rehearsal **10am**.

- Afternoon performance at **1:30pm**

-**Children are to return to school at 5pm for a 5:30pm start** for the evening performance.

**Where:** Whittingham Memorial Hall.

We will not be selling tickets or reserving seats so please arrive in good time to avoid disappointment, as we are limited to numbers due to fire regulations.

There will be a donations plate so you can 'Pay What You Can' to help us cover the costs of putting on a performance and hiring the hall.

We look forward to seeing you there!





EARLY YEARS & CLASS 1  
PRESENTS

# Humph the Camel

*Thursday 14th December 2023*

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**Early Years and Class 1 ( Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 )  
would like to invite you to our performance of  
Humph the Camel.**

**Thursday 14th December**

**Dress Rehearsal Doors Open 10 a.m. in the Village Hall  
recommended for babies and toddlers.**

**Performance Doors Open 2pm in the Village Hall  
Everyone Welcome.**

**There will be no charge for tickets, donations welcome.  
Raffle tickets will be on sale and drawn after the second  
performance.**



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# Christingle



## **Christingle Service in Church 21st December at 1.30p.m.**

**We are really pleased to have regular involvement with the Church since Reverend Rich has been in post and following my meeting with him today we have decided to run our Christingle Service in a different way this year.**

**Reverend Rich will lead the Christingle Service on Thursday 21st December in Church at 1.30p.m.**

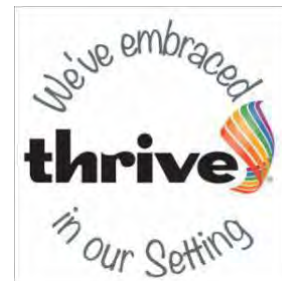
**Families will be invited to join their children to make the Christingles together in Church during the service interspersed with the children singing some lovely Christingle songs.**

**I will be sending out a letter very shortly with full details and also for families to sign up to this special service but wanted to make sure everyone was aware beforehand so they can sort out work commitments etc.**

**Looking forwards to a very special service to bring us all together at the end of a busy term.**

**Best wishes  
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.**





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Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

### **Before and After School Clubs for Spring Term 1**

Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all, thank you to everyone whose children have attended our range of before and after school clubs this half term and the positive feedback these have received. Secondly, thanks to staff for putting in many additional hours, away from their own families to enable this.

We will continue to run our early bird club for the whole of Spring Term in the hope that we will have further support to enable this club to be financially viable.

This club is 8.00-8.45 and the cost is only £2.00 per child per session. Drop in available at £5.00 per session (please check the club is running beforehand). Mondays to Thursdays.

#### **Late Club (Nursery -Year 6)**

**Tuesdays** will continue for the whole of Spring Term at least.

However, we may be able to staff an additional night (**Thursdays**) subject to minimum numbers. Please let the office know if you would be interested in this.

Costs will remain at £3.50 per child for clubs that last an hour and to £7.00 for clubs that run until 5.30 unless you are informed differently.

**Enrichment Clubs** (£3.50 per session 3.15 -4.15) will be as follows:

**Mondays** - Paradise Programmers (Computing Club) Years 3-6.

**Tuesdays** – Late Club - Nursery to Year 6

**Wednesdays** – Choir – Years 2-6

**Thursdays** – Draw with Rob – Years 2-6 (plus potential late club second night for all ages)

**Fridays** – Lego Club – Reception to Year 6.

Please return the slip below or email the relevant information by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey – Headteacher.

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Name of child .....

Would be interested in attending and therefore I would like to book a place for (please list from the information above) :

Signed .....



# Support your child with their emotional health and mental wellbeing



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## Our Offer

A series of six practical, interactive and helpful workshops, for children experiencing mild and early onset difficulties with their emotional health and mental wellbeing. The workshops aim to provide you with information and tools to boost your confidence in supporting your child.

## Sessions include:

- **Looking after your own mental health and wellbeing**
- **Anxiety**
- **Low Mood**
- **Self-Esteem & resilience**
- **Sleep**
- **Next steps**



## How to Access

Workshops will take place at Alnwick Family Hub From Tuesday 30th of January 12.30-14.30. For further information or to book your place please contact Nikki at Alnwick Family Hub on 01670 620430.



**Be Healthy, Be Happy**

