



Headteacher's Blog

Friday 15th February 2019.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to our weekly blog, the last one of our this half of Spring Term. How time flies!

Please don't hesitate to contact school if you have any ideas or suggestions about ways in which school can be made even better.

Kind regards, Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



North East Ambition. Career Benchmarks: Primary Pilot.

Congratulations to Mrs Fletcher whose successful application has meant that our school has been selected to be part of this exciting project.

Career-related learning in primary schools is about exploration, understanding and challenging stereotypes for all children. These stereotypes impact on engagement learning and go onto influence career aspirations and subject choices as they progress through secondary school. Being part of this project will help children expand their ideas of who they could become and be the very best they can be.

Phase 4 of our outdoor learning transformation.

Following the installation of an outdoor sitting space for Class 2 and 3 in the summer, our Forest Schools area and long jump pit, we are really pleased with the equipment that has just been installed and that has inspired us to further develop more of our outdoor space. This equipment is available for community use. All we do ask is please do not move equipment, leave litter or use the fire pit. Once we have completed our next phase of transformations we hope to have an Open Day where you can pop into school and be taken around the new resources by the children themselves. Details to follow.

Children's Mental Health Week.

Last week was Children's Mental Health Week. At Whittingham we remain committed to ensuring our children are well mentally and physically at all times through our varied curriculum.

Interestingly, findings from the blog on Twitter of ChildrensMentalHealthWeek 2019 stresses the importance of 'physical activity, creativity and engagement with nature' all experiences which form the basis of the curriculum at our wonderful school!

Reminders

Class 3 will be taking part in a litter pick Friday 15th March. Please wear old clothes on that day. All equipment is being provided by NCC.

Football matches resume after half term. See letters and website calendar.

Schools Lottery- First draw on Saturday 2nd March. We return to school after half term on Monday 25th February.

Class 2 hope to visit St Micheal's Church in Alnwick and United Reformed Church in Glanton as part of their RE work. Letter to follow.

If you happen to be having a clear out during half term please don't forget about our forthcoming Air Ambulance collection.

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