

# Headteacher's Blog

Our new library and group work space.



Friday 27th January  
2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to this weeks HT Blog. It was lovely to see many of you at our informal opening of the new library and at our Phonics and Reading workshop. The slides to the workshop have been emailed out and are on the school website and our new space will be open as a 'warm hub' on Mondays and Fridays 2p.m. -3.30p.m. If you would like to make use of this space please call into the office and we will sign you in and take you across to the 'hub'. As part of this new initiative we hope be able to offer refreshments and a book swap in the near future.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Charlton on Gate Duty if you have any suggestions on how we can improve, concerns, queries or comments. Staff are also happy to talk to you at the end of each day during collection time.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

## What's On

Don't forget the easy way to keep up to date with all our events in school is to access our school website calendar <https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

## More new books

The new library has been stocked with a variety of new books on different themes as well as fiction books. The KS 2 classes have also had the opportunity to choose some new books as their home reading books. Here are some of the children in Class 3 with a selection of some of the recent books bought.



## Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 7th February

On Tuesday we will be joining schools around the country and reminding our children to use the internet wisely and safely. If they are at home and using School 360 there is a great set of resources on online safety. Also, National Online Safety is a really good way to keep updated with tips about online safety. The Top Tips page is particularly good and can be found by copying this link into our browser <https://nationalonlinesafety.com>



## Children's Mental Health Week from 6th February.

We endeavour to work with children on a day to day basis supporting their mental health and wellbeing. However, it is also helpful to raise awareness of good mental health and we will be doing so next week with a range of assemblies and 'feel good' activities.

## Reminders:

Thursday 9th February - Adventure Babies Storytime session and Class 2 Skipping Festival.

Friday 10th February- PTA Disco.

Tuesday 14th February 10 Class 2 children will be chosen to take part in a gymnastics competition which is being judged in school - letter to follow.

Thursday 16th February Coffee and Chat at 1.30p.m. followed by Class 2 Assembly in the school hall at 2p.m. - everyone welcome.

We break up for the half term holiday on this day too.

We will be contacting you about After School Clubs for the next half term next week so please look out for the letter and let us know if you wish to continue clubs after half term.



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**Whittingham C of E Primary School PTA  
would like to invite your children to have  
fun while raising money for the PTA .**

**DISCO**

**Friday 10th February in Whittingham Memorial Hall**

**Nursery and Reception aged children are welcome but please note: parents or carers need to stay with them while they are at the disco. Disco time is 5pm - 6.30pm.**

**Class 1 parents and carers can stay with them but this is not necessary. Disco time is 5pm - 6.30pm.**

**Class 2 and 3 children do not need to be accompanied by an adult and have a longer time of 5pm - 7pm ( Please note 6.30pm -7.00pm is for Class 2 and 3 children only).**

**Food, drinks, glo sticks etc will be available to buy.**

**Please remember if you have children in EY/ KS1 and KS 2 there are separate pick up times.**

**Places (£3 PER CHILD) must be booked in advance from the School Office. Please send money in a labelled envelope with number of places required. If money is an issue please speak to Mrs Athey in the strictest of confidence.**



# Whatever Next!

Jill Murphy



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Our first toddler and nursery session of Adventure Babies was extremely successful and the children loved their Room on a Broom adventure! February's session is the wonderful story, Whatever Next and there are a limited number of places left for the toddler part (18 months to 3 years) of our session. This month the session will be on Thursday 9th February 9.30 a.m.- 10.15a.m. £2.50 per child. Please contact the office 01665574222 to book a place.