



# Headteacher's Blog

Friday 11th January 2019.

## Well done!

Well done to the children who performed in our School Orchestra on December 23rd and thank you to everyone who took the time out of their day to join us.



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome to our weekly blog a particularly exciting edition as Whittingham C of E Primary started the new term welcoming its 100th pupil!

Since becoming a Primary School in September 2016 the school has gone from strength to strength. Its first cohort of Year 6 pupils made a smooth transition to Duchess Community High School and as Year 7's have excelled in many areas of the curriculum and as a Primary School in February 2018 it was inspected by Ofsted which praised the provision for all pupils, including preparation for Secondary School and the broad and balanced curriculum.

Our school demonstrates how small rural schools can be really vibrant and forward looking. Despite no new builds in the area the school has steadily increased in numbers. Since I joined Whittingham our numbers have always fluctuated in line with local birth rates when I took over as headteacher in 2009 our numbers were as low as 38 pupils so I am particularly proud of this special milestone.



## Reminders-

Class Topic letters have gone out this week.

We have an Apprentice Teaching Assistant Vacancy in Key Stage 2.

Spring Term Dates Letter to follow. There will also be dates on the school website calendar.

## Sporting Competitions

The football team have been selected and notified if they are playing at the regional competition on 30th January at Gosforth Academy. players have been chosen who were available and already have played on the mixed football team squad throughout the last term. We are expected to arrive there at 4 p.m. and it is due to finish at 5.30p.m. We are very excited for this event and also we hope to be wearing our new football strip! Letter to follow!

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## Apprentice/Teaching Assistant - Whittingham C of E Primary School



### Job Summary

Contract Type: Fixed Term  
Working Pattern: Full time  
advert Start Date: 28/11/2018  
advert End Date: 21/01/2019 23:59  
Salary: 5772.00  
Hours per week: 30  
Job Category: Schools - Teaching  
Vacancy ID: 181861  
Employment Location:  
Whittingham Church of England Primary School, Alnwick, NE66 4UP



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