

Headteacher's Blog

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Friday 9th June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What a lovely, sunny week it has been! Many of the children and staff have been out and about, with our Swim Team having a practice competition at RGS against RGS and Dame Allan swim teams ready for the regional finals in Sheffield on Saturday. The Year 3 and 4 boys were excellent ambassadors for school at the football festival at Alnwick Town Juniors yesterday. We have had praise from other schools and the organisers about the teams attitude, behaviour and aptitude. Well done! Today is the turn for Year 5 and 6 who take part in a workshop at Dance City in Newcastle and for our Early Years children who are going to Lillidorei, Alnwick Castle and Gardens and not to mention a small group of Year 6 children will be filmed by CBBC Newsround as they give their opinion on 'the largest playground in the world'.

As the year progresses and the children wear out or grow out of school uniform please don't forget that we have nearly new uniform available at no cost. If your child grows out of their school shoes and is waiting for a replacement please email the office to let staff know that there is a temporary change of footwear in place. It is important to continue to take pride in our school uniform and follow the guidelines. A copy of the uniform policy will be attached to the Blog for easy reference and as with all our documentation that is sent out, a copy is on our school website.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Charlton on Gate Duty if you have any suggestions as to 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.



Whittingham C of E Primary School are pleased to invite you to their Leavers and End of Year Celebration.

This year it will be slightly different, all the classes will share their 'best bits' and memories of the school year with a particular and special goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 Leavers.

The celebration will take place in St Bartholomew's Church from 1.30p.m. on Friday 21st July 2023.



Sports Day

Whittingham C of E Primary School are pleased to invite you to their Sports Day on Wednesday 21st June.

Years 3-6 will be on the school field from 10a.m.
Nursery -Year 2 will be on the school field from 1.30p.m.

The PTA will be serving refreshments and cakes/ tray bakes.
If you are able to send in cakes/ tray bakes on Tuesday afternoon or first thing on Wednesday morning it would be greatly appreciated.

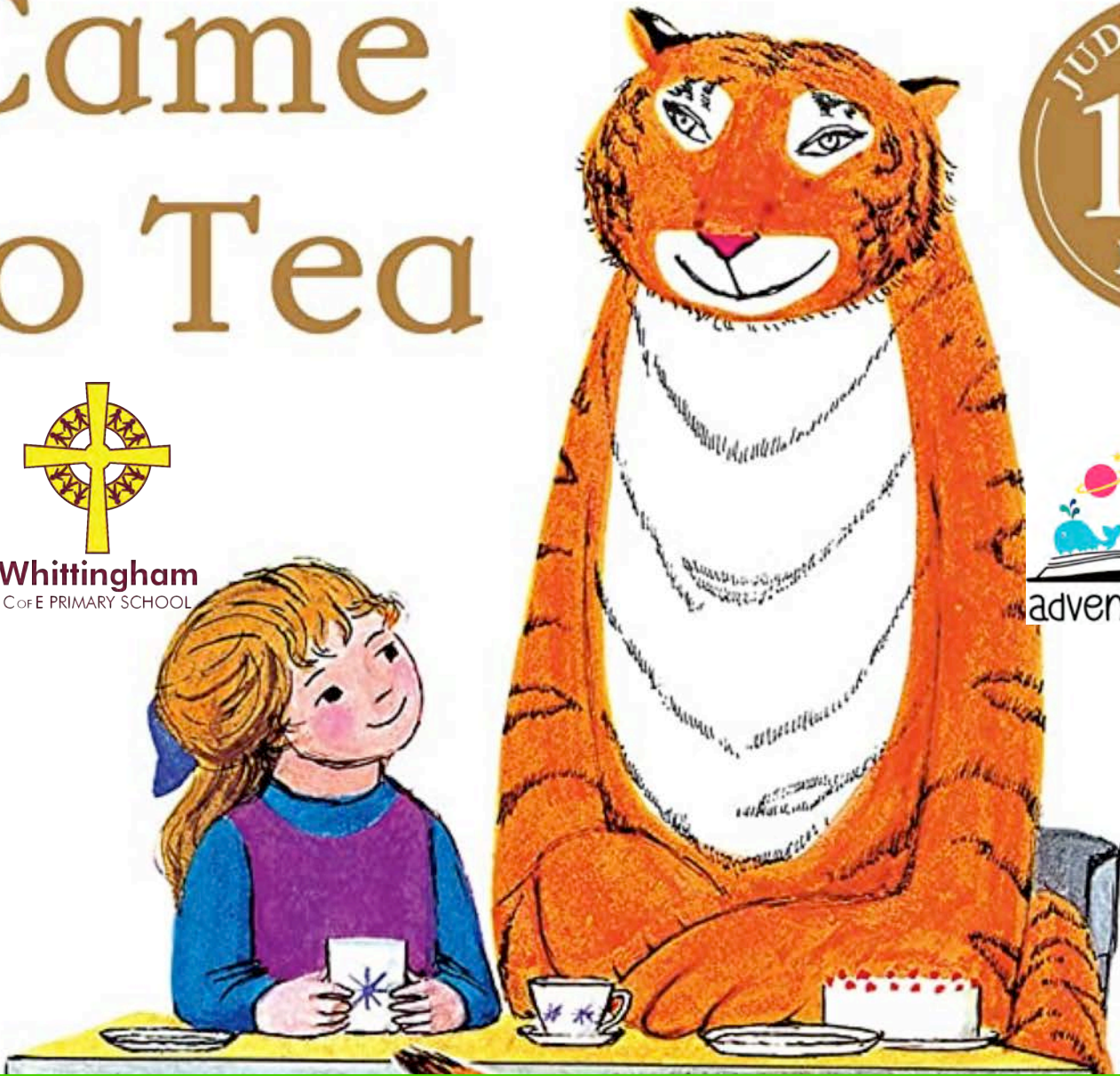


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The Tiger Who Came to Tea



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Our toddler and nursery sessions of Adventure Babies are extremely successful and the children loved their 'Rainbow Fish' adventure last month. This month's session is the wonderful story, The Tiger Who Came to Tea

There are a limited number of places left for the toddler part (18 months to 3 years) of our session.

Please note - This month the session will be on a different day- Thursday 29th June 9.30 a.m.- 10.15a.m. £2.50 per child. Parents/ Carers are free!

Please contact the office 01665574222 to book a place.

Judith Kerr

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Whittingham C of E Primary School Uniform Policy Summer Term 2022.

This policy was written and ratified during Summer Term 2022 using the 2021 DFE Guidance on School Uniform and will be reviewed 2026 in line with our policy cycle review.

Our School Vision and Values

The children know these as the 3R's and underpin all that we do and account for much of the choice of our curriculum plans across the school:

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

School Aims:

- To provide an open, secure and welcoming Christian environment for each pupil. This is expressed through daily worship which acknowledges the presence of God in our lives.
- To further develop and value the partnership that exists between school and the local churches, in particular, through sharing weekly worship and to encourage an appreciation of the Christian faith and a familiarity with the local Christian heritage.
- To care for each pupils’ safety, happiness and well-being.
- To value our pupils as individuals, developing their ability to take responsibility for themselves and their actions, promoting confidence and self-esteem, and respect for others and their environment.
- To equip our pupils with the knowledge to make informed choices about having a safe and healthy lifestyle.
- To offer opportunities for our pupils to become involved in the daily life of the school and to prepare them to play an active role as citizens locally and in the wider world.
- To provide a learning environment, which is challenging and stimulating yet ordered and disciplined.
- To provide a broad and balanced curriculum, setting realistic targets for each pupil.
- To extend and reinforce our pupils learning, making expectations clear, and raising achievement levels.

DFE statutory Guidance – Published on 19th November 2021 states

‘Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. Therefore, schools need to ensure that their uniform is affordable. In considering cost, schools will need to think about the total cost of school uniforms, taking into account all items of uniform or clothing parents will need to provide while their child is at the school.’

Whittingham C of E Primary School is confident that our uniform is provided by a best value supplier (Emblematic) and regular enquiries are made to other providers in order to continually ensure that this is the case. Although our jumper and cardigans have a style which is not necessarily replicated by supermarkets we check that it is value for money and always keep a supply of nearly new uniform which is available to families at no cost.

Aims and objectives

We are so proud of our children and how they represent our fantastic school and we feel that our smart and unique uniform encapsulates our dynamic vision which prepares children to become lifelong learners and vibrant members of the future workforce

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our wonderful school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards our school;
- is practical and smart;
- prevents children from coming to school in branded items which may cause pressure on parents to buy similar items for their children;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is good quality and long lasting enabling the 're-cycling' of uniform amongst friends, families and the school community
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform can be purchased online or over the telephone throughout the year at emblematic.co.uk. Sizes can be tried on at MA Tailoring, Bow Alley, Alnwick.

It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, on a trip or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in the appendix at the end of this policy.

If you are a gender non-conforming or nonbinary student, you have the right to dress and wear hairstyles in a gender non-conforming manner.

All uniform, PE kits, bags, coats, shoes and wellies need to be clearly labelled with the child's name.

Jewellery, Nail Varnish and Hairstyles

The wearing of jewellery is not allowed because of the possible danger to the wearer and to other pupils. Northumberland County Council has a policy of not allowing earrings to be worn during PE, for reasons of safety (this includes swimming).

If earrings must be worn at times other than during PE they need to be small gold or silver studs. We ask that ear piercing only happens during the summer holidays enabling enough time for them to heal and be removed during PE by the child themselves. If for any reason earrings are not able to be removed, then families must provide plasters or tape for the child to cover their earrings.

The wearing of nail varnish is not permitted.

The school accepts no responsibility for the safekeeping or removal of any jewellery or watches. The school does allow small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara but these must be removed before PE / swimming. Hijabs and skull caps are allowed.

Children who have long hair (beyond shoulder length) should be tied back at all times during the school day and hair should not be dyed or styled in extreme fashions, including 'rats tails' and shaved tramlines/ patterns, during term time.

Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

The role of families

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of the Governing Body

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its policy committee work by:

- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regards to school uniform.
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Policy shared with Governors July 2022.

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