



Headteacher's Blog

Friday 26th June 2020.

**STAY ALERT
CONTROL
THE VIRUS
SAVE LIVES**

Online Messages

My weekly assembly continued this week. Please see your email for your link to the video.

Miss Donkin has shared a story with her pupils and Miss Dick has filmed a phonics session and lovely welcome video for all our Nursery and Reception new starters.

Dear Parents/ Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,
I hope you are all keeping safe and well and you have managed to enjoy the sunshine this week.

With best wishes,
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Making Headlines

We have our own page in the NCC's online Good News Story this week

Class Organisation for September

I have met with the our Chair and Vice Chair of Governors this week to discuss how we can provide additional support for children in September if it is felt that they need it.

We have therefore increased staff hours and developed sessions for children in English and Maths throughout the day and after school for those children that we most feel will benefit from this.

Before we return to school in September I will notify you if this applies to you. We will also have support in the classroom so that we can keep adult to pupil ratios as low as possible.

Working in Early Years - Miss Dick, Mrs Marsden and Mrs Manners.

Working in Class 1 - Miss Armstrong, Mrs Chisholm, Miss Clark.

Working in Class 2 - Miss Donkin and Mrs Chisholm with myself for the games element of PE and some specialist support.

Working in Class 3 - Mrs Fletcher, Miss Clark and Mrs Lewis with myself and Mrs Chisholm for PE and Forest Schools.

As we get further guidance regarding whole school re-opening I may review staffing further. As I do not have a large teaching commitment this year I will be able to monitor teaching and learning extremely efficiently and ensure that we can move forwards whilst supporting our children academically and with regards to their own well-being.

We do not intend to return to swimming lessons at Willowburn for the near future for health and safety reasons. We will review this regularly with governors and keep you informed.

Health reminders.

If a child becomes unwell in school with symptoms that may be similar to COVID 19. They will be accompanied from the classroom by a member of staff wearing PPE and will be given PPE to wear and will wait in the library which has temporarily been changed to meet this purpose. Their parent/ carer will be contacted immediately so that they can be picked up from school straight away. If this does happen please be rest assured that your child will be treated with kindness and comfort whilst keeping everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for not sending your children into school if they are unwell. However, if your child is in school we would expect that if they are well they remain in school on their allocated days and that we cannot accommodate late drop offs or early pick ups as we are permitting minimal people onto school site to ensure we are keeping everyone safe and healthy.

Message from Miss Dick

For new starters in September.

Miss Dick has now uploaded a welcome video to tapestry for all of the new children we will be welcoming in September!

She has also added their first fun challenge which you can do at home if you like!

If you haven't been able to activate your tapestry from the link you received please let Miss Dick know, it may be in your spam/junk folder.

Miss Dick has also emailed you to ask for permission for your child to be on tapestry, please don't forget to reply!