

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

21st June 2016

Changes to End of Year Summer Performance Monday 18th July

Thank you to all those parents who have responded to my Headteacher's Blog of Friday 17th June and have informed us of their intention to take their children out of school on holiday over the next few weeks and up until the end of term. We already know that eighteen children will not be in school and because we are still a small school this has a significant impact on our pupil numbers. We had planned an amazing show called "Aladdin Trouble" and had already started to learn the songs (you may already be singing them at home!).At our Staff Meeting last night we sat down to allocate parts and we haven't got enough children to go ahead with the performance at this time. We have decided that the best option will be to postpone this performance until December where traditionally we do not have as many pupils out of school. We will have this as part of our Christmas celebrations and it will be held in the village hall.

We have decided that a lovely way to end our time as a First School would be to have a different type of event which is not so dependent on pupil numbers and we would like to cordially invite you to **Whittingham First School's Favourite Songs – Past, Present and Future** (including a showcase of some of the songs we will be singing in our December performance). This will be held on **Monday 18th July at 1.30p.m**.and to celebrate our time as a First School we will also be holding a Summer Cream Tea immediately afterwards.

On Tuesday 19th July we will be having a party with the children to finish off our final day as a First School in style. School will provide a party tea and entertainment as well as a cricket festival (PE kits in school please) and non-uniform. **School will finish as normal at 3.15 p.m.**

We would like to remind you of our fantastic open day where we welcome you to come and see our wonderful Primary School on Tuesday 6th September 10a.m.- 12.00p.m.

Our new uniform will be ready for parents and children to see very shortly and I will let you know as soon as the stock is available to view as well as a full uniform list to make shopping that little bit easier. Please see my weekly Blog for further details.

Get reading for the Summer!

Scholastic Book Club have a fantastic selection of children's books which can be purchased by parents on line earning commission for our school. The link is <u>http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/whittingham</u>. There will be a copy of the Scholastic leaflet in your child's book bag tonight. Please can orders be made on the website before Friday 1st July for this edition of the book club for free delivery to school before the holidays.

Kind Regards, Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

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