



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog

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

Friday 2nd February 2024
Multiple page issue.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,
We are extremely proud of the excellent facilities we have in school and look forward to welcoming you to visit our school in action during the school for first of our 'Come and See' open afternoon where you can see your child in their lessons and see how they learn. I will be sending a letter out early next week which has a slip to return to confirm your place so we can manage the numbers of visitors safely.
Please continue to keep updated on events in school by checking our school website where the calendar is updated <https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/calendar/213885> as we have a number of upcoming events including class assemblies which are all easy to view here..
As always, Mr Charlton or I are contactable on Gate Duty each morning, during the day in the office- 01665574222 or directly by email (please do not use any other email as there may be a delay in your email getting to me as it does not go directly to me) -belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk
Best wishes,
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



Valentines Hamper
Following the popularity of our Harvest Hamper the PTA are collecting items for a Valentine's Hamper (tickets will be available to buy from Monday in the school office for it to be drawn on Valentine's Day!) We would like to make the hamper a little bit special so are asking if any local businesses have items to donate such as a meal for 2 or bottle of bubbly! If you know of any businesses who would like to donate please contact the school office.

Children's Mental Health Week 2024 will take place from 5–11 February 2024. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. We will be doing some informal work with the children and wellbeing activities that may help children and raise their awareness of speaking out and sharing concerns and problems.
Our Therapy Dog Jess has returned for her maternity leave and will be in school twice a week. When she is in there is a poster displayed on the main school entrance. Thank you to her monitors this week that have made her return a fun one.



Safer Internet Day-
We continue to teach children about internet safety to all children in age appropriate ways and we will be doing further work to develop this on Safer Internet Day. At this time we will also be reminding children who have phones to use these appropriately and message kindly, if there are any instances of messages being unkind or inappropriate this can be reported to the police on 101 and also messaging providers can be contacted for example- <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1313491802751163>
If your child has a phone it is important that this content is viewed by an adult regularly and that it is not available after bedtime. If you need any further advice or support please do not hesitate to contact school.





Our popular 'Babes in the Wood' Stay and Play sessions run by our qualified Forest School Leader, Mrs Manners are planned for Spring!
 1.30 - 3.00 on Thursday 15th February, 21st March and 25th April.
 Adults and Babes in Arms free.
 £4.00 per child aged 12 months to 4 years.

Babes in the Wood



Join us in an unrivalled Forest Schools space in the beautiful grounds of Whittingham Primary School. Get to know other families from the area. Help your child appreciate the awe and wonder of nature while making friends, being creative and learning through our Forest Schools activities delivered by qualified school staff.



Numbers are limited so that we can offer a truly unique experience so please call the office on 01665574222 or email admin@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk to book a place.

THE MORE
YOU BRING,
THE MORE
YOU RAISE!

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE



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Just before the Easter Holidays the children in school will be given an Air Ambulance Bag to take home and fill hopefully over the Easter holidays.

**By bringing into school
bags and bag of unwanted...**

**CLOTHING
BLANKETS
TOWELS**

We also collect

MOBILES

INK/TONER CARTRIDGES

*Please bring bags back to
school on the morning of 19th
April .*



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Whittingham C of E PTA are pleased to invite you to an Easter Bingo on Friday 22nd March in Whittingham Memorial Hall.

Free entry.

Doors open 5.00p.m.

Eyes down 5.30p.m.



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EASTER

BINGO!

Free entry.

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Eyes down 5.30p.m.

Bingo books available to buy on the night.

Raffle.

Tea, coffee, soft drinks, wine and beer available to buy.

Bring your own snacks.

Fun for all the family.