



# Headteacher's Blog

## Friday 12th June 2020.



Dear Parents/ Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,  
It was lovely to welcome two small groups of Year 1 children this week. It is amazing to see how much everyone seems to have grown!  
Take care, with very best wishes.  
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



### Online Learning - Maths, Spelling and Grammar.

As you all know every child from Year 1 to Year 6 has log in details to the Sumdog online learning system. The children have regularly been accessing the maths and I would like to encourage children to use the grammar and spelling games to help keep their skills sharp. I monitor children's progress throughout the week and reward students who have worked particularly well. The reward is in the form of extra coins to use in the game so should be a good incentive!

### Keeping in touch.

Teachers will continue to keep in touch with families whose children are not attending school. Staff are also developing the online learning system and adding video messages and stories so please look at your class page or Tapestry account ( for Early Years) for further details.



### Health reminders.

Please ensure you continue to follow government guidelines and social distancing measures, especially if your child is coming into school as it is important that we can keep children and staff as safe as possible. It is also important that you do not send your child to school if they are unwell. If they display any symptoms of COVID 19 please arrange for a test to be taken and only return to school if a negative result is given. In the unlikely event that you are unable to get a test straight away please keep your child off school for a minimum of 7 days as this is still the NHS guidance.

### New Awards.

We are really proud to have been given these awards for our sporting provision over the last school year.

### Key Worker Provision.

Please be reminded that our key worker provision is for families during their days of work or to cover shift patterns. A full time place should only be taken if full time hours are worked. This enables us to provide structured provision for these children as well as keeping spaces open for other families in need. This also enables us to provide places for up to 8 Nursery and Reception children and part time places for Year 1 children at this time. If there are changes to shifts please let me know as soon as possible, preferably by the Wednesday before the following week so that the staff rota can be set and planning put in place. Please note that I cannot guarantee to pick up messages over the weekend and this also does not enable me to give staff adequate notice to plan for the week ahead.

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