



Headteacher's Blog

Friday 3rd July.



Dear Parents/ Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,

This week is a special celebration issue as we look back to the past weeks achievements both at home and school. For those of you who took part in the Hadrians Wall Challenge, a big THANK YOU. It was lovely to get back into some form of competition seeing that we have missed out on all the events, competitions and games that usually take place in school.

Just a reminder, if you do need to get in touch with school please remember that the school answer machine service is checked regularly and if you leave contact details and who you need to speak to we always aim to get back to you within 24 hours. If you do email school or myself: (belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk) and don't get a response within 24 hours please try again or give school a ring. It is unusual, but due to the quantity of emails both Mrs Kennedy and I receive (yesterday alone I had 168 emails!) there may be the very rare occasion that an email is missed. Lots of you contact me using the School Facebook Page which is fantastic. Please keep messaging during school hours and I will respond as quickly as possible. Your class teachers also have access to messaging on School 360 and Tapestry which during this time where face to face contact is unfortunately limited.

Reminder to Y1 PARENTS - No school for the next two weeks as we are continuing with our original plan of inviting the YEAR 6 children back into school for the last 2 weeks.

At the time of writing I have still not received confirmed Government Guidance as to what September will look like for us and how we will operate as a school. I know this is frustrating as we all want to be back to 'normal' and at school we are missing the children terribly.

Finally, thank you so much for your messages of support and kind words. The staff I am sure you will agree have done an amazing job during these unprecedented times but nothing beats being back in the classroom.

As a parent myself, I do understand the pressures, advantages and disadvantages of online learning so another BIG THANKS to you all for all that you are doing with your children. Please keep it up as it is so important that the children keep accessing their learning so that they are well prepared for September whatever that may look like.

With best wishes,
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

