



Whittingham
CoFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog



Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been! It seems such a long time since Christmas and New Year. I hope you have all managed make the most of time over the festive period and have stayed safe and well.

For many of you the start of term certainly hasn't been as expected and home learning has returned. We are really proud of our remote learning offer and also, the ways in which we communicate with you directly.

However, we are always looking to improve so if you have any suggestions or would like to fill in our online learning survey - https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/parent_carer_home_learning_survey_autumn_2020_-_spring_2021/525652.

Over the next few days we may be contacting you regarding arranging virtual meetings with children either as a whole class in order for the children to keep in touch or in some cases with a member of staff to support your child's learning at home. The logistics of this are quite complicated so letters and invitations may not be sent out all at the same time so please bear with us.

Jess the Reading Dog will be listening to readers fortnightly so if you would like your child to read to Jess please email me directly and I will send out invitations via Google Meet.

I appreciate there have been lots of letters this week. If you have missed any; please see the news section of our school website. https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/january_2021/529820.

I appreciate the volume of information this week has been extremely high (and it may be information overload) but we were faced with lots of changes to make with immediate effect. I hope this will settle down now that we are following national lockdown guidelines.

Thank you for your wonderful support this week, it has been most appreciated.

Please take care and stay safe.

Best wishes, Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Competition Winners.

Ms Buckingham entered the Class 3 children into a Young Writers Competition and we have some winners! 1st place Jess, 2nd place Kitty and 3rd place Frankie. Well done to everyone who took part.

Thank you.

Special thanks goes to the Hardie family and Clare and James Frater who looked after our chickens over the Christmas holidays and to the Herdman family who have had Ant and Dec, our guinea pigs on an extended Christmas Holiday!

Messages from staff.

I hope you are finding the daily input videos from staff helpful.

Please find the link to my Friday Celebration Assembly. <https://youtu.be/b9sOlzzDt-I> (please copy and paste into your browser)

I would also like to add a last minute 'Well Done' to Bertie Hardie who has been recording tutorial videos on Fractions and Factors!

Pop Uk.

Although guidelines have placed restrictions on singing at school if you are home learning there are some great You Tube singing lessons from Pop UK. Please copy the link for the tutorial that I have chosen for today.

<https://youtu.be/wNZobezoldc>
Enjoy.