



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Headteacher's Blog

Friday 18th February
2022



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. It has been a strange week back to working virtually but it has been lovely to hear about everything that has been going on and thank you to staff for their continued efforts to work together so that despite staff shortages we are 'business as usual'.

Thanks to the many of you who passed on well wishes to me. I was incredibly touched. Today is also the last day Miss Clark will be working with us after 17 years linked with our school she has shown incredible enthusiasm and commitment. She will be greatly missed and we wish her well in her new career.

If you do happen to have some time off with your children have a happy and healthy half term. Best wishes,

Changes from after February half term

While we are on our half term holiday we do expect that further relaxation of restrictions will occur. We will continue to be guided by government guidelines and information from Public Health and Northumberland County Council. We will, however maintain a cautious approach as it is particularly important that we continue to support children and staff in school to be healthy and well attending school every day and therefore some changes will be made and some things will stay in place:

We will continue to operate the same beginning and end of day arrangements and for the first weeks at least will ask you if you come onto school site to wear a face covering.

We do not intend to continue to work in class bubbles. This will enable the children in Years 3-6 to enjoy outdoor break together and for children in Reception and Class 1 to enjoy some after school clubs.

We also hope to continue to enhance our curriculum with visits and visitors.

Parent / Teacher Meetings will remain virtual. however, we are hoping that by the end of term we may be able to have a celebration of Easter together and an Open Day is in its early days of planning for Summer Term

Additional PE coaching across the whole school.

We will be welcoming 'Bear' back from Newcastle Thunder every Wednesday after half term. Each class will have a taught session across the day.



Animal Adventures

The children in EY and Class 1 had a wonderful time on Monday and lots of photos are on our school website, on the class pages and also the whole school gallery. <http://whittingham.eschools.co.uk>



Reminders

Break up for February half term 18th February. Return Monday 28th February 2022.

World Book Day - **Thursday 3rd March.**

Air Ambulance Bags Spring collection date - **Friday 29th April. 9a.m** The Air Ambulance van picks up from school later that day.

Football League dates - Please see separate letter and school web calendar for details.

After School and Lunchtime Clubs - see separate letter to follow.

Year 6 Roots and Shoots Project

Parent/ Teacher Meetings **Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th March.** Details to follow.

British Science Week 11th -20th March 2022