



Headteacher's Blog

Wednesday 6th May 2020.



Dear Parents/ Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,
I hope my midweek blog finds you well. I know that we are all missing the every day hustle and bustle of our lovely school and look forward to being with you all when we can keep each other safe and secure.

Take care, with very best wishes.

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Kitty's Amazing Act of Kindness

One of our pupils has been so moved by the NHS' dedication during the current crisis she asked her Mum if she could raise money in some way for NHS charities.

Kitty Oates loves to dance and therefore decided to raise money by doing a 10 hour dance -a- thon!

Kitty invited friends to join her via Zoom and her Mum created a fundraising page so that people could sponsor her efforts!

After 10 hours over £3000 was raised!



Bank Holiday Friday

Due to families making alternate arrangements childcare at school was not required for Friday 8th May therefore we will be closed for the day.

New free online learning platform for adults

The government has recently announced the launch of a new online platform, 'The Skills Toolkit' which will help people to build their skills during the coronavirus outbreak and beyond. Details at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-free-online-learning-platform-to-boost-workplace-skills>

Year 6 Transition to DCHS

Mr Hall has been in contact with me regarding transition. There will soon be a letter out to Year 6 parents from DCHS. They are also working on updating the transition page of the school website. As headteachers and class teachers we will also be meeting virtually to discuss transition during this current time and I'll keep you informed.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Hopefully, the resources sent out are being of help at this difficult time. If there are any resources you would like to recommend please let me know. Here is a picture of a project that I emailed out recently and is on our website that may be of interest.



Learning from home questionnaire.

Firstly, I would like to thank teaching staff for the excellent online and paper based learning activities that they have taken the time to set for your children while they are not in school. I have been taking the time to look at the lovely work, ideas and suggestions this week that have been created for your children.

I will be sending a letter out very shortly, asking for feedback regarding this. We will use the system, which is an old favourite of mine and is called '2 Stars and a Wish'. In this you list two things that you find positive about the learning provision that we are currently offering and 1 thing which we could do to make it even better. Hopefully, this will enable us to provide the best possible balance of work for your children while we remain closed.