

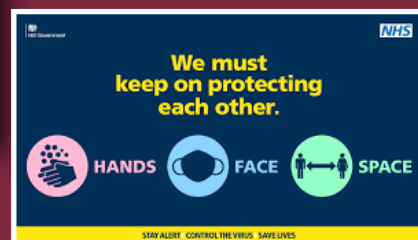


Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog



Friday 11th December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown by as we head towards our busiest week of the term so far with our Christmas Lunches, party, Christmas messages filmed in Church and even a pantomime! The children and staff continue to work extremely hard and will certainly deserve a break over the Christmas Holidays. Please continue to take care of yourselves and each other following the guidelines we have in place at school and government guidelines we need to follow to keep our wider community safe.

Best wishes, Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



Children's University.

A few years ago now we became the most northern school in Northumberland to be an accredited part of the Children's University. Feedback from the children who took part in the past was that there were very few activities that were available in North Northumberland. Due to the nature of many things now being online and virtual we hope to re-launch this initiative in the Spring Term. In the meantime there will be a Winter Challenge sent out via email this week that you might want to be involved in.

The Emperor's New Clothes.

Following an amazing offer from The Northern Stage Theatre Company we have been given access to their screening of the pantomime The Emperor's New Clothes. Each class will have their own scheduled performance to watch safely in their class bubble.

Reminders.

Drop off times for Years 1-6.

Please can children in Years 1-6 that come to school either by walking or being dropped off by car (not bus) arrive straight after the buses have departed and no later than **8.50 a.m.** so that we can start our school day as promptly as possible?

Please note Nursery and Reception times remain the same and pick up times at the end of the day also remain the same.

Appointments and keeping our school site COVID secure.

Please note, staff are unable to accommodate children coming into school after, or leaving early for appointments and will therefore need to stay at home all day if the decision has been made to book an appointment within the school day. To prevent any unnecessary time off school please book appointments out of school hours.

School Breaking up for Christmas Holidays.

You may have seen in the press and on DFE bulletins that schools can choose to move a Teacher Training Day to Friday 18th December and therefore break up on Thursday 17th December. We realise that this would be an extremely late decision to make and therefore **WILL NOT** be closing a day early. We break up for the Christmas Holiday on Friday 18th December at our usual time.