



**Whittingham**  
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Headteacher's Blog

## Successful Open Day -

A big thanks to Friends and Families that visited school on our Open Day it was lovely to see the children's excitement about the improvements made to school and the grand unveiling of our new classroom.

If you haven't managed to have a look around there are some photos of our first days in school on our new website -  
[www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk)

## 30 Hours Nursery Entitlement-

Our full day sessions in Nursery are proving popular. Please don't forget that if you are not entitled to 30 hours free nursery care we still have our Community Powers Nursery where children can access more hours in our lovely Early Years Unit.

## Contribution to transport for swimming and PE at Willowburn -

Thanks to those of you who have already paid your weekly contribution to transport (£2.00 per week per child) in advance. Without this money school will have to use more of our Primary Sports Funding budget and this would no longer enable us to have specialist PE teachers and coaches in school. If you would like to know how school spends this funding please look at our new look website.

Thank you PTA!  
£8000 from funds raised has enabled: the re-modelling of the wildlife garden, some IT equipment, including iPads and laptops and furnishing in Class 3.

## Breakfast Club and After School Care -

Please return your slips by Tuesday with interest or comments about this venture. As soon as I have all the responses and am able to make a decision I will contact you.

## Homework -

Thank you to everyone who made a wonderful job of the Olympic themed Family Learning Projects. The children have shared them with one another and they will be marked and returned to you very soon. We will be sending out a Homework questionnaire as we continue to develop and refine our homework particularly bearing in mind we now need to get our children to become Secondary School ready.

## Tuck Shop for Key Stage 2 -

Year 5 launched their Tuck Shop trial today and we will let you know if this can be a regular feature.

## Bike rack -

Please note we now have a bike/ scooter rack for you to use. We recommend you use a lock if you are leaving it overnight.

Year 5 children will be completing their Bikeability Levels 1 and 2 next week.

## General reminders-

In order to keep our children safe please ensure all gates are closed behind you.

Pick up at the end of the day. Please could you pick your youngest child from their classroom first. This helps ease congestion.

Please encourage your child to hand in their own letters and dinner money. Each class has their own money tub. (We appreciate that children in Nursery need a little help with this.)

School Transport - Please be aware - Although it is a contract between home and school and therefore not a school issue we have been informed by County that if your child travels by any other bus than their allocated transport they will not be insured.