

# Headteacher's Blog

'Hand in hand together we will become resilient, respectful and responsible citizens of our community and the wider world.'

Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to the Blog this week. It has been wonderful to see the children back in school, carrying on with their learning, well refreshed after their half term break. We continue to work on school improvement of our school buildings and grounds. Over half term saw repairs to outbuildings and equipment and renovations to the newly located staff room and meeting space. Over the Easter Holidays we plan to get the remaining windows replaced and another outdoor learning space (identical to the current new library and intervention space) started. This space will be another space for small group work as well as a relaxing well being space for children needing to take time out of the busy classroom environment.

We also have some fantastic news regarding our Daily Mile track! The track has been well used and is ready for some further improvements to the surface. Tarmac at Biddlestone Quarry have kindly agreed to provide us with the surfacing for the entire track at no charge which is AMAZING. We now are looking for a ground working team who we would pay to prepare the surface, lay and roll the product. Please get in touch with me if you can recommend a local business who could help.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Charlton on Gate Duty if you have any suggestions as to how we can improve, concerns, queries or comments. Staff are also happy to talk to you at the end of each day during collection time.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

## PTA Meeting

6th March in our new library from 3.30p.m. Childcare is provided for school aged children if required. Please contact the office. The PTA have organised some fantastic events already this year and raised money for our children so please come to the meeting if you can.

## Reminders:

Thank you to those parents and carers who have already offered to come in to talk to our children about their careers during Careers Week next week. If anyone else is able to come in please give school a ring to arrange this. Everyone is welcome!

Events and activities may be added across the term so please keep up to date with any changes by using our calendar on the school website which can be found:

<https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

## World Book Day

Thank you to all the families that supported the success of World Book Day by helping their children dress up if they wanted.

Thank you for the costumes which were donated to the Swap Shop and for book donations. We had books galore so that every child in school was able to choose a book to take home and keep for free. Here are some photos from the day. More can be found on our school website in the whole school gallery section.

