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Headteacher's Blog



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

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to the final Headteacher's Blog of what has been another busy and productive term, culminating in our Easter events and Ofsted inspection.

Thanks to so many of you who took the time to respond to surveys or came and chatted to the inspectors at the end of the school day. It was wonderful to showcase our fantastic school to the inspectors. The children were amazing, confident, articulate, resilient, responsible and respectful. Unfortunately, I am not able to share with you the outcome of the inspection until the final report is published (expected early May) but I am sure you will find it will be worth the wait.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff for their continued dedication, commitment and hard work across the school year, in particular enabling us to stay open for all pupils during the days where many schools were closed due to strike action. A well earned rest over the Easter Holidays is in order!

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.

Happy Easter,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Easter Bingo

Thanks to the PTA who organised such a fantastic Easter Bingo last Friday. Great fun was had by all and a good deal of money was raised (amounts will be verified and shared at the next PTA meeting). Thank you for the generous donations of prizes and to everyone who attended.

Swimming and PE in KS 2

I will be sending a email out today regarding swimming and PE at Willowburn. For KS 2 all their PE provision will be on a Tuesday afternoon. The vast majority of children will swim, with some children using the facilities in the sports hall. This provision is going to cost school around £8.00 per pupil (including transport alone being £160 per week) with 50% being funded by the Primary Sports Budget. For the first time in many years we will be asking for a weekly contribution of £3.50 on School Money. If you have any issues or worries about payments please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

After School Clubs

Clubs have become much more popular over the last half term and therefore I can confirm that they will continue to run after Easter. Costs will remain the same.

After feedback from the girls in classes 2 and 3 I am looking to see where I can fit in a KS2 girls football club and as soon as I have worked on this I will let you know.

In the meantime, to confirm:

Mondays after school club and wrap around care (3.15 - 5.30) Multisports.

Tuesdays after school club and wrap around care (3.15-5.30) Arts and Crafts.

Wednesdays - KS2 children (limited to 8 children) Gardening, with some Forest Schools elements- 3.15-5.15. Please note this is not a drop in club and if children wish to attend we expect them to attend every session or they will forfeit their place.

For ease, we will assume the same children are attending clubs on the same days as previously unless you let us know differently.

If your child is new to clubs please email or ring the office to book a place.

Clubs continue to be charged on a half termly basis. Please ensure your child is picked up promptly. If you are not picking your child up at 4.15 or 5.30 it would be really helpful to let us know when we can expect them to be picked up as the children may be outside or in the hall where the front door buzzer is not audible.

Reminders

All events can be found on the school website. <https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

Air Ambulance Collection and Rota Kids Swap Shop

Please see posters attached for details.

A week at Whittingham in photos:

More can be found on our school website. Events include: Our regional finalists for gymnastics, lambs in school and Adventure Babies.



Welcome to Reverend Rich

Thank you so much to everyone who took time out of their weekend to welcome Reverend Rich to his first service at St Bartholomew's. The rest of the school community were able to meet him on Wednesday as he came into school for Worship and we look forward to seeing lots more of him during the coming months.

CLOTHING SWAP



As we head towards the time where we collect clothes for the Air Ambulance the Rota kids have thought this would be an excellent opportunity to keep aside some children and young adults clothes and donate the to our 'Swap Shop'. We would love it if every child in school brought in clothes that either they have just grown out of (older brothers and sisters clothes are welcome too!) or have never really got wear out of these. These clothes will be displayed in our Rota Kids 'Swap Shop' so that during the day the children will have the chance to go shopping for free!

What needs to happen: Please put aside children and adult clothes that are in good condition. Send them into school in a plastic bag (we will re-use these in our shop) from Monday 17th April.

The shop will be open to the children on Wednesday 19th April 10.30 - 3.00 then 3.30 -4.00 for families to attend (Rota Kids are welcome to stay for this but this is not compulsory). All unclaimed clothes will go to our Air Ambulance Appeal so there will be no waste.

**Thank you for your support,
Rota Kids - Emily, Lacey, Bobbi and Octavia.**

THE MORE
YOU BRING,
THE MORE
YOU RAISE!

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

This week, the children in school have been given an Air Ambulance Bag to take home and fill hopefully over the Easter holiday.

**By bringing into school
bags and bag of unwanted...**

**CLOTHING
BLANKETS
TOWELS**

We also collect

MOBILES

INK/TONER CARTRIDGES

*Please bring bags back to
school by 9am on Friday 21st
April.*



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