



Whittingham
CoFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog

Friday 27th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head towards December I would like to remind you of our Christmas cheer in school...

An email has gone out regarding a safe way in which children can send and receive Christmas cards. They will be making outdoor decorations in Forest School and Christmas cards will be made in time to enable them to be safely quarantined. A Christmas tree is being planted at the front of school which will be lit and there will also be another special something at the front of school from December 1st! The Parish Council have kindly agreed to let us use Church to enable us to sing Christmas Carols in class bubbles that we will film and share with you. Mrs Arkle has organised Christmas lunches in class bubbles and the staff have arranged for the children to have their Christmas parties safely in their class bubbles. All letters are on the school website.

Best wishes, Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Fundraising

Please don't forget to help support school if you can through the Easy fundraising app, School Lottery and newly created by the PTA - Amazon Smile.

The link to Amazon Smile is

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045063-0>

Change to drop off times for Years 1-6.

Now that the morning drop off is running safely and smoothly can I ask that all 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 remain the same.

Reading Time with Jess

Following feed back with the Class 2 children requesting Reading Time with Jess she started her first few reading sessions this week. Thank you to Eliza and Chelse who read beautifully to Jess over a video call.



Parent Network information



December 2020 Zoom Parent Network

Parent Network is open to ANY parent in the UK caring for a child with any Special Education Needs including those awaiting assessment or diagnosis.

If you would like to join us, email bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk and we'll send you the Zoom codes

zoom with Francine and Lesley	Thursday December 3rd 9.30 - 11.30am	Strategies for managing behaviours that challenge
zoom with Francine and Lesley	Thursday December 3rd 7pm - 9pm	Supporting siblings of children with SEN
zoom with Francine and Lesley	Monday December 7th 9.30-11.30am	Empathy: How to use it to manage behaviours
zoom with Francine and Lesley	Monday December 7th 7-9pm	The EHCP process with Helena Marks-Dwyer, Independent SEND Advisor
zoom with Siobhann and Maria	Thursday December 10th 7pm-9pm	Coping with Christmas
zoom with Siobhann and Maria	Monday December 14th 9.30-11.30am	Coping with fussy eaters at Christmas with Helen Allen

Meetings will be online via Zoom. Any parent who has not attended a Parent Network session before and would like to do so, please email bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk. Parents who have attended previous sessions will receive a text invitation to join the virtual meetings



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