



**Whittingham**  
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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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 of Whittingham Primary School,

What a busy week it has been. The children have come back refreshed and ready to learn lots of new things after the half term break and hopefully enjoyed the wide range of events that were on this week.

I am particularly pleased to share with you of all the parent surveys returned to school we had our highest level of satisfaction.

A number of positives were raised such as friendly staff, welcoming atmosphere, excellent facilities and high quality education. One area that did have a neither agree nor disagree response was homework and also further opportunities required other than parents evening to discuss their child.

Appointments can be requested any time by contacting your child's class teacher directly at the end of the school day, by leaving a message with the office or via Tapestry and Class Dojo.

Homework was discussed at a parent consultation workshop last January so we will organise another one very early in the New Year.

One other area also mentioned to improve was to have a wider range of childcare.

We are pleased to offer:

Early Bird Club 8.00- 8.45 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

After School Clubs 5 nights per week with one night until 5.30.

However, these are provided on a the basis that we will have enough children to take part and cover any costs of clubs which are not run voluntarily.

Please continue to use the calendar on the school website to keep up to date which can be found <https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

As always, Mr Charlton or I are contactable on Gate Duty each morning, during the day in the office- 01665574222 or directly by email (please do not use any other email as there may be a delay in your email getting to me as it does not go directly to me) -

[belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk)

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

## Welcome New Members:

Following a rigorous application and interview process carried out by the founder members of the Rota Kids we would like to thank everyone who applied and welcome new members, Dorothy, Laurence, Florence and Archie who join Octavia, Lacey, Emily and Bobbi. They did a fantastic job at their first event which was the Rota Kids Swap Shop. Thank you to everyone who donated items or attended the Swap Shop.



## Well Done Class 1

Thank you to everyone in Class 1, including their families who provided a delicious range of cakes, scones and tray-bakes for our Cake Stall today. Over £142 was raised to go towards the Class 1 chosen charity, The FireFighters Charity. Our visit from the firefighters and their fire engine had to be postponed so we look forward to welcoming them soon and presenting them with the money raised.



## Thank you

Thanks to our PTA who organised Air Ambulance bags drop off and collection and everyone who donated clothes to help raise funds for this fantastic charity whilst also raising money for our PTA.

## Home School Learning and School Closures

As we approach the winter months and subsequent weather that may result in school closures please see our new page of the school website [https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/home\\_school\\_learning\\_2023-4/670423](https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/home_school_learning_2023-4/670423) where you can access home learning activities for your child. As always, in the event of a school closure we will let you know in the following ways:

Text message through our Teachers to Parents communication system.

Message on Class Dojo, Tapestry, Facebook and Twitter.

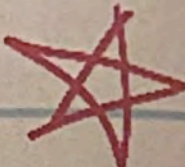



Message on Northumberland County Councils website.

Message on home page of the school website.

## Well Done to our Year 5/6 football team!




We are so pleased to offer a range of team games and opportunities which have been recognised in our achieving Gold Award for 2 years running. Our team played against a number of schools and came 5th in a recent football competition. There is more to come as Mr Charlton has contacted a number of local schools with the offer of hosting a football tournament (watch this space) where we can have more than one team and have a really great afternoon. Details to follow. We also hope to host a netball or hockey tournament if the football one is well received.





# NON SCHOOL

## U N I F O R M D A Y



*On Friday 24th November the PTA are asking that all children wear non uniform and donate a raffle or tombola prize.*

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**ALL DONATIONS WILL BE USED  
AT THIS YEARS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS  
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# Christmas Coffee Morning

Our wonderful PTA will be hosting a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 2nd December** 10-12p.m. We will be serving teas, coffees and refreshments and there will be stalls including cakes and the children will be selling Christmas crafts they have made. You will be able to have a look around our school grounds and classrooms as we welcome the community to look around our very special school

If you have a small business and would like to book a stall (for the price of a raffle prize donation only) please contact:

belinda.athey@whittingham.  
northumberland.sch.uk



*There will be a cake stall so offers of traybake and cakes would be appreciated and can be brought into school on the morning or day before. There will be a tombola and we will be having a non uniform day to resource prizes. (See separate letter) Any extra donations are welcome.*

*We will be having a book stall so donations of books are very welcome and should be sent to the office any time from now. Donations of raffle prizes are very welcome.*

Parent Teacher Association



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# CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Reception to Year 6 classes are invited to stay in school for a Christmas Movie Night on **Friday 8th December ( 3.15 - 5.15)** to raise money for the PTA.

There will be a choice of three different Christmas Movies (one will be aimed specifically at the younger children and children who may find sitting through a movie hard and need short movement breaks etc) which the children will choose beforehand.

The cost per child will be £3. The children will already be wearing Christmas themed clothing (see separate poster for details) so do not need to bring a change of clothes but they will need to bring a packed tea / snacks and a drink.

If you wish for your child to attend please send the exact money in a labelled envelope with the name of the child/children attending and addressed to The PTA by Friday 1st December. ( If your child attends Lego Club they will not be charged for that evening).

If someone other than usual is picking them up please contact the office to let them know earlier in the day.





On **Friday 8th December** the children will be asked to come into school in non uniform / Christmas clothing **and donate £1** to raise money for the PTA.