



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog



Friday 18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably we have reached the last Headteacher's Blog of the Autumn Term, and what a term it has been. The children have been amazing and thank you to families, staff and governors Please take care and keep yourselves safe over the Christmas Holidays and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 4th January 2021. We will also be welcoming some new starters to Early Years and Class 3 so as our school roll increases slightly we will be moving forwards with exciting projects which will enhance our school to make it even better.

Very best wishes, Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Thank you PTA.

Thank you to the PTA who paid for all the children in school to have a delicious Christmas Lunch and thank you to Mrs Arkle for once again going above and beyond (I believe we are one of only a handful of schools that have offered this, this year) to ensure the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch.

Also, thank you PTA for providing all the children attending school with a small Christmas gift. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the PTA this term, enabling us to continue to raise funds so that all the children can enjoy a special trip out when circumstances allow. Please contact me directly if you wish to donate to the PTA (and send me a reminder if you sent an email last week and I haven't responded).

Message from our Governing Body.

As we come to the end of this unusual year and look forward to 2021, on behalf of the Governors, I would like to say a big thank you to parents, all the staff and Mrs Athey for your hard work and dedication in keeping school running so successfully and may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Sandra
Chair of Governors

More thanks.

To Miss Armstrong for teaching Year 1 and 2 this term.

To Ms Buckingham for teaching Class 3 this half term.

And to Mrs Waugh, who has supported in Early Years this term.

Interviews have been held on Thursday and today for a Class 1 teaching post and further teaching support in Early Years. I should be able to confirm the names of the staff appointed once relevant checks have been made, hopefully before the new term starts so that the children are prepared to start an exciting new term.

As you know, Mr Charlton, our new DHT will be in post in January and teach Class 3. There has been a video message from Mr Charlton sent out this week just so you can all recognise him and begin to get to know him and I am sure you will join me in giving him a warm welcome in January.

Reminders.

Please remember to contact me up until December 23rd if your child has a positive COVID test result so that I can inform families.

Don't forget to enjoy our Christmas in Church (you tube link will be sent to you) and look out for a Happy Christmas message from all the staff.

Well Done!

Class 3 pupils entered a writing competition entitled 'Keilder Brag' earlier in the term and we are really pleased to say that Jess Snaith was overall winner, followed by runners up Harry Gray and Tabitha Miller- Fay. The children continue to enter writing competitions and with Ms Buckingham they have entered the Rotary Club Young Writers Competition very recently so fingers crossed for more success...

