



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Headteacher's Blog

Well done!

As part of my role as Headteacher I often joke with the children about my work in the office is boring compared to being in the classroom. This week has reversed that role and I have enjoyed my time in all of the classes. In Early Years the children were having great fun learning about Polar Animals. In Class 1 it was wonderful to see the children really enjoy learning about Neil Armstrong. In Class 2 I brushed up on my Numeracy skills and the children were able to enthuse about mathematics and equivalent fractions. In Class 3 I enjoyed being a 'Dragon!' as part of the Literacy work we had a drama based Dragon Den session. I also watched the fantastic work of Miss Clark, Mrs Chisholm and Mrs Lewis. The classrooms were bright and attractive, the learning opportunities were fabulous, led by fantastic teaching but most of all, the children were amazing, their enthusiasm for learning is lovely to see. Keep up the great work everybody (and children, make sure I reward you all for being fantastic learners).

Residential Experiences.

Thank you for the feedback regarding Ford Castle. We are just waiting for the last reply or two and then a decision will be made, further information supplied and a deposit will be requested if it is to go ahead. There will be six months to pay so we will set out an instalment plan in the next letter. Please remember if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals (Pupil Premium) there are many funding options regarding this trip. Please give me a call to discuss this further if you so wish.

Coffee and a Chat

As the morning rota has changed I have not been on duty at 8.40 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays this term. I appreciate that many parents found this time a good opportunity to ask me a question or iron out a concern without the formality of arranging an appointment. I have therefore cleared the desk diary for every Monday morning so I will be out on duty to say hello or answer any questions. Further to that, prior to every class assembly I will be available for an informal coffee (or diet coke in my case) and a chat prior to the class assembly from 2p.m. (Assembly starts at 2.30 p.m.) As a working parent myself, I appreciate you may not be available at these times so you can ring the office 01665574222 and arrange a mutually convenient time to chat.

Don't Forget

We have received 85% of replies regarding the PE kit sponsorship reimbursement. If you haven't sent your slip back please do. Unfortunately, when reimbursing money we have to have a paper trail and the slip and writing of a cheque provides this for our auditors and NCC accountant who checks to see that we are following all financial procedures with absolute accuracy. We are now looking to use any money spare and look ahead for future sponsors to sponsor a school football team strip. Whittingham Warriors? here we come!! If you know of any sponsors or fundraising activities please contact the school office.

Early Years Stay and Play Session - Wednesday 25th January 9.30- 10.30.

All Families or Early Years children please join us, bring younger siblings and if you have any friends with little ones bring them along with you to join in the fun. Come dressed as your favourite animal if you wish!