



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 1st March 2024
Multiple page issue.

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,
Welcome to the first 'Blog' of meteorological Spring. Here is hoping that after a very busy half term the children had some time for recreation and relaxation over the half term holiday. We have another packed half term with visits and visitors planned and a different type of World Book Day (see letter from Mrs Marsden for further details. An easy way to keep up to date with what is going on in school is by using of school website class pages, whole school photo gallery and school calendar - <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

Best wishes,
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Early Bird Club and After School Childcare and Enrichment Clubs

It was a shame to see the majority of the enrichment clubs cancelled due to low interest. However, Early Bird Club seems to be growing in popularity so we have *decided to keep this going for the rest of the school year.* Our Tuesday night late club is less popular than before so before we commit to running this until the end of the school year please could you contact the office and let Mrs Kennedy know whether you intend to use this club for the rest of the school year or indeed if you can for next year as soon as possible so we can plan ahead. Despite offering another late night (Thursday) there was not interest. However, if this has changed and this is a requirement for the future please contact the office.

It seems to be that childcare and requirements from parents and caregivers have changed in the last year and with the majority of children travelling home on the bus, these clubs are not as popular as they used to be and the need seems to be for all age childcare 'creche' type facilities. Our current staff hours are set around supporting children during the school day so they can thrive as well educationally and socially as possible as they can and we were pleased to see that this was recognised in our excellent Ofsted report last year. *Therefore, it may be that a parent or group of parents would like to set up their own childcare provision after school, hiring the school site or village hall? If this is something that interests you and would like to speak to me further please get in touch.*

Photo Gallery -

In the photo gallery this week we have some of the photos from the Open Afternoon (thank you to everyone who joined us and the positive feedback), Class 2 assembly, Babes in the Woods Forest Schools Session, School Football team with their donated equipment and Chinese New Year.



Correct School Uniform and Kit -

Thank you for supporting us in our school rules by ensuring your child is dressed in the correct school uniform (including grey joggers/ leggings for PE) and brings a water bottle to school each day.

Flexible Entitlement for Nursery

As you will have seen from our communications before the half term holiday. From Easter we will be offering a more flexible entitlement to nursery. To find out how this can benefit you please speak to Mrs Marsden.

Parking and School Pick Up / Drop off

Just a reminder in order for us to ensure our children are safe coming to and leaving school please do not park on the Village Hall park and when leaving school please make sure younger children in particular are close to you at all times.



Easter Service



HE IS RISEN

Celebrate the Resurrection

Please join us on Thursday 28th March at 2.00p.m. in St Bartholomew's Church. .

HAPPY EASTER

Whittingham C of E PTA are pleased to invite you to an Easter Bingo on Friday 22nd March in Whittingham Memorial Hall.

Free entry.
Doors open 5.00p.m.
Eyes down 5.30p.m.



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EASTER

BINGO!

Free entry.

Doors open 5.00p.m.

Eyes down 5.30p.m.

Bingo books available to buy on the night.

Raffle.

Tea, coffee, soft drinks, wine and beer available to buy.

Bring your own snacks.

Fun for all the family.





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To enable our PTA to continue to raise funds in school time we will be having a:

NON-UNIFORM DAY



Friday 22nd March 2024.



Every child is asked to kindly bring into school on the morning of Friday 22nd March an Easter Egg or raffle prize that we will then use for our Easter Bingo which is held on the same evening.



THE MORE
YOU BRING,
THE MORE
YOU RAISE!

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE



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Just before the Easter Holidays the children in school will be given an Air Ambulance Bag to take home and fill hopefully over the Easter holidays.

**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 on the morning of 19th
April .*



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