

# Headteacher's Blog

'Hand in hand together we will become resilient, respectful and responsible citizens of our community and the wider world.'

Friday 17th March 2023  
Multiple page issue.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to our Headteacher's Blog for the week. It has been British Science Week this week and it has been great to see the enjoyment on the children's faces as they have been involved in a range of experiments and investigations. Professor 'Wiggie', who launched the week with a day of science across the school was particularly popular and I am so pleased to have so many children say to me that they want to be scientists in the future. Our commitment to STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) continues in all our lessons as well as more visits and visitors planned for Summer Term.

Unfortunately, only 1 person attended the Anti Bullying Workshop. On a positive note, we take this as a sign of how you and your children are happy with our policies and procedures that are already in place and that both you and your children feel happy to come to us with any concerns. The powerpoint presentation was emailed out and is also available on the news section of our school website. We have one more workshop this term and after this (see below) and we will ask for feedback about timings etc so that we are offering what is needed when it is needed.

**On Tuesday 21st March at 3.30p.m. there will be a parent and carer / staff homework consultation workshop with Mr Charlton and the teaching staff. There will be the opportunity at this meeting for us all to look at our current provision and how it can be improved as well as supporting parents and carers to help their children with homework and learning at home so please do join us (creche available, please contact the school office if you would like your child to be looked after while you attend the meeting).**

As Deputy Headteacher, Mr Charlton writes the Headteacher's Blog from time to time so it will be over to Mr Charlton next week and I will resume writing the blog for the final week of term. In the meantime, as always, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Charlton on Gate Duty if you have any suggestions as to how we can improve, concerns, queries or comments. Staff are also happy to talk to you at the end of each day during collection time.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

## Visits and Visitors

As you will know from the PTA minutes, the PTA may be able to use funds to help subsidise the cost of transport to trips so that parents and carers do not need to. This can only be done if enough money is raised and events are well attended as the average cost of a class trip currently costs school between £250- £450 with transport costs alone ranging from £200 to £400.

## A week at Whittingham in photos:

More can be found on our school website. Events include, Professor Wiggie's Science Show and Early Years and Rota Kids Litter Pick.

## Congratulations and Sporting Successes

To Eliza and Tilly who featured in the Northumberland Gazette for their excellent achievements in the Regional Swimming Championships.

Also, well done to Dorothy and Octavia who qualified for the School Games Gymnastics Regional Finals.

## Reminders

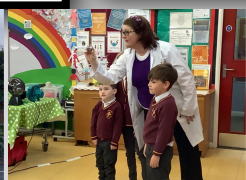
All events can be found on the school website <https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

However, quick reminders for the next week include:

Coffee and Chat, followed by Class 1 assembly. Non Uniform Day and Easter Bingo, all on 24th March from 1.30p.m. ( See posters attached for further details.) The following week has Parent/ Carers Evenings and our Easter Service before we break up for the Easter Holiday on Friday 31st March.

## Methods of Communication

Last week I mentioned that I would like feedback regarding the best method of communication from school to home. If you have not already, please let me know so I can make changes accordingly.





# Easter



Whittingham  
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



On Friday 24th  
March we will be  
having a non  
uniform day at  
school.



**Suggested donation:**

Please bring into school on Friday 24th March  
a raffle prize or Easter Egg which can be used  
as a prize for our Easter Bingo.



# The Tiger Who Came to Tea

JUDITH KERR  
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YEARS



Our toddler and nursery sessions of Adventure Babies are extremely successful and the children loved their Whatever Next adventure last month.

March's session is the wonderful story, The Tiger Who Came to Tea.

There are a limited number of places left for the toddler part (18 months to 3 years) of our session.

This month the session will return to Fridays and will be on Friday 24th March 9.30 a.m.- 10.15 a.m. £2.50 per child. Please contact the office 01665574222 to book a place.



Whittingham C of E PTA are pleased to invite you  
to an Easter Bingo on Friday 24th 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.*





Please join us at St Bartholomew's  
Church on Friday 31st March for our

# EASTER SERVICE

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In Church from  
1.30p.m.  
Everyone welcome.