



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 21st April 2023
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,

Welcome to the first Headteacher's Blog of the term. I hope you were able to find some time together over the holidays. The children certainly seem well rested and ready for the new term ahead which is great to see. We have already had a busy week with the return of swimming and sports at Willowburn for KS 2 and events such as the 'Swap Shop' and First Aid training for the whole school, and the first football match for a while for our school team. Next week is even busier as in addition to our usual timetable we will be having our trip to Barter Books for our termly Reading Competition Winners (parents have received a letter if their child is attending) and Mr Charlton will be holding a RobinWood information meeting on Monday, our swimming team have a regional competition on Tuesday, the Year 5 and 6 football team have a home game on Wednesday (spectators welcome), we have class photos as well as Modern Foreign Languages Day on Thursday and there will be an in school rugby competition as 'Bear' completes his final session as well as our monthly Adventure Babies session (please see attached posters for details) and PTA Movie Night on Friday! Please remember, all events can be found on the school website. <https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

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.

A Game Of Two Halves

The Year 5 and 6 football team had their first friendly game for a long time away to Dr Thomlinson's Middle School this week. During the first half our team were 3-0 up. The all played fantastically and represented school so well but unfortunately the final score was not in our favour with a 6-3 defeat. We hope to rectify this next week with a home match. Mr Charlton is in contact with other schools to try and arrange more friendly games as the league has not ran this year so hopefully we will have more wins in the future!

School Improvement Continues...

While school was closed to pupils we continued to be busy on school site. In school, our windows have now been replaced with new energy efficient ones and the new staffroom refurbishment has been completed. All the carpets were cleaned and are looking like new. Please support us in keeping school clean and tidy by providing children in Years 1-6 with trainers to wear outside and school shoes to change into (this includes on PE days) when inside. Our Daily Mile track has been greatly improved with an amazing donation of all the 'stone' to complete the track (30 tonnes in total!) from Tarmac at Biddlestone Quarry and an extremely generous donation of £1000 from Cussins Ltd to pay for the groundwork to be done. Following the success of the new small group space and library which was built back in November work started in the holidays on another space. This will enable more small group work to be carried out in a lovely quiet space with an additional focus on mental health and wellbeing. We expect all work to be completed by half term and will have an informal opening after that. Once again, I would like to thank Steven Bridgett for his help in expediting the planning and paperwork procedures.



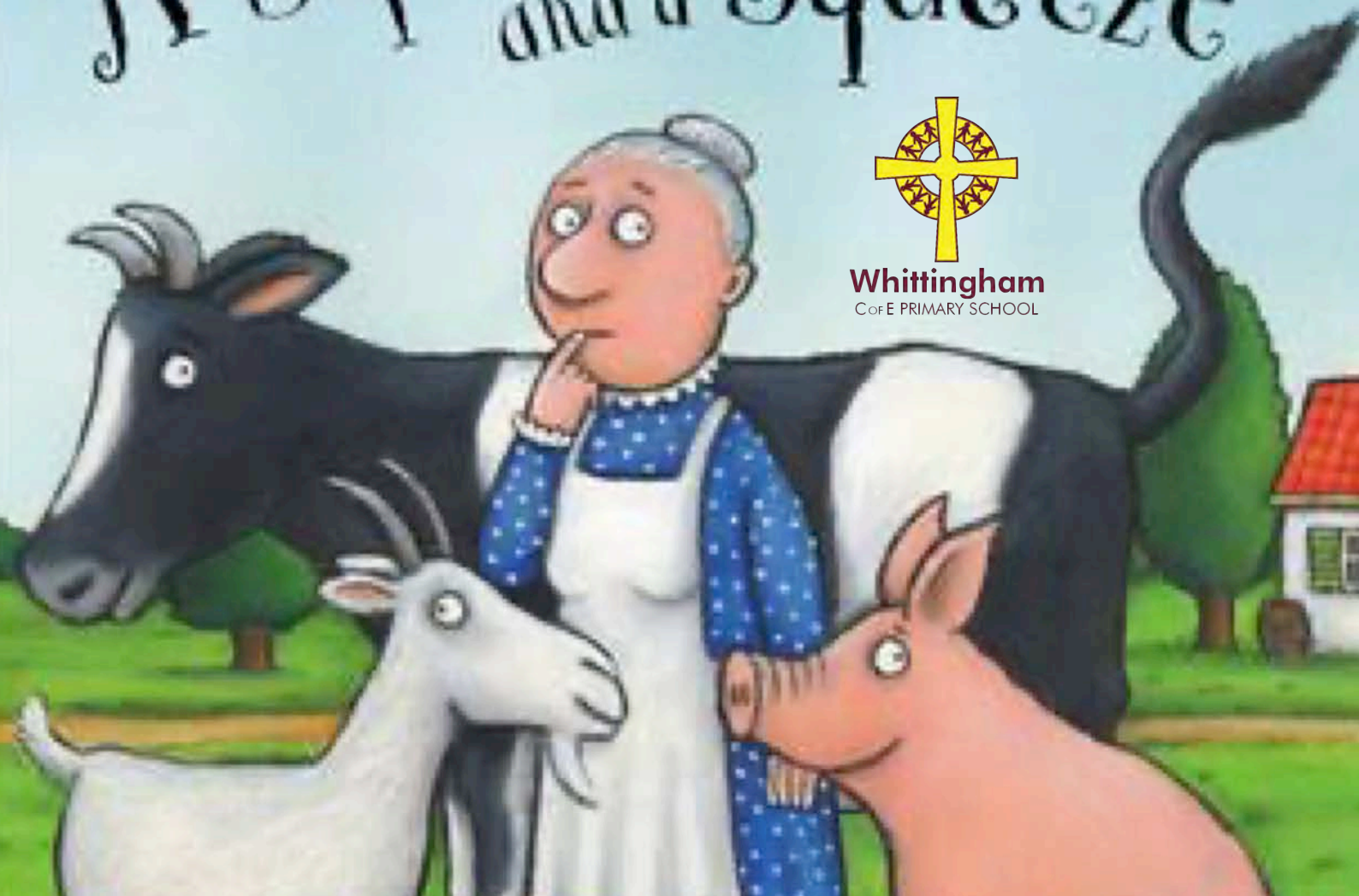
A week at Whittingham in photos:

More can be found on our school website. Events include: Football team photo, new running track and the Rota Kids 'Swap Shop'.

Julia Donaldson

Axel Scheffler

A Squash and a Squeeze



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Our toddler and nursery sessions of Adventure Babies are extremely successful and the children loved their Gruffalo adventure last month. March's session is the wonderful story, A Squash and a Squeeze. 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 be on Friday 28th April 9.30 a.m. - 10.15a.m. £2.50 per child. Please contact the office 01665574222 to book a place.

Whittingham CofE PTA invite the children to another . . .



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MOVIE NIGHT



On Friday 28th April 3.15 - 5.30p.m. the children in Reception to Year 6 classes are invited to stay in school for a Movie Night to raise money for the PTA.

There will be a choice of two different films which the children will choose from a range of films.

The cost per child will be £3.

Children may wish to bring into school a packed tea, their own comfortable cushion or blanket. In previous years the children even brought comfortable clothes/ PJ's or onesie's to change into after school!

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 21st April. If someone other than usual is picking them up please contact the office to let us know beforehand.