

Headteacher's Blog

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,
Welcome to the final Headteacher's Blog of this half term and what a busy half term it has been! Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Afternoon on Monday. The weather was fine and we were able to showcase some of our learning using the fantastic outdoor space we are lucky to have. Reminders for events can always be found on our school website calendar so please do keep up to date via here. We are on half term next week and return to school on Monday 3rd June. Our first week back is busy with trips out to the Countryside Day and Alnwick Playhouse for some of our children so please check your emails for letters and relevant permission slips.

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 and also at the end of the school day. We appreciate your comments, feedback and suggestions.

Best wishes and hopes for some dry weather so the children can get outside and have fun over the half term holiday.

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Rota Kids and Class 3 Litter Pick

Class 3 and the Rota Kids were surprised to see how much rubbish we uncovered that had been brought in by the tide at Alnmouth Beach earlier in the week. 29 of us spent a good hour picking litter but that only scratched the surface. If anyone would like to do some more litter picking at the beach in their own time and would like to borrow one of our litter 'grabbers' please let me know.



Staffing change in September for Year 3 and 4

Following an extremely successful interview I would like to inform you that Mrs Lynne Fortescue will be returning to teach Class 2 (Year 3 and 4) in September.

We are extremely happy that she has decided to apply for the post and will be a great addition to our school team. Mrs Fortescue has a proven track record of excellent teaching in Year 3 and 4 and was well liked and respected by children, staff and adults when she worked with us previously.

Mrs Fortescue will be involved in some transition activities and our transition day in July so children and families can meet her then if they haven't already.

I am unable to share news of Ms Thomsen's new post just yet but as soon as she is able to I will let you know wishing her all the best too!

PTA Refreshment Stall on Sports Day

We are very grateful for the support from our PTA, organising events and raising money for school. We have had very little offer of help for the Sports Day refreshment stall and following feedback have decided to have the stall open before and after the races and events so that more people are able to help and nobody misses out seeing their child take part. Please contact the office if you are now able to help or provide cakes and tray bakes on the day.

Our Open Afternoon ...

