



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog

who delivered an informative assembly to the children and staff on their role and what they would like to achieve this year.



Friday 15th March 2024
Multiple page issue.

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,

After another busy week which has seen many parents and carers visiting school for 'Parents' Evening. I would like to thank you all for attending, the children for the hard work that you will have seen in their books and to the teaching staff who dedicate so much time beyond the school day, not only at the meetings this week and school events but for the day to day planning of exciting lessons and experiences, marking of work etc.

We continue to be busy until the end of term; there is the Class 1 Assembly, Whole School Non Uniform Day, Football Team Tournament, Easter Bingo all happening next week. Our Babes in the Woods Forest Schools Session and Easter Service is the following week and we also break up for the Easter Holidays. 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 and most afternoons, 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.

Photo Gallery -

In the photo gallery this week we have some of the photos from the fantastic STEM lesson one of our parents delivered during British Science Week to Year 5 and 6. Thank you very much Lauren!

Nursery Parent and Carer Stay and Play.

Year 6 Active Northumberland Transition Event at DCHS.



Key Stage 2 Swimming starting after Easter Holidays for KS 2 children.

As always KS2 will resume their term of swimming lessons after Easter. In the past we have also used the Sports Hall but following the success of our swim team last year I am hoping to secure an extra teacher which will mean that we can have a clearly differentiated provision and cater for children who can swim well and who may eventually take this further either by joining Alnwick Dolphins or swimming competitively. Therefore at this point ALL KS 2 children will be swimming each Tuesday afternoon starting Tuesday 16th April until the end of Summer Term. This will be one of their PE sessions. School will cover the charges for swimming lessons but after years of not asking for a contribution towards the cost of transport there will be a nominal contribution charge on School Money. Mr Charlton will be leading this and will be in touch by letter once final details have been confirmed.

Air Ambulance Collection and Rota Kids Swap Shop.

As mentioned on the poster included in this weeks Blog the Air Ambulance Collection bags should be with you by next Friday with them due back in on Friday 19th April. The Rota Kids would like to do their Swap Shop of Children and Young Adults clothes so please could these be put to one side and sent into school on **Monday 15th April for a Swap Shop on Wednesday 17th April.**

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

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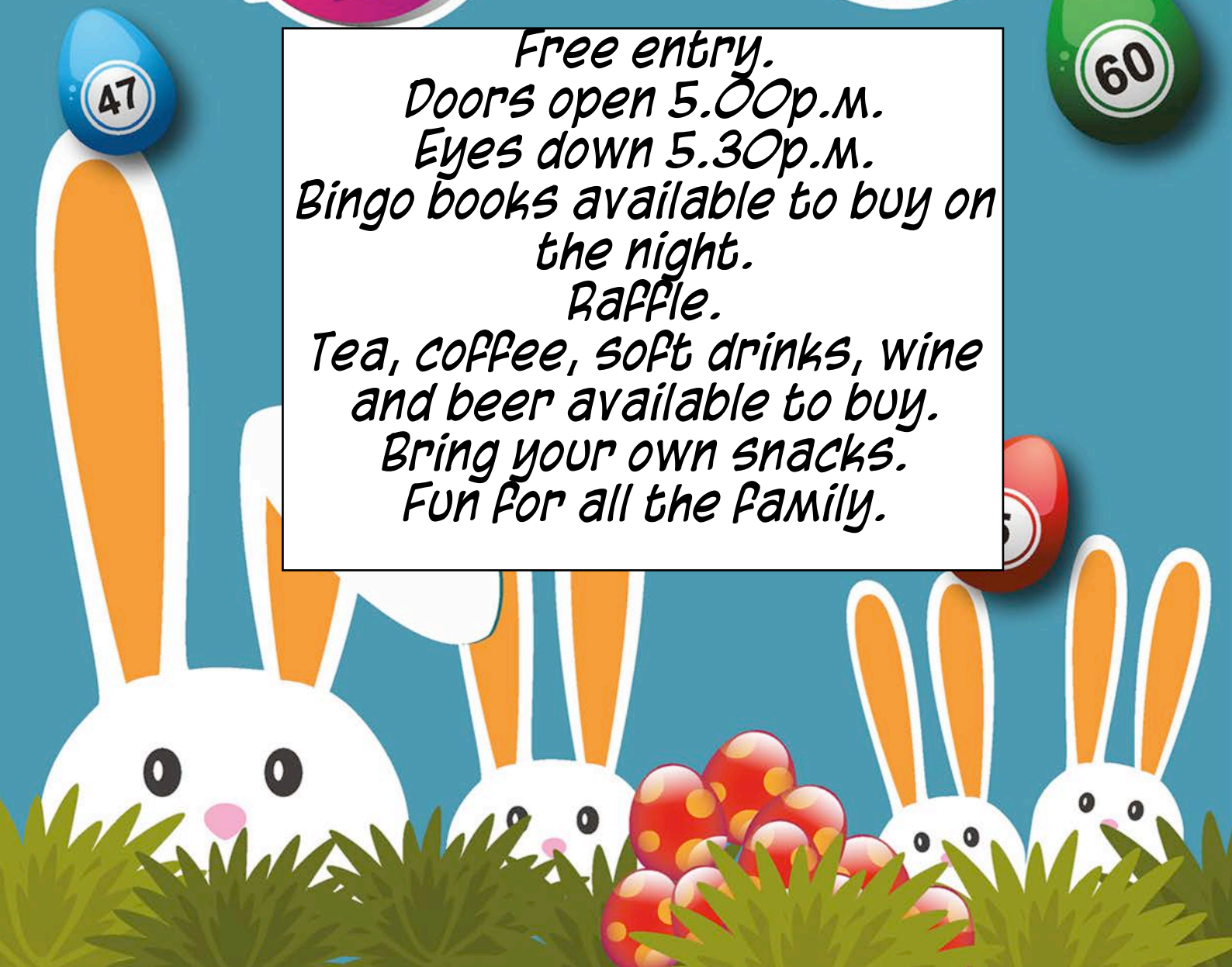
Bingo books available to buy on the night.

Raffle.

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

Bring your own snacks.

Fun for all the family.



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 .*



www.greatnorthairambulance.co.uk

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Our popular 'Babes in the Wood' Stay and Play sessions run by our qualified Forest School Leader, Mrs Manners are planned for Spring!

1.30 - 3.00 on Thursday 15th February, 21st March and 25th April.

Adults and Babes in Arms free.
£4.00 per child aged 12 months to 4 years.

Babes in the Wood



Join us in an unrivalled Forest Schools space in the beautiful grounds of Whittingham Primary School. Get to know other families from the area. Help your child appreciate the awe and wonder of nature while making friends, being creative and learning through our Forest Schools activities delivered by qualified school staff.



Numbers are limited so that we can offer a truly unique experience so please call the office on 01665574222 or email admin@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk to book a place.



From 15th April 2024 we will be able to offer a 'flexible entitlement' to our 30 hours Nursery Provision. Please ask to speak to Mrs Athey or Mrs Marsden for further details - 01665574222 or email admin@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk



FLEXIBLE ENTITLEMENT NURSERY PROVISION



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RISING 3 YEAR OLD PROVISION



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New Childcare Reforms

You may already be aware, starting from April 2024, existing childcare support will be expanded for working families. This means that: From **April 2024**, working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours childcare support. Parents can apply for their funded childcare codes through the [Childcare Choices website](#) from 2nd January 2024.

We are pleased to offer some afternoon places for **Rising 3 Year Olds** 11.45- 3.15 for working parents or a fee paying place through our Community Powers Nursery from **15th April 2024** using our school environment and specialist facilities for younger children.

For further details please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Athey or Mrs Marsden on 01665574222 or admin@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk and see our fantastic school website - <https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/>

CLOTHING SWAP



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As we head once again towards the time where we collect clothes for the Air Ambulance building on the success of last year the Rota kids have thought this would be an excellent opportunity to keep aside some children and young adults clothes and donate them to our 'Swap Shop'. We would love it if every child in school brought in clothes that either they have just grown out of (older brothers and sisters clothes are welcome too!) or have never really got wear out of these. These clothes will be displayed in our Rota Kids 'Swap Shop' so that during the day the children will have the chance to go shopping for free!

What needs to happen: Please put aside children and adult clothes that are in good condition. Send them into school in a plastic bag (we will re-use these in our shop) from **Monday 15th April**

The shop will be open to the children on **Wednesday 17th April**. All unclaimed clothes will go to our Air Ambulance Appeal so there will be no waste.

Thank you for your support,
Rota Kids Founders - Emily, Lacey, Bobbi and Octavia.



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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.





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