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Blog in letter format

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of Whittingham Primary,

Please find within this letter, a roundup of all the reminders and events in school as we approach the final week of term. Annual Reports were sent out this week and if you would like to discuss anything in the report further with your child's class teacher please contact them via Tapestry / Class Dojo or via the school office. I really enjoyed reading the reports and it was lovely to read about all the new things learnt, progress made and fun that was had during this school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children for their ability to always make us smile and how hard they work, the staff for their enthusiasm and hard work each day ensuring each child is happy and achieves their best, to their parents for supporting them at home and for supporting us at school and to the governors who support me in the running of the school and our continued strive to be the best we can be.

I hope you all find time at some point to make some wonderful memories together over the summer holiday and we look forward to seeing the children back in school and welcoming some new starters too on Wednesday 4th September.

Best wishes,
Belinda Athey – Headteacher.

Wrap Around Care - *We are delighted to offer wrap around care for 5 mornings from 8.00a.m. and 4 evenings until 5.30p.m. Please complete this google form to confirm your place <https://forms.gle/1EGKHexDaRzXyhNbA>*

Monday – Awards Ceremony invitation only – Whittingham Memorial Hall 2.30p.m.
Ford Castle Information Meeting and Class 2 meet the teacher at 3.30 in the classroom that is currently being used by Class 3.

Tuesday- Whole School treat – Inflatable fun (in school time). Mrs Chisholm and I will also be taking teams (children have been notified) to the Cross Country Competition at Ellingham.

Headteacher: Mrs Belinda Athey



Wednesday – Y6 Leavers Fest – See letter for details

Thursday -

Just a reminder that we do run fantastic Babes in the Woods Forest Schools Baby and Toddler sessions, the next one being Thursday 18th July. Please contact the office to book your place. We will be looking to set dates for the new school year very shortly and cannot wait to start using our new yurt during the colder weather.

Friday –

End Year Leavers and Celebration Assembly Friday 19th July in St Bartholomew's Church - All children in school will be involved as we look back at a very busy and productive year

Over the holidays - Times when school site will be out of bounds-

Please remember families should only be using the school grounds after 3.15pm if they have read and signed the Code of Conduct (copies available from the school office). Please note, for the safety of everyone the areas out of bounds generally and that the grounds should not be entered if there are workers on site.

Week beginning - 22nd July - internal paintwork in school so please stay off site.

Week beginning 5th August - installation of sink and storage units in the newest classroom so please stay off site.

We also have 2 weeks scheduled for the external paintwork/ cladding to be painted so please stay off site - Date to be confirmed.

There is also due for BT to be on site to remove the current telegraph pole and replace it with a newer one. Unfortunately, I am unlikely to get a date for this until the last minute.

I appreciate this is a good deal of time where school site cannot be accessed but as you will understand this is for the safety and security of all involved and we remain one of the very few schools in the whole of the North East that allow access out of school time and it is important that we do as much work as possible in the holidays ensuring the school continues to look outstanding and that the facilities for our children and staff are the very best they can be.