



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog

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

Friday 27th October 2023.
Multiple page issue.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,
A busy and long and packed half term has come to an end. Well done to the children and staff for working so hard and thank you for supporting school by listening to your child read at home, do their homework and attend events in school. We have a busy first week back with our 5 nights per week after school clubs starting (see information below), Rota Kids Swap Shop, second Babes in the Woods session, Class 1 firefighters visit and cake stall, individual photos in school, Y5/6 football team and our Air Ambulance collection! Please continue to use the calendar on the school website to keep up to date which can be found <https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>
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
Finally, thank you to those of you who returned their parent surveys by the deadline of yesterday. I will be looking through them over the half term and give feedback during our next 'Blog'.
If you happen to be off with your family over half term I hope you have a wonderful week and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 6th November.
Best wishes,
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



Well done Millie who is our remaining member of our equestrian team. As you know from the 'Blog' last week she attended the NSEA championships. Millie did amazingly well to come second place out of a huge class in the 80cm jumping in style category!
As you can imagine, the preparation, commitment and costs involved in attending these events are high so if anyone knows of any local businesses who would like to sponsor the equestrian team please contact the school office.

Just to confirm Early Birds Club 8.00-8.45 open to ALL school aged children will run Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for half a term to gauge interest starting the Monday we return after the half term holiday.
£2.00 per session (no food) and payable for the half term via school money.
Drop in is available at £5.00 per session.
We will be able to run all clubs (choir is still very limited but we are going to persevere) that were advertised so we are able to offer an unprecedented variety of clubs 5 nights per week!
Please note, drop in is only allowed on Tuesdays.
Mondays 3.15-4.15 - pottery - Years 2,3,4,5,6
Tuesdays 3.15-5.30- childcare club - all ages - confirmed until the end of this school year
-Drop in available at £10
Wednesdays 3.15- 4.15 - choir - Years 1-6
Thursdays 3.15-4.15 - books and biscuits (now full) - Years 1-6
Fridays- 3.15-4.15- Lego Club reception to year 6.
We asked for opinion regarding the costs and there was little feedback regarding this so we are going to keep the charge in line with our other clubs so each session will cost £3.50 payable for the half term on school money.
If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals then we are able to offer 2 subsidised clubs per school year so please let the office know if you are eligible so that charges are not put on the system in error.
Thank you for your positive comments and we look forward to seeing the children enjoy such a wide range of clubs.

Photo Gallery:
Just some of the donations to Alnwick Food Bank, Some of the children enjoying their magical visit to Alnwick Playhouse and Class 2 off to play rugby!





After the success of our first 'Babes in the Wood' Stay and Play sessions run by our qualified Forest School Leader, Mrs Manners we can share the dates for the rest of 2023 and early 2024 with you:

Thursday 9th November 1.30-3.00
 Thursday 7th December 1.30-3.00
 Thursday 11th January 1.30- 3.00
 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.

Let's eat CAKE!



**In aid of The
Fire Fighters
Charity**

Charity registered
in England & Wales (1093387) and Scotland (SC040096)

On Thursday 9th November Class 1 will be hosting a cake stall in school time to raise money for their Class Charity. Cakes/ traybakes will be available to buy in school on this day .

THE MORE
YOU BRING,
THE MORE
YOU RAISE!

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE



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This week the children in school will be given an Air Ambulance Bag to take home and fill hopefully over the half term holiday.

**By bringing into school
bags and bag of unwanted...**

**CLOTHING
BLANKETS
TOWELS**

We also collect

MOBILES

INK/TONER CARTRIDGES


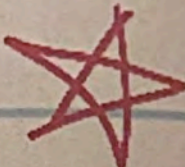


Please bring bags back to school on the morning of Friday 10th November.



www.greatnorthairambulance.co.uk




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**NON
SCHOOL**


**U N I F O R M
D A Y**



On Friday 24th November the PTA are asking that all children wear non uniform and donate a raffle or tombola prize.

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**ALL DONATIONS WILL BE USED
AT THIS YEARS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS
...FAYRE...**



Parent Teacher Association



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CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Reception to Year 6 classes are invited to stay in school for a Christmas Movie Night on **Friday 8th December (3.15 - 5.15)** to raise money for the PTA.

There will be a choice of three different Christmas Movies (one will be aimed specifically at the younger children and children who may find sitting through a movie hard and need short movement breaks etc) which the children will choose beforehand.

The cost per child will be £3. The children will already be wearing Christmas themed clothing (see separate poster for details) so do not need to bring a change of clothes but they will need to bring a packed tea / snacks and a drink.

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 1st December. (If your child attends Lego Club they will not be charged for that evening).

If someone other than usual is picking them up please contact the office to let them know earlier in the day.



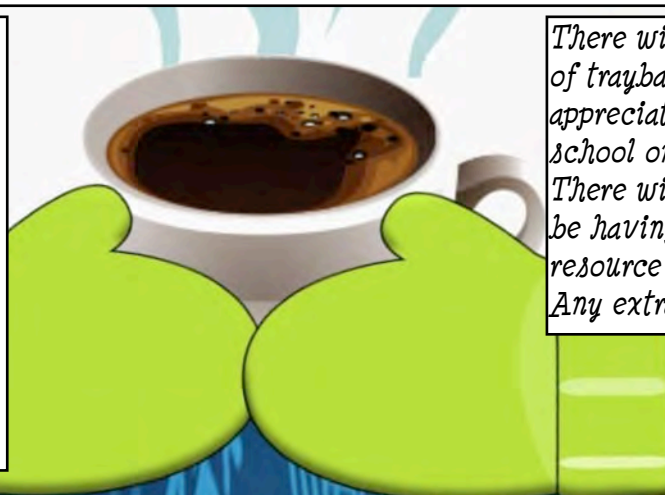
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Christmas Coffee Morning

Our wonderful PTA will be hosting a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 2nd December** 10-12p.m. We will be serving teas, coffees and refreshments and there will be stalls including cakes and the children will be selling Christmas crafts they have made. You will be able to have a look around our school grounds and classrooms as we welcome the community to look around our very special school

If you have a small business and would like to book a stall (for the price of a raffle prize donation only) please contact:

belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk



There will be a cake stall so offers of traybake and cakes would be appreciated and can be brought into school on the morning or day before. There will be a tombola and we will be having a non uniform day to resource prizes. (See separate letter) Any extra donations are welcome.

We will be having a book stall so donations of books are very welcome and should be sent to the office any time from now. Donations of raffle prizes are very welcome.



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On **Friday 8th December** the children will be asked to come into school in non uniform / Christmas clothing **and donate £1** to raise money for the PTA.



ELECTRIC SCOOTER (E-SCOOTERS)

This information sheet provides guidance on the current laws for e-scooters in the UK

WHAT ARE E-SCOOTERS?

- E-Scooters are classed a “Powered transporters”. This term covers a variety of personal transport devices which are powered by a Motor
- You can legally buy an e-scooter but cannot ride it on a public road, cycle lane or pavement.

ONLY PRIVATE LAND

DID YOU KNOW?

- E-Scooters are illegal for use in any public space unless rented as part of a government trial
- Riding an e-scooter on the road is against the law as per the Road Traffic Act of 1988 and the Highway Act of 1835
- E-scooters are prohibited from being used on cycle tracks, cycle lanes or other spaces dedicated to pedal cycle use.
- Privately owned e-scooter can only be ridden on private land

THEY ARE NOT TOYS!



**NORTHUMBRIA
POLICE**

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT POLICE TO DO IF THEY STOP ANYONE RIDING AN E-SCOOTER ON A PUBLIC ROAD?

- Section 59 of the Police Reform Act allows police to issue you with a warning if a vehicle is being used in a manner which may cause alarm, harassment, distress or annoyance
- The police may ask you to take your **e-scooter** home or they may seize it from you because they are classed as illegal vehicles on public roads
- You could be reported to court for driving without any insurance or having an appropriate licence to ride them or other traffic offences

CAN I BE PROSECUTED FOR USING A POWERED TRANSPORTER?

- Any person who use a powered transporter on a public road or other prohibited space is in breach of the law, committing a criminal offence and can be prosecuted
- If you use an **e-scooter** illegally, you could face a fine and penalty points on your licence and the e-scooter can be seized
- Those who use powered transporters dangerously or under the influence of drink or drugs can also be convicted of offences leading to imprisonment
- Offences relating to the standard of driving and speeding also apply

ARE E-SCOOTERS SAFE TO RIDE ON PUBLIC ROADS?

- **E-scooters** can be very dangerous and are not designed for use on public roads
- They have no suspension meaning even a minor defect in the road could cause the rider to fall off the scooter
- **E-scooter** consist of a thin piece of metal between two small tyres with the user being inches from the road surface. This can result in a significant risk of traumatic injury on the road
- **E-scooters** are not designed to carry more than one person
- **E-scooters** are small, quiet and quick, meaning they present safety challenges when being ridden on busy public roads
- **E-scooters** can be dangerous when used in parks or on public footpaths as they can cause significant risk of injury to pedestrians

E-SCOOTER TRIALS

The government began trials of **e-scooters** in the UK from July 2020. Trials are for approved rental e-scooters only. Maximum speeds are set at **15.5mph** and those taking part in the trials will have to have a driving licence and insurance to be able to legally ride rental **e-scooters**.

