



Whittingham
Gate 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 17th November 2023
Multiple page issue.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,

Welcome to the Headteacher's Blog this week. There were a range of activities going on in school this week so I have chosen some photos of my favourites; the children in Early Years remembering those who fought in wars, Early Years making their Christmas wishes as Mrs Arkle stirs her delicious Christmas cake and the children thinking about being similar yet different whilst wearing odd socks on Odd Socks day which started our Anti Bullying Week activities, loading the Air Ambulance Bag and the start of our EYFS outdoor area improvements. We are also very proud of the fantastic curriculum we offer and for another year running we have been awarded the Music Mark Award.

Our new after school clubs have proved very popular and there are some spaces available for Early Bird Club. Please contact the office if you would like your child to have a place booked.

The children are beginning to practice for their Christmas Performances (see posters to follow) and we hope you can join us.

We have non uniform this week on Friday 24th (see poster attached for details) and the calendar on the school website to can be used to keep up to date and 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

Best wishes,
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

This school is proud to be a
MUSIC MARK SCHOOL

In recognition of a commitment to
providing a high-quality music education
for all children and young people


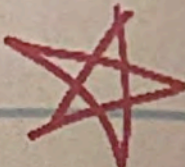


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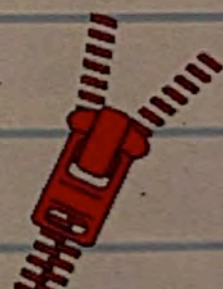


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NON SCHOOL


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.



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





EARLY YEARS & CLASS 1
PRESENTS

Humph the Camel

Thursday 14th December 2023

Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Early Years and Class 1 (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2)
would like to invite you to our performance of
Humph the Camel.**

Thursday 14th December

**Dress Rehearsal Doors Open 10 a.m. in the Village Hall
recommended for babies and toddlers.**

**Performance Doors Open 2pm in the Village Hall
Everyone Welcome.**

**There will be no charge for tickets, donations welcome.
Raffle tickets will be on sale and drawn after the second
performance.**



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

KS2 of Whittingham C of E Primary invites you to our production of ...



This magical show promises to lead you on a classic tale of fantasy and adventure, performed by our very own dedicated and talented KS2 children.

When: All performances will be on **Tuesday 12th December**

-If you have a baby/ toddler and would like to bring them then please attend the dress rehearsal **10am**.

- Afternoon performance at **1:30pm**

-**Children are to return to school at 5pm for a 5:30pm start** for the evening performance.

Where: Whittingham Memorial Hall.

We will not be selling tickets or reserving seats so please arrive in good time to avoid disappointment, as we are limited to numbers due to fire regulations.

There will be a donations plate so you can 'Pay What You Can' to help us cover the costs of putting on a performance and hiring the hall.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Christingle



Christingle Service in Church 21st December at 1.30p.m.

We are really pleased to have regular involvement with the Church since Reverend Rich has been in post and following my meeting with him today we have decided to run our Christingle Service in a different way this year.

Reverend Rich will lead the Christingle Service on Thursday 21st December in Church at 1.30p.m.

Families will be invited to join their children to make the Christingles together in Church during the service interspersed with the children singing some lovely Christingle songs.

I will be sending out a letter very shortly with full details and also for families to sign up to this special service but wanted to make sure everyone was aware beforehand so they can sort out work commitments etc.

Looking forwards to a very special service to bring us all together at the end of a busy term.

**Best wishes
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.**

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.



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.



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.