

# Headteacher's Blog

Friday 21st October  
2022.



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Thank you to everyone who attended 'Parents Evening' this week and for the lovely comments in our questionnaires. Positive feedback is really appreciated and we also welcome any suggestions for improvements we can make.

Please could any questionnaires that were taken home to complete be returned so that as a staff we can work on your suggestions promptly.

Wishing the children a well earned break over half term, they have worked tremendously hard.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



## Parent / Carer Workshop

Following feedback that face to face parent workshops would be appreciated the first one will be on E Safety and Keeping Children Safe online at home delivered by our Community Safety Officer, Judith Davis. There will also be an opportunity to discuss our school approach to preventing bullying and how this leads into our PHSE curriculum afterwards

**This will be on Wednesday 9th November at 3.30p.m.**

## Rota Kids - Keeping busy!

Thank you to DCHS for the 'loan' of past pupils who have also been involved with Alnwick Rotary Club and to Ms Bush who accompanied them to help our Rota Kids planting bulbs as part of our improving the environment project.



## Stars of the Week and Effort Cup

Well done to Octavia, Archie S, River and Phoebe D. Effort cup, Eliza H.

## Communication

When school was only open to staff and key worker children we relied heavily on Class Dojo and Tapestry as ways in which to communicate with one another. Now that families are able to pick up their children at the end of each day please use this time to ask your teacher questions or just have a chat! If you do need to communicate electronically please remember that staff working hours are Monday to Friday 8.30 - 4.00. While staff do much longer hours than this we would love it if you tried not to message outside these times. Also, as all staff are teaching full time they will be unable to respond to messages while the children are in school as they will be teaching and may have meetings after school which mean a response may be delayed. Coming to the classroom door at the end of the day is a great way of getting to know your class teacher and having any questions answered promptly. If you do wish to make a complaint please see the complaints policy which is on the school website which helps you with the protocol to follow so that any complaint is dealt with effectively.

## Harvest

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first face to face Harvest Festival in a long while! Once again, thank you for the lovely comments regarding how our children spoke out clearly and sang well. We have lots more events planned for over the second half term which we look forward to welcoming you to.

As usual, you can keep up to date well in advance of events if you look at our calendar of events for across the term, which can be found on the school website at <https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>.

## Wrap Around Care -

Thank you for all the responses regarding wrap around care after school 4 days per week. We are pleased to welcome new children attending from after half term which has enabled us to offer this until Christmas at least. It was also lovely for Mrs Morris to receive some well earned positive feedback regarding how the children are really enjoying their clubs.

## All the best Mrs Weatherburn

Today marks the end of an era for us at school as Mrs Weatherburn will be leaving us. We thank her so much for all her hard work and commitment to school and all the best for the future. Mrs Weatherburn would like to say a great big thank you for all her presents and lovely messages.