

# Headteacher's Blog

Photos this week - EY trip to Alnwick Library and Aln Valley Railway. More can be found on our school website.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,

Welcome to our 'Blog' for the week which has been a slightly different one for me as I have been attending meetings, accessing training and supporting children on trips out of school. I look forward to having a relatively 'normal' week in school next week. Thank you to Mr Charlton and the whole staff team who have kept things running smoothly in my absence.

We continue with trips out and events in school so please do keep a check on our website calendar https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website. Looking ahead over the next few weeks to events where you are invited to school we have our Awards Ceremony, ( your class child's teacher will be in touch as necessary) Sports Day, Y6 Leavers and End of Year Whole School Celebration, Y6 Leavers treat and transition day.

As always, we strive to make our school the best it possible can be for the families and their children who attend. Mr Charlton or I are on hand to listen to any feedback positive or otherwise when we are out on Gate Duty or around school on a face to face basis, via the telephone - 01665 574222 or via email belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk or

neil.charlton@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

## Baby and Toddler Group

As you may remember from the HT Blog last week I asked if there was any interest in restarting a Baby and Toddler group at our school as in the past we had a successful group which was valued by its users. At the moment I have had no feedback which may mean that this is not something that is currently required.

However, in case this was missed I have created an easy google form to note any expressions of interest. Please feel free to share the link with any friends that may have younger children but as yet have not formed links with our school.

To access the form please copy the link below.

https://forms.gle/fx2eguzdnr77K2s66

### Times Tables Rockstars

We are pleased to see really positive engagement from our pupils in Year 1-6 for Times Tables Rockstars. Each week Mr Charlton analyses the data for each year group and the children who achieve well each week are acknowledged during Friday's Celebration Assembly. As we come to the end of the year Mr Charlton has also looked at who has shown the most improvement in their x tables fluency from the start of the year until now and these people are: Year 1 Luke, Year 2 - Penny, Saffi and Antonia, Year 3 - Jenny and Ted, Year 5 - Teddi and Dorothy and in Year 6 Freddie and Theo. Well done to you all!

# PTA Refreshment Stall on Sports Day a few spaces left

We currently have no offers of help for the refreshment stall for the KS 2 stall.

Please contact Mrs Thomsen, Mr Charlton or Mrs Kennedy if you are able to help out.

### Whittingham Euro's

Following on from the email sent out last week a reminder -

The Euros are fast approaching and historically we have always celebrated big sporting events.

With this in mind and England playing on 25th June we will ask all children to either come dressed in the colours of the England flag or a football strip of their choice.

Mr Charlton will also be organising an intra football tournament between the KS 2 (Years 3-6) classes after swimming on that day.