



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 29th September 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,

Welcome to the 'Blog' for this week. Autumn is now upon us and the children are busy practising their songs for our Harvest Festival on Thursday 26th October (see poster for details) which is our last day before the half term holiday as we have a training day on Friday so school will be closed to pupils.

Class 3 have their class assembly the week before on Friday 20th October.

We hope you can join us beforehand for a Parenting Workshop / Support session about managing behaviour. Full details to follow. It will take place on Friday 20th October 10.00 - 2.00 with a light lunch included. All attendees will be put in a 'prize draw' for a free half term of After School Club Tuesday night provision for their child!

Today is the last day for your child to book their place on Movie Night on Friday 6th October 2023 and we are hoping to have a disco soon too! Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Monday 9th October at 3.30 p.m.

Workmen will be on school site for the first half of the half term holidays as we get a new swipe system on our doors so the school grounds will be closed to enable workers to do this and ensure everyone is safe.

As always, the dates for events in school can be found on our school calendar and I am 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) -

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Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Thank you to everyone who came to our wonderful Babes in the Wood Forest School Session and to Mrs Manners for planning a lovely time! Winter dates are now set so book soon to avoid disappointment! (Poster attached).

Whittingham CofE PTA invite the children to another ...

MOVIE NIGHT



## Use of School Grounds

As you will know if you have had children in school last year we change our code of conduct to reflect daylight hours in Spring/ Summer (8.30-8.30) and Autumn/ Winter (8.30 -4.00).

Our Autumn/ Winter Code of Conduct is attached and also please note, following manufacturers guidelines we have had to put minimum age restrictions on the outdoor gym equipment is for KS2 children upwards and the newest climbing frame is for KS1 upwards unless it is being used by school staff in a specific activity or lesson.

We welcome children whose families have signed the Code of Conduct using the equipment but after school toilets and other indoor facilities are not available as these need to be cleaned thoroughly for the children the next day.

If there are work vans or workers on site at weekends or holidays then the school site needs to remain out of bounds for the safety of everyone concerned.

On Friday 6th October 3.15 - 5.15p.m. the children in Reception to Year 6 classes are invited to stay in school for a Movie Night to raise money for the PTA.

There will be a choice of two different films which the children will choose from a range of films.

The cost per child will be £3.

Children will need to bring into school a packed tea, and may wish to bring in their own comfortable cushion or blanket. In previous years the children even brought comfortable clothes/ PJ's or onesie's to change into after school!

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 29th September. If someone other than usual is picking them up please contact the office to let us know beforehand.