



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,
Welcome back to school as we start the Summer Term. Thank you to everyone who donated to our Swap Shop and Air Ambulance Collection and to everyone who took the time out to help with the collection. We were very short of help this time so an extra special thanks goes to those who went around more than one collection point it is really appreciated.

Reminders for events can always be found on our school website calendar . However, events for next week are Monday 22nd May, PTA meeting at 3.30, Tuesday 23rd Reception Vision Screening and also at 3.30 Annual Reports to Parents - Have Your Say consultation meeting. Thursday 25th April, Babes in the Woods Forest School Baby and Toddler session and also on Thursday please ensure your child is looking smart and is in full school uniform for our Class Photographs.

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)

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Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Wrap Around Care

It was disappointing to have such a low response to our childcare and club offer for this half term. We are currently running Breakfast Club for only 1 or 2 children and our Tuesday Club just covers its costs so please do 'use it or lose it' We have committed to running these clubs until the end of term but interest for September is currently VERY low so at this point it will not run on the current uptake or costs will need to increase.

Next week there will be a final letter going out to ask again about interest going forwards and also for next half terms uptake for Gardening Club and Lego Club please ensure you reply before the deadline set.

A Week in Pictures...

Our Child led Worship sessions resumed this week with our first group giving and excellent presentation and interactive worship on the theme of resilience. Our Rota Kids organised and ran another successful Swap Shop and thank you to Nicola. Luke's Mum who brought in pet lambs to meet Early Years and Class 1 children



PTA

We are lucky to have a PTA who help raise money to support us in providing additional items for the children. One of the most recent donations is that everyone in Year 6 has a Leavers Hoodie provided at no charge. Orders have been sent off and colours chosen so we hope to get delivery of these soon.

At the moment the number of people attending meetings and helping at events is very low so we would appreciate some new help.

Our next meeting is on Monday 22nd May at 3.30 p.m. in Class 3. It would be fantastic to see lots of you there!

Stay In May and June

As you will see if your child is in Year 1,2,4 or 6 there are formal tests and assessments coming up. (If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact our assessment lead, Mr Charlton).

However, there will also be end of term testing in June and July for all other year groups so we would appreciate it if absences could be kept to an absolute minimum and of course holidays will continue to be unauthorised.