



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 26th January 2024
Multiple page issue.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,
Welcome to the last 'Blog' of a very wet and windy January where the children have continued to access some really effective learning whilst also taking part in events and welcoming visitors to school. As always, an easy way to keep up to date with what is going on in school is by using the school website class pages, whole school photo gallery and school calendar - <https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>
Please don't forget to 'Save the Date' for our afternoon sharing session on Monday 12th February, details to follow.
Thank you to everyone who has got in touch regarding cleaning companies for us to research following our inability to recruit a commercial cleaner through advertising or through NCC's bank of temporary cleaners.. Unfortunately school staff have been having to help out in the short term until we can find a suitable alternative meaning that some interventions have had to be temporarily postponed but we are positively hopeful that this will now be a very short term solution and that school staff will be able to carry out all their original roles very shortly
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 -belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk
Best wishes,
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Year 5 and 6 make County Finals!
A great day of passion, belief, honesty, determination and respect today with Year 5 and then Year 6 Northumberland School Games multiskills finals. Although we did not make the final 3 it was a fantastic achievement getting to county finals considering what a small school we are. Thank you to the sports leaders for helping and for everyone who has taken part.



Visitors to Early Years and Class 1 -
Thanks to Lyndall and Jen from Market Place dental surgery in Alnwick who came into school to talk to the children about dental hygiene. The children listened well and learnt a lot.



Early Bird and After School Childcare and Enrichment Clubs.
We will remain committed to providing a Tuesday childcare club until 5.30 each week until the end of Summer Term, we will also commit until at least Easter to our Early Bird Club as this may grow in popularity with working parents. While we hope to continue to provide a wide range of curriculum enrichment clubs we are doing this based on staff volunteering to run these clubs and this half term there have been some very low numbers despite providing a range of clubs. I will be confirming the club options and ages for next half term in the 'Blog' next week so that everyone can be clear and well prepared for the half term ahead.

Correct School Uniform and Kit -
Thank you for supporting us in our school rules by ensuring your child is dressed in the correct school uniform and brings a water bottle to school each day.

Parking and School Pick Up / Drop off
Just a reminder in order for us to ensure our children are safe coming to and leaving school please do not park on the Village Hall park and when leaving school please make sure younger children in particular are close to you at all times.

SEND CONNECT

A social group for children and young people
with additional needs and disabilities

ATAC Community Hall
Widdrington
NE61 5QL

1st Wednesday of Every Month
from

5pm - 6:30pm

Open to ages 5+

FREE!

**NO
BOOKING
REQUIRED**



Arts and craft activities



Gaming & pool table



Support for siblings



Social catch up for parents



Get in Touch: 01670 624500



Northumberland
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Be you

Wave 9 Launch Event for
Families of all Alnwick
Schools.

Be You is Northumberland's Mental
Health Support Team working with
children and young people aged 5-18

**COME ALONG AND FIND OUT HOW WE CAN WORK
WITH YOUR SCHOOL TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD.**

MEET OTHER SUPPORT TEAMS WORKING IN YOUR AREA

06.02.24 3:35-4:35

The Duchess's Community High School
Taylor Drive
Alnwick
Northumberland
NE66 2DH

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