

Headteacher's Blog

'Hand in hand together we will become resilient, respectful and responsible citizens of our community and the wider world.'

Friday 30th June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to this weeks Headteacher's Blog which comes at the end of another busy week where our Year 6 reporters featured on CBBC Newsround and I can't quite believe we are 3 weeks away from the end of term! Events in school next week include a Year 5/6 friendly football match against Swarland Primary at home, Year 6 transition visit to DCHS, Year 4 and 5 STEMFEST trip as well as Assessment Week so please try to ensure your child is in school unless they are extremely unwell as these assessments will help advise staffing, groupings and interventions from September. More events can be <https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

I would like to thank teaching staff who continue to enable us to run school as usual and yet again we have no lost learning as school will run as usual on 5th and 7th July.

I am sure all Y3 and 4 parents will join me in giving special thanks go to Mrs Thomsen for leading the residential trip to Ford Castle and for Mr Charlton for supporting. Despite internet being patchy Mrs Thomsen became very inventive finding spots around the grounds so that she could upload photos each day and keep families informed of goings on as residential trips can be a daunting time for all concerned! If you have not managed to follow their progress on Class 2's page (scroll down to the bottom) https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/class_two_year_3_and_4_class_page_2022-3/620309

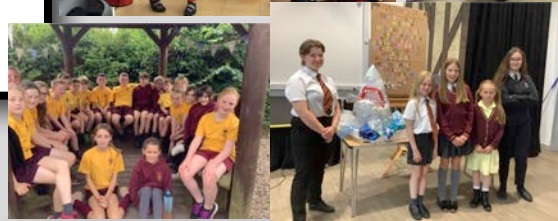
As always, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Charlton on Gate Duty if you have any suggestions as to how we can improve, concerns, queries or comments. Staff are also happy to talk to you at the end of each day during collection time.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

This week in pictures:

The Tiger Who Came To Tea picnic in Early Years, KS 2 Quad Kids Finalists, Rota Kids past and present pupils presenting to the Rotary Club and an audience at DCHS and Class 1 head off to Northumberland Zoo on their class trip and Class 2 on their residential.



School Games Gold Award.

I am really proud to announce that our PE provision has been through its annual process and we have gained gold standard for the second year running. If we get gold once again next year then we can be considered for platinum standard which is highly achievable for us.

I would like to thank PTA past and present who are always so supportive when I ask for additional fund raising for sporting equipment and improving the physical environment for our pupils, the staff who deliver wonderful lessons and the children for their fantastic participation.



Whittingham's Got Talent.

Despite a reminder going out on Monday after the deadline for entries of Whittingham's Got Talent we still have too few entries to cover the costs of hiring the village hall or to raise funds for the PTA.

We have therefore decided to cancel the evening.

To avoid disappointment for the children who have entered by the extended deadline I have said that these children can perform more informally in school time on Friday 14th July in front of staff and friends.

Any purchased tickets will be reimbursed. Just a reminder for performers they need to provide all their resources themselves and that they need to practice so that they are confident to perform in front of the whole school.



Whittingham C of E Primary School are pleased to invite you to their Leavers and End of Year Celebration.

This year it will be slightly different, all the classes will share their 'best bits' and memories of the school year with a particular and special goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 Leavers.

The celebration will take place in St Bartholomew's Church from 1.30p.m. on Friday 21st July 2023.