



**Whittingham**  
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## January's newsletter

Welcome to this month's newsletter - a round-up of all the wonderful achievements, events and developments across our school recently.



### Well done Whittingham and the Year 6s of 2024!

Each year, the results of the KS2 SATs are published to show the outcomes for the pupils of that year for each school. These were recently verified and released and we are delighted to say that, when ranked against all 161 schools in the whole of Northumberland, we are in joint 11<sup>th</sup> for our combined results of Reading, Writing and Maths! We are very proud of our pupils and the work and effort that goes into everything that we do to give them the greatest outcomes possible. Well done everyone!

### Our Christmas Service

On the last day of Autumn term, we all attended The Church of St Bartholomew in Whittingham for our Christmas Service. The service had a crib service as well as songs from the children and an interactive story from both Rev. Townend and Angela from the church too. We hope you enjoyed this as much as we did – we've had some lovely feedback yet again. Our thanks to Rev Townend for all his effort and work with the school as he led this service yet again. We look forward to our next service for Christingle/ Candlemas on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.



## READING

### Barter books reading treat

Here at Whittingham, we truly believe that reading is one of the most vital keys to all learning. We also simply enjoy reading and the wonderful places that your mind and inspiration can be taken through books. As such, we love to celebrate great reading too and so Mrs Athey once again took a bus-full of children to Barter Books for a special treat just before Christmas. This included time in the library and also hot chocolate in the café. Santa even drove the hired mini-bus!

The children that went on this special treat were either selected for their great improvements in reading by their Teacher or were drawn out of the box from their raffle tickets which are gained for when they complete Accelerated Reader quizzes.

### Further awards for reading

To look to drive reading engagement even further, school staff will be looking to award even more raffle tickets to each child whenever they can, thus increasing their chance of potentially getting to go on the next Barter Books trip as well as develop their love of reading even further. Staff will be awarding further raffle tickets for:

- doing well in any type of reading session (i.e. effort or engagement),
- getting 100% on an Accelerated Reader quiz when they finish a book,
- having their book signed each week by a parent/ caregiver.

### How can parents/ caregivers help?

Please listen to your child read at home regularly as this not only links their learning to home for yourselves and your child(ren), but also supports them to consolidate and develop their learning and confidence in reading further. If you could please remember to sign your child's reading record at least once per week so that there is a record of what they've read at home too that would be great.

From all the staff at Whittingham C of E Primary School, thank you for your continued support.

Mr Charlton – Deputy Headteacher

