



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 10th March 2023
Multiple page issue.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to another Friday and another week of learning and fun. As I type this I am looking out of the window surprised to see how quickly the snow is melting which is a sure sign that Spring is on its way. I have been pleased to see that the snow has provided great fun at break times, yet little disruption to the school day.

It has been Careers Week this week. Thank you to parents who have contacted school and have either spoken to the children about their career or have booked this in at a later date. We really appreciate that the children are being given the option, even at a young age to think about different careers to what they may have in mind so far.

British Science Week has just started and there will be science and technology based events for the children in school so please look out for photos on our social media pages and school website.

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.

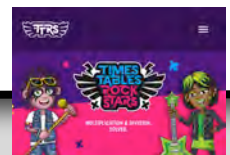
As part of this, one recent piece of feedback was that there were too many different ways in which we communicate with families. It would be really helpful if you could let school know your preferred method of communication so that we can look to see if there is a preferred option which we can channel communication through and I can make changes accordingly.

As you will see from our previous 'blog's' and website calendar. <https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/calendar/213885> On Wednesday 15th March there will be a short anti bullying workshop at 3.30p.m. as this was asked for during our parent questionnaire. Child care is available for school aged children. Please let the office know if you are attending and/ or need childcare. For anyone unable to attend there will be copies of the presentation saved onto the school website and emailed out.

On Tuesday 21st March at 3.30p.m. there will be a parent and carer / staff homework consultation workshop. There will be the opportunity at this meeting for us all to look at our current provision and how it can be improved as well as supporting parents and carers to help their children with homework at home so please do join us.

Best wishes,
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

A week at Whittingham in photos:
More can be found on our school website. Events include Opera North, One Tenth Human, Newcastle Thunder Rugby coaching.



Times Tables Rock Stars - Years 1-6
Mr Charlton has launched a weekly class competition this morning. Winners will be announced each week.





Join our Volunteer Litter Picking Event



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Want to make a difference to your local environment for the benefit of people and planet?

Join our volunteer litter

On Thursday 16th March from 1pm Early Years Class and the Rota Kids are hoping to do a litter pick around Whittingham village. The council have kindly loaned us some litter grabbers as well as providing bags and gloves, so we are all set. But we would love some helpers.

Please contact Mrs Marsden via the school office on 01665574222 for further details and to put your name down to help.



PECT
CREATING SUSTAINABLE PLACES

For further community resources see www.pect.org.uk/resources/litter-picking/



Easter



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On Friday 24th
March we will be
having a non
uniform day at
school.



Suggested donation:

Please bring into school on Friday 24th March a raffle prize or Easter Egg which can be used as a prize for our Easter Bingo.

Whittingham C of E PTA are pleased to invite you to an Easter Bingo on Friday 24th March in Whittingham Memorial Hall.

Free entry.

Doors open 5.00p.m.

Eyes down 5.30p.m.



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EASTER

BINGO!

Free entry.

Doors open 5.00p.m.

Eyes down 5.30p.m.

Bingo books available to buy on the night.

Raffle.

Tea, coffee, soft drinks, wine and beer available to buy.

Bring your own snacks.

Fun for all the family.



The Tiger Who Came to Tea

JUDITH KERR
100
YEARS



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Our toddler and nursery sessions of Adventure Babies are extremely successful and the children loved their Whatever Next adventure last month.

March's session is the wonderful story, The Tiger Who Came to Tea.

There are a limited number of places left for the toddler part (18 months to 3 years) of our session.

This month the session will return to Fridays and will be on Friday 24th March 9.30 a.m.- 10.15 a.m. £2.50 per child. Please contact the office 01665574222 to book a place.