

Whitwell Primary School

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Tuesday 27th February

Dear Parents/Carers,

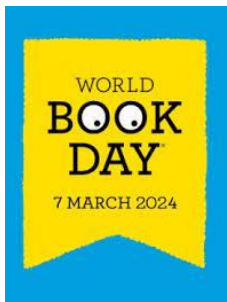
Welcome back to Spring Term 2.

This is a very short term this year and we have lots going on in school.

The weather remains grey and cold; please make sure your child comes to school in a coat, and has a hat, gloves and named wellies so they are warm and dry. We are using the field on a rota currently, as it is muddy, but we are very aware that many of the children love the space to run around in and to play football. If we do get any further snow or bad weather we will be in touch with you all through 'Teachers2Parents' to inform you of any important information. We will always try to keep school fully open as long as it is safe to do so.



World Book Day – Thursday 7th March



This is an annual national event that children take part in across the country. The focus is to promote a love of reading, which you know we are passionate about at Whitwell Primary School.

Our focus this year is 'Space' as it is also within British Science Week. Many children in school are fascinated with 'Out of this World' so we wanted to give them chance to dress up and share stories of all related matters.

There is no charge for this event.



The children will come home with a £1 voucher towards the special World Book Day book or as money off another book of their choice. These need to be used by 31st March 2024.

These can be spent in: Asda, Sainsburys, Tesco, The Works, Waterstones, WHSmith or a local independent bookseller

Mobile Phones

You may have seen in the news that the Department for Education are advising schools to prohibit the use of mobile phones due to safeguarding risks.

Most of the children in school do not bring a mobile phone. However, recently we have had more occasions where older children have phones in school, often without parental knowledge. Please can you ensure your child **does not bring** a device into school. On the rare occasions where they may need a phone these must be handed in, switched off, to the class teacher at the start of the day. They must not be turned back on again until the child is off-site. If a child is seen with a phone out during the day that hasn't been handed in the staff will contact you, as parents to collect this from us.



Having spoken to parents often about the inappropriate and worrying use of phones I'm sure that the majority of you do not wish your child's image to be shared on social media without your knowledge. Our children should not be on any such platforms as they are all under the recommended age. However, we know that many are. Please use parental filters to control and block inappropriate use of the technology. Thank you in advance as we expect to see a lot less in school.

Parent Consultations

These are a fantastic opportunity for you to come and find out how your child(ren) are doing in school.

Each class has a day available for you to make an appointment at a convenient time to come into school and meet the class teacher. We really do love it when you come to talk about the children! If you cannot attend on the date that is given, please contact the teacher and arrange a mutually acceptable time. Staff will be accommodating as much as possible. Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 parents will be invited to sign up with class teachers directly and from Y3 upwards please make appointments at the office.

Monday 18 th March	Mrs Anderson (Amber) Mrs Plaister/Watts (Sapphire)
Tuesday 19 th March	Miss Morris (Topaz) Miss Sleight (Diamond) Miss White (Ruby)
Wednesday 20 th March	Miss Brown (Moonstone) Mr Moore (Amethyst)
Thursday 21 st March	Miss Webster (Emerald) Morning only - Mrs Williams (Nursery)
Friday 22 nd March	Morning only – Mrs Draycott (Nursery)

WOW Assemblies

Our school is very full! Those of you who have been into school recently will know that when the whole school is in the hall it is a squeeze – particularly for WOW assemblies. Please can we ask that no more than 2 members of the family attend per child. There is room for 2 rows of adult chairs at the back of the hall, which is enough for each WOW child to have 2 visitors to see them. WOW assemblies are something to celebrate, but it needs to remain safe and manageable.

Red Nose Day

This event is on Friday 15th March. The children are encouraged to wear red clothing and something silly. Please bring a £1 to hand in to their class teacher at the start of the day, if you're happy to donate.

Staffing

Congratulations to Mr Stirling (Deputy Head) and Mr Somerset (Site Manager) who are both now dads to two gorgeous boys who arrived in the same week at the end of January.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns, you can speak to the office staff, chat to class teachers or myself outside or make an appointment to see me directly.

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Tomlinson, Headteacher

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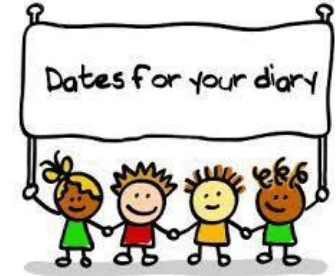
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Dates Updated for 2024

Mon 26th Feb	Back to School
Weds 28th Feb	Cross Country Competition – invited children
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day
Fri 8th – Fri 15th Mar	Science Week
Friday 15th Mar	Red Nose Day
Mon 18th Mar - Fri 22nd	Parent Consultations
Mon 25th Mar	Charity Bag Donation Day – Rags to Riches Project
Thurs 28th Mar	Y3/4 Extravaganza for parents – letter to follow End of Spring Term for Easter Holidays
Mon 15th Apr	Back to School
Tues 23rd Apr	Swimming restarts
Mon 29th Apr	FS2 Balance Bikes
Tues 30th Apr	Y1 Balance Bikes
Week starting 13th May	Y6 SATS Y2 Assessments start
Tues 14th May	Y2 and Y6 Fire Safety talk
Thurs 23rd May	Nursery Visit to Tiny Town – letter to follow Last day of term for children
Fri 24th May	INSET
Mon 3rd June	Back to School
Mon 3rd – Fri 7th	Y6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
Week starting 3rd Jun	Y4 Multiplication Check
Week starting 10th Jun	Y1 Phonics Screening Check
Tues 11th June	Class photographs
Wed 26th June	Sports Day



Thurs 27 th June	Sports Day (Reserve)
Tues 2 nd July	Nursery Sports Day
Wed 3 rd July	Nursery Sports Day (Reserve)
Mon 8 th July	Y5/6 Production for Parents 1.45pm and 6pm
Weds 10 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 12 th July	Y6 last day at Whitwell Primary School (Heritage Students)
Mon 15 th – Tues 23 rd	Y6 attend Heritage High School
Mon 15 th July	Y3/4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park – letter to follow
Weds 17 th – Fri 19 th	School Transition Days
Tues 23 rd July	End of Year – Last day at school