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The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Happy half-term, we have made it! What a rollercoaster ride it has been - Storm Eunice definitely has provided a different way to end the half term. Please listen to all the advice and keep safe. As with the first day for Covid please refer to the website for activities to complete :

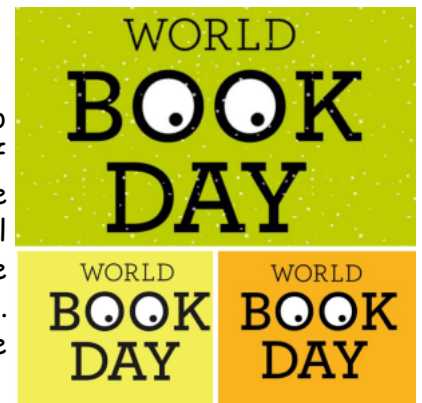
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Hopefully, the power cables will not be blown down. However, the basics are always the best things to do - reading, spelling practise, playing games all help. Children could even write a news report on the weather, (or the Olympics), or start on their World Book Day costumes or book covers. (see below)

Try and have a restful and relaxing week and we will see you all on the 28th February. Children in Beech Class and Oak Class (Year 4) will have their earlier missed swimming lesson on the first Monday back so, don't forget to bring in your kit.

World Book Day

We are holding our World Book Day on Friday 4th March. We like to encourage costumes linked to particular stories as the real purpose of this day is to encourage the love of reading and understanding the long term benefits of this vital skill. Our children, via their school councillors, have selected a range of authors to suit all ages and the children will get to parade around and guess each other's characters. The costumes do not have to be spectacular, and we really love the home made ones.



The chosen authors are: (any book can be chosen these are just suggestions)

Julia Donaldson: Tiddler, Zog, Room on the Broom, The Smartest Giant in Town

Roald Dahl: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The BFG, Fantastic Mr Fox

SF Said: Varjak Paw, Phoenix

Emma Carroll: When We Were Warriors, Letters from the Lighthouse, Frost Hollow Hall

Brothers Grimm: Hansel and Gretel, The Pied Piper, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, Rumpelstiltskin

Simon Mugford: Kane Rules, Southgate Rules

Many of these are stories that the children have read in class, so do ask them about the books.

The school councillors have also decided to run some other activities over the coming half term linked to encouraging reading.

One that could be started over the holidays - produce your favourite book cover. Any media can be used, be creative, - paint, collage or just draw. All children will receive something for taking part, and there will be some small prizes.

We will also be encouraging children to write some book reviews, which will be shared in our assemblies.

Comic Relief - Friday 19th March 2022

You can tell we haven't been able to have many theme/dressing up days much lately. The children, knowing my love of Mr Men and Little Miss books, thought it would be a lovely comical idea to dress up as one of these characters for Comic Relief. Due to the nature of these characters there are relatively simple as they all have a colour theme and usually some accessories, like shoes/boots, hats or carrying or wearing something.

More details on how to support this brilliant cause next term.



Whimble Music Festival 2022



Sunday 3rd April at 2pm
in Whimble Church

This will be a free event for primary school aged children,
celebrating playing and listening to live music after the restrictions of the pandemic

Each child is invited to play a piece lasting up to 2 minutes.

Entries for solo pieces, duets and groups are welcome.

Entries can be for playing music on an instrument or singing.

Each entry will receive a certificate and feedback about their performance.

There will be prizes in each category.

Please register by emailing whimblemusicfestival@gmail.com for the form to be emailed
or by scanning this QR code to complete the registration form



Peggy Jones (year 6) Festival Organiser

Dates for your diary

Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February	Half Term
Monday 28th February	Swimming for Beech Class/Year 4 Oak Class
Thursday 3rd March	Fire Safety Talks - Ash, Oak, Beech and Willow
Friday 4th March	Whimble World Book Day
Friday 18th March	Comic Relief

Term dates for pupils - 2022/23:

AUTUMN TERM 2022	5th September to 16th December 2022 <i>Half term - 24th to 28th October 2022</i>
SPRING TERM 2023	4th January to 31st March 2023 <i>Half term - 13th to 17th February 2023</i>
SUMMER TERM 2023	17th April to 21st July 2023 <i>May Day holiday - 1st May 2023</i> <i>Half term - 29th May to 2nd June 2023</i>

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 1st and 2nd September, 31st October 2022, 3rd January, 30th June 2023

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