

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2023

Whimble Primary School

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The week started with performances from our children taking music lessons with Rock Steady. It was a lovely opportunity for them to perform in front of an audience (their parents) and they all did an amazing job. It has finished well too, with many children involved in paired reading or games, cooking, craft and Forest School - the lovely sunshine after a frosty start has helped raise spirits too! Let's hope this continues into next week as well.

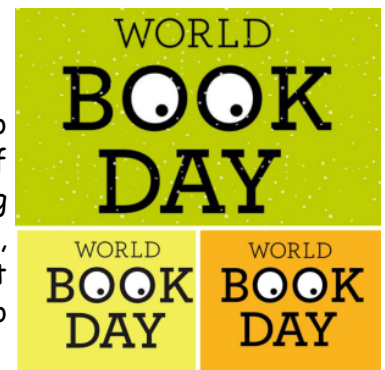


Polite Reminder

Please remember when you are dropping off or collecting children from school not to park on the zig zag lines along from the school gate. There have been a number of occasions recently where a car has parked dangerously and caused congestion. Your support with this would be appreciated.

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

Terry Deary: Horrible Histories

Tom Fletcher: Space Band, The Creakers, The Danger Gang

David Walliams: Gangsta Gran, World's Worst Children

J K Rowling: Harry Potter series

Craft Club

Starting next half term on a Thursday for 4 weeks Miss Clarke and I will be running a Craft Club. This will be for children from any year group. Charges will be £5 per session.

[Book using this link](#)

Children's Mental Health Week

The 6th to 12th February is Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is Let's Connect. Feeling connected to other people is vital for our wellbeing, and when that doesn't happen, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely, which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

Through assemblies and class activities, staff have been talking to children about how to improve their mental health and like our physical health, things can easily alter. We have referred to the '10 a day'.

Place2Be have created free resources for [primary](#) and [secondary-age](#) children and young people to encourage, deepen and make easier the experiences of social connection. Please take a look and use them if you can. All of the resources are designed to encourage children (and adults) to consider the different ways that we can make meaningful connections with others. And yes, we are playing Let's Connect Bingo here at Scomis.

You can read more on their [website](#).



1
Talk about your feelings



2
Do something you enjoy and are good at



3
Keep yourself hydrated



4
Eat well



10
Actively care for others

**'10 A DAY'
CHOICES
TOWARDS
BALANCING OUR
MENTAL
HEALTH**



5
Keep active in mind and body



9
Be proud of your very being



8
Ask for help



7
Stay connected to those you care about



6
Take a break

Dates for your diary

February

Monday 13th to Friday 17th Half term

March

Friday 3rd March Whimble World Book Day
Friday 3rd March Forest School - Ash Class
Friday 10th March Forest School - Ash Class
Friday 17th March Comic Relief - details to follow
Friday 31st March Last day of term 1.30pm finish

Assessment arrangements for summer 2023

Month of May Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)
Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May Key Stage 2 SATs
Week commencing 5th June Multiplication tables check (Year 4)
Week commencing 12th June Phonics Screening Check (Year 1/Year 2)

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

AUTUMN TERM 2023

6th September to 15th December 2023
Half term - 23rd to 27th October 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

4th January to 28th March 2024
Half term - 12th to 16th February 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

15th April to 25th July 2024
May Day holiday - 6th May 2024
Half term - 27th May to 31st May 2024

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 4th and 5th September, 3rd January, 3rd June and 28th June 2024

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