



Welcome back from the half term break, the weather was lovely and continued for a while this week but is now back to normal. Please ensure that your child has their coat and appropriate clothing for the current weather.

Year 1 have had a fabulous day dressing up as Pirates and Fairytale characters for our introduction to fairy tales. The children have created their own wanted poster for the character they have dressed up as, as well as created a beanstalk using a variety of resources.



Next week is Book Week, where we will have different activities for the children to take part in. Children can take part in a book swap in their classes, decorate an egg as their favourite character and dress up on Thursday. We will also have the book fair open everyday after school and children will be issued with their £1 book tokens to use. Your support is greatly appreciated with this as book purchases lead to free books for the school.

We also have our 2 movie nights on Monday and Wednesday night, there are still some spaces available which can be booked online on the SIMs Pay (previously Agora) system.

Year 3 & 4 have started to practise their Easter Productions which will take place on 2nd, 3rd & 4th April at 9.30am. Tickets will be limited to 2 per child and a letter to request tickets will be issued shortly. Unfortunately due to fire regulations there will be no extra tickets available.



Have a fantastic weekend and we hope to see you at the book fair next week.

Mrs N Kemp  
Headteacher

**Dates:**

**March**

- W/C 4th—Book Week
- 4th—Movie Night—5-7pm (places to be booked)
- 6th—Movie Night—5-7pm (places to be booked)
- 7th—World Book Day—dress up day
- 8th—Buttercup visiting local library (pm)
- 12th—Zoo4U visiting Reception
- 15th—Red Nose Day
- 15th—Daffodil visiting local library (pm)

**Inset Days—24th May 2019**



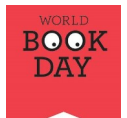
**Movie Night**

- Just a reminder that movie night will be on Monday and Wednesday next week. Please make sure that you drop your children off through the KS2 reception at 4:45pm. Children will be collected through the KS2 reception door and parents are asked to take their children through the hall and out through the doors leading on to the KS2 playground. Please ensure that all children are collected as no children will be allowed to walk home on their own.



**Book Day**

- A reminder that Whitmore Primary School will be joining in with World Book day on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character, create their own 'eggscellent' book character and bring in books that are no longer used for a 'Book Swap' on the day. Thank you for your support with this.



**Homework book pages to be completed**

- Yr1— Maths P13
- Yr2— Maths-complete next page. Practice spellings—1 sentence for each.
- Yr3— Comprehension P14-15 (Odd Girls)
- Yr4— Comprehension P22 - Arthur's sister turned to stone, plus homework on Activelearn.
- Yr5— Comprehension P14-15 and spellings.
- Yr6— Set weekly via class teacher.



**Science**

- There is a new science section on the parent's page on the school website. It contains ideas to help your child at home, some fun science websites and a link to websites with experiments you can do at home.

Wall of Achievement

Week of 25th February 2019



- Buttercup Class— Oscar H
- Daffodil Class— Malakai F
- Primrose Class— Jaxon J
- Bluebell Class— Jessie-Leigh J
- Rose Class— Saffiya R
- Tulip Class— Mia-Lea C
- Lavender Class— Carter E
- Orchid Class— Amelia W
- Sunflower Class— Amelia G
- Birch Class— Jayden M
- Hawthorn Class— Max G
- Pine Class— Alex K
- Ash Class— Lenny E
- Beech Class— Josie F
- Maple Class— Violet C
- Olive Class— Lucas S
- Sycamore Class— Jack H
- Willow Class— Kane A
- Elder Class— Summer H
- Elm Class— Lilly B
- Oak Class— Anna D

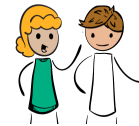


Talk it topics

Talk it topics are an opportunity for children to discuss and issue or idea throughout the week, at play or lunchtime, during the daily mile etc. It encourages children’s communication skills as well as debating skills and is fun.

We will be covering a different topic in school each week. This weeks topic will be—

Who is your favourite book or film character and why?.....



Reminders

**Trip/event permission**—for safeguarding reasons we will no longer be accepting verbal permissions for trips and all consent forms needed are to be returned at latest 1 day before the event. If we do not receive permission then your child will not be able to attend the trip.

**Payments for events**— unfortunately if we do not receive payments for trips and events that take place throughout the school year we will have no other option than to cancel them. The school do contribute to trips and events but we cannot cover the whole cost.



Attendance and Punctuality

It is vitally important that children arrive at school on time and ready to learn. We would like to bring to your attention that **children arriving after 9.05am will now be marked down as an unauthorised absence** which can result in a referral to Essex County Council and a possible fine. We would really appreciate your help in making sure children attend school on time and we will be contacting parents for persistent lateness. We would ask that you also try to arrange doctors/dentist and other appointments outside of the school day as we have an increasing number of children being collected early or throughout the day. This has a knock on effect with your child’s learning and also can disrupt the class.

The classes with the best attendance this week were—KS1 Orchid Class with 97.3% and KS2 Sycamore Class with 99.5%. The overall school attendance this week is 95.2%. Our attendance since September is 95.1%, we would appreciate your help in trying to raise this further to meet our target of 96%.



We are now running a team point system across the school this weeks results are as follows—

- 1st place— Green
- 2nd place— White
- 3rd place— Blue
- 4th place— Red

