

NEWSLETTER

**Key dates:**

14.02.20: School finishes for Half term

24.02.20: School reopens for pupils

26.02.20 Whitehough Residential information meeting - Y5 / Y6 parents

26.02.20 Y3 Trip to Southport Eco-centre (rescheduled from 11.02.20)

27.02.20 Y6 Learning update with parents (inc. SATs)

03.03.20 EYFS Learning update with parents

04.03.20 Y1 Learning update with parents (inc. Phonics)

05.03.20 Y2 Learning update with parents (inc. SATs)

05.03.20: World Book Day

10.03.20 Y3 Learning update with parents

11.03.20 Y4 Learning update with parents

12.03.20 Y5 Learning update with parents

26.03.20: Attendance assembly followed by parental consultation re Relationship Education

27.03.20: Break up for holidays at 12.20pm

20.04.20 School reopens for pupils

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope your children have enjoyed this short, yet busy, Spring term!

Despite the poor weather, it is great to be able to come to school in daylight and leave in daylight; I know that many of you have commented the same! Unfortunately, as the weather is undependable and generally very cold, please do ensure your children are arriving in school wearing a winter coat and hat / gloves wherever possible.

I know that many of you will be keen to know the outcome of our recent inspection. As soon as we receive the final report, we will share it with you. In the meantime I would like to thank you for your support and honest feedback to the inspectors.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Mr . H. Asghar
Principal



Whitehough Residential

Thank you to parents who have sent in deposits and consent slips for the residential trip being held in June. In order to provide further information, the centre manager - Sara Parsons - will be visiting on 26.02.20 at 9am. As we have decided to offer any spare places to year 5 pupils, we would like to invite parents of BOTH year 5 and year 6 pupils to attend the meeting. Please note, you do not need to confirm your attendance, simply turn up on the day.

Attendance

A big 'thank you' to parents for supporting the school with improving punctuality and attendance.

We will continue to monitor children's attendance weekly and look forward to celebrating improved attendance for the remainder of the year.

The next celebration assembly for attendance will be held on Thursday 26th March at 9am. As previous attendance of 98% and above will be celebrated and children will be awarded certificates and small prizes. If your child is a winner, we will contact you during week beginning 16th March to invite you to the assembly.

Please remember: Every day of school counts and every missed day negatively impacts on your child's learning!

Parents' Teaching & Learning Update

We would like to invite parents to a teaching and learning update after half term. The dates for each year group are shown in the top-left hand column of the first page. At each meeting we will share information about the recent changes we have made to improve the teaching of reading. We will also share relevant information relevant to each year group such as the Phonics Screening Check (Y1), SATs (Y2 and Y6) and the Multiplication tests (Y4). We strongly request that parents take the opportunity to attend.

Safer Internet Use

On Friday 7th February (EYFS / KS1) and Tuesday 11th February, children learned about safer internet use. This year's theme was 'Together for a better internet'. Please do speak to your child about their learning.

Relationship Education - Thursday 26th March

We will be holding a parental consultation about Relationship Education immediately after the attendance assembly which is being held at 9am on 26th March. Please make a note of this date.

Bolton Wanderers After School Football Club

To extend our range of after school clubs, we have paid for the services of Bolton Wanderers to provide an after school club for football at no additional cost to parents. Although KS1 is full, we do have 5 free places for the KS2 club which is held on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm. If you would like your child to join the club, please let our school office know. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The Secret Garden - Production

In order to promote our pupils' love of reading and literature, we hosted a theatrical production of 'The Secret Garden'.

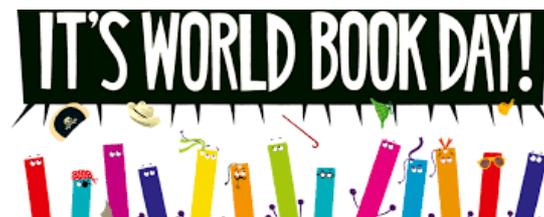
Spring 2 Class Assemblies

Thank you to those parents who attended their children's class assemblies. The following classes will be holding their assemblies on the dates below, with any outstanding assemblies being held in the summer term:

12/03/20 Class 4A

25/03/20 Class 1A

19/03/20 Class 5B



Dear Parents/Carers,

World Book Day: Thursday 5th March 2020

As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage children's interest in reading, the time has come again for the school to celebrate World Book Day, on **Thursday 5th March**. The theme this year is 'share a million stories'.

On this special day, your child can come to school dressed as their favourite character from any book of their choice or in their pyjamas in order to promote the importance of bedtime reading. The children may also bring in their **favourite book** to share with their class and peers as part of our celebration of authors and books.

During **World Book Day**, pupils will be completing a variety of exciting activities around quality texts whilst also having the opportunity to mix with children across the school. Each class will share a story with their peers that they will have created during the course of the day.

To commemorate World Book Day, we would like the children to take a photo of themselves reading and upload onto Showbie. The teachers will explain this further to their class. The deadline for this is Friday 6th March 2020. Your support in completing this will be much appreciated.

We appreciate your continued support in making these days enjoyable and memorable for the children. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful learning come to life.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Z. Patel and Mrs. S. Kovariwala