



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term.

This week has been pretty chilly and it looks like next week is going to be even colder with some snow predicted too. Make sure you check the website and your text messages for any updates; where we can we will keep the school open.

We are all looking forward to book week and world book day next Thursday where everyone will be dressing up as a book character. The book fair is also here and will be available in the KS2 Reception corridor from 3-4pm everyday for you to purchase books. The children will be visiting the book fair and bringing home a slip with their favourite book they would like to buy. You can send in the money to purchase the book (exact money where you can please) or visit the book fair and purchase the book yourself. The school get a percentage of the money spent to purchase new books for the school.

We also have some children attending a cross country competition next week, we wish them the very best of luck. Go Whitmore Go!

A reminder to try and ensure that your child's clothing has their name in it. We have lots of lost property in Reception with no names. This will be donated to the clothing bank at the end of the term so please check the items if your child has lost uniform.

Due to an extra staff meeting next week there will be **no school run** after school clubs on Wednesday 28th February. Prosports clubs will continue.


Also a reminder that children need to have a PE kit in school for their PE lessons, this is an important part of our curriculum and commitment to healthy living. The government maintain that children need to have at least 2 hours of PE each week to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

I hope you have a great weekend.  
Mrs N Kemp  
Headteacher

**Dates:**  
**February**  
27th—Cross Country Competition (selected children)  
28th—Book fair starts

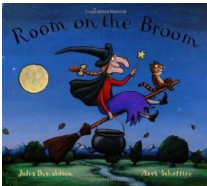

**March**  
1st—World Book day  
6th—Year 3/4 Home Safety awareness  
6th—Last day of book fair  
12th—Year 3/4 Home Safety awareness  
12th—Year 6 Cyber Safety awareness  
15th—Year 2 activity afternoon (2pm, parents welcome)  
19th—Sports Relief (more detail to follow)  
20th—Yr3/4 Easter Performance  
21st—Yr3/4 Easter Performance  
22nd—Yr3/4 Easter Performance  
28th—Onesie Wednesday for Autism Awareness

**Non pupil dates—29th March and 25th May**



**1st March 2018 is Wold Book Day.**

Your child(ren) can come into school dressed as their favourite book character. What will your child be?

**Reading Sessions**

Please find below the next dates for reading sessions with parents. KS1 sessions are 2.40-3pm, KS2 sessions are 2.55-3.15pm. Please enter through your child's class door.

Reception	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	2.40-3.00
Year 1	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	2.40-3.00
Year 2	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	2.40-3.00
Year 3/4	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	2.50-3.15
Year 5	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	2.50-3.15
Year 6	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	2.50-3.15

**Wall of Achievement**

**Week of 19th February**



- Buttercup Class—Tegan D
- Daffodil Class—Fynley M
- Primrose Class—Lily H
- Bluebell Class—Isabelle F
- Rose Class—Senna T
- Tulip Class—Harley T
- Orchid Class—Jake B
- Lavender Class—Elijah O’F
- Sunflower Class—Leon F
- Ash Class—Megan G
- Beech Class—Eden B
- Birch Class—Sarah P
- Maple Class—Kayden T
- Pine Class—Billy R
- Sycamore Class—Billy S
- Olive Class—Hayden F
- Willow Class—Child Absent
- Elm Class—Kelsey B
- Elder Class—Brooke C
- Oak Class—Sam W-F



**Reminders**

Parental Language—we would ask that parents be mindful of their language when walking round the school grounds and waiting outside classrooms or when children are present.

There are some spaces on ProSports clubs—should your child be interested please visit the following website [www.proportsolutions.co.uk](http://www.proportsolutions.co.uk).

We have been notified by one our pupils that bikes are having their lock broken in the school bike shed—luckily the bike wasn’t taken or damaged. Please be careful when removing bikes/scooters and remind children to respect other people’s property.

**Book fair**

Book Fair returns!

\*Date: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

\*Time: 3:00pm to 4:00

\*Location: Corridor outside Sycamore Class, Olive Class and the Office.

\*Our target this term is £550.

Supporting the book fair not only helps your child individually, but the school as well. For every pound you spend, the school receives up to 60p in resources!

Can’t come to the Book Fair after school? Don’t fear. Classes will be visiting the Book Fair on Wednesday and Thursday. Children can choose the book they want, write it on a slip, which they can return with the required money. Exact money, or a cheque, will be very helpful. If the book your child wants is no longer on the shelf, don’t worry, we can order it for you.

Please come and support the Book Fair!!!

**Attendance and Punctuality**

It is vitally important that children arrive to school on time and ready to learn. We would like to bring to your attention that children arriving after 9.20am will be marked down as an unauthorised absence which can result in a referral to Essex County 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.



The winners of the Attendance this week were—KS1 Tulip class with 97.9% and KS2 Elm class with 98.9%. The overall school attendance is 91.4%; our target is 96% so would really appreciate your help in achieving this.

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

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

