



## Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe how quickly this year is flying by! Spring already and we welcome the lighter days.

### World Book Day

The children enjoyed taking part in World Book Day on the 4<sup>th</sup> March all dressed in pyjamas. We have had a lot of positive feedback from parents as money didn't need to be spent on expensive book character costumes for one day.



### Attendance

One of the reasons that our children do so well here is that our school attendance is good and often envied by other schools. **DON'T FORGET THAT WE CANNOT AUTHORISE ABSENCE FOR HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME AND THAT HOLIDAYS TAKEN MAY RESULT IN A FINE.**

Please continue to arrange medical and dental appointments outside of the school day whenever possible. We are always happy to administer medication if needed – please complete a consent form in the office.

Thank you for contacting school to report absences – the majority of parents do this which means that many absences can be authorised. If we are unable to make contact, a home visit may be carried out in line with our safeguarding responsibilities, to ensure the safety of our families. In extreme situations when we are unable to make contact, police welfare officers may conduct a visit. It really helps if you can phone by 9am!

### Statutory Assessments at Whale Hill Primary School

These statutory assessments are in place throughout your child's time at primary school to check their knowledge, skills and understanding in the core areas. The assessments take place in all schools and are relevant to a child's age and year group.

#### **This provides an overview of the dates when these assessments will take place.**

Year 1	Phonics Screening Check	WB 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 2	End of Key Stage 1 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)	WB 16 <sup>th</sup> May and over a 2 week period.
Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check	During a 3 week period in June – dates to be confirmed March/April 2022
Year 6	End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)	WB 9 <sup>th</sup> May Monday to Thursday

Further information sheets for parents about each of these assessments will be published March/April with the new guidance and will be uploaded and shared.

### Fundraising

Thank you for your support with our fundraising. Please see the funds raised below.

Poppy Appeal – we raised £70.16 for the Royal Legion appeal  
Children in Need - £301.40  
Christmas Raffle & Games - £1700.47

Comic Relief will be supported in school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – non uniform day (red if possible) and a 50p donation would be appreciated.

Easter Raffle tickets are currently on sale at a cost of 50p. We have a huge range of chocolate prizes with a lovely hamper as first prize. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.



### **Dogs**

There have been an increasing number of dogs in the school grounds. Please note that we don't permit dogs on the premises and would appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

### **Beat the Street**

Well done to all the children and parents who are contributing to the 'Beat the Street' initiative. Keep scanning those cards! Remember that it is no good just scanning one box - you must scan another within an hour to gain any points so it knows how far you've walked/cycled scootered.

### **School Bank**

Thank you all for your support with the School Bank. It is proving to be a real success and saving money is such a valuable life skill. Thank you to Mrs Williams and all the bankers in year five and six who ensure that things run smoothly. Remember that deposits can only be made on a Wednesday morning.

### **Other dates for the diary:**

**5<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter discos for Y1-6 (please see parent mail)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> April** – school closed for the Easter break and will reopen on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**30<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June** – school closed for half term and will reopen on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – school closes for the summer break

**W/C 11<sup>th</sup> July** - Parents evenings will take place– information to follow

### **PD days: school is closed to pupils**

**2<sup>nd</sup> May** – bank holiday

**1<sup>st</sup> July** – PD day

**4<sup>th</sup> July** – bank holiday in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee

Kindest regards

Mrs Marsden