



Wyke Primary Academy

Newsletter



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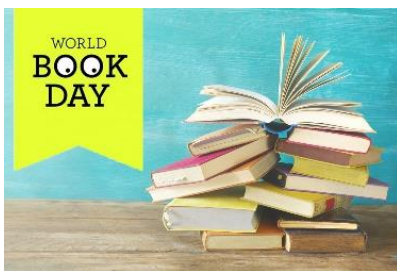
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4th March 2022 – Spring 7

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been another busy week in school and its quite hard to believe we are over half way through the year! This week, the children have enjoyed learning about our school AIR values, dressing up for World Book Day, sharing reading books with each other, Year 6 went swimming, pupils enjoying after school clubs and everybody challenged themselves in their learning, doing some amazing work. The staff have been busy too.... We have had Designated Safeguarding Lead refreshers, Emerging Leaders meetings, Well-Being leader network meeting and all staff attended training on the new Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme we are using in school. (We also did a little dressing up yesterday too!)



We are always talking to the children about Reading and how important it is. Children being fluent readers opens up every other area of the curriculum and has a long-lasting impact on their life. We are always working at fostering a love of reading with the children and marking World Book Day is one of the ways that we do. Our Year 6 children spent time in Reception yesterday afternoon, sharing books with our youngest pupils, talking about stories and how reading is great!

We have been talking with parents a lot recently about **paired reading**. I thought it would be useful to share the youtube link, provided by Surrey's Specialist Teachers for Inclusive Practice which gives clear guidance on what paired reading is and how to do it. It is about encouraging engagement in reading and helping children have a positive experience with reading. This strategy is not just for children struggling with reading, it can be for all.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l23wV6JKCpo>

Donations for Ukraine

Many thanks for the donations already received for our Ukraine appeal. If you would like to donate items, please bring them into school on Monday and drop them off at the office.

Items that are needed are:

Toiletries

Sanitary products

Nappies

Adult and children's medicines such as Paracetamol and Calpol

Socks



Defibrillator in School

I wanted to remind the school community that we have a defibrillator on site. It is located behind the door in the main school office.



FOW

The Friends of Wyke have chosen the winning entry for the “Design our Logo” competition. Congratulations to Darsela in Year 6, who had her design chosen!



The FOW Mother's Day gifts

If you would like to order a gift, the cost is £3.50. Payments are through Scopay. Please make sure you have ordered by Friday 18th March. The children will be bringing the gifts home on Friday 25th March.

The information leaflet is attached to the newsletter.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Our pupils have been asked by the Normandy Parish Council to help design the front cover of the special edition of the Villager that will be coming out in May. This edition will be sharing the villages Jubilee plans. If your child would like to take part, please return entries to school by **Wednesday 30th March**. The designs need to be around the topic of the Queen and her Platinum Jubilee.

We will be marking the Jubilee in school with an event too. More details on this will be shared nearer the time.



Work sent home during pupil absences

I would like to clarify the arrangements for work sent home if a child is absent from school.

If a child is off school due to Covid, we will send work home on day 2, as before. This is because a child is recommended to isolate for 5 days.

If your child is off school due to other illness, no work is sent home. If a child is not well enough to be in school, then they are not well enough to be doing work at home. Once they are feeling better and able to do work, they should be back in school.

Preparing work that children can access at home and that is meaningful takes time and not something the staff can do regularly. Thank you for your understanding regarding this.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Regards,
Michelle

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 4 Bikeability	14 th & 15 th March
Mother's Day gift orders in by	18 th March 2022
Mother's Day gifts home	25 th March 2022
Parish competition entries in by	30 th March 2022
Break up for Spring Break	1:30 Friday 1 st April 2022
Easter Trail	1 st April 13:45
Start of Summer Term	Tuesday 19 th April 2022
Parents Evenings	Wednesday 27 th April and Thursday 28 th April
Year 5 swimming starts	Thursday 28 th April 2022
Spring Reports Portal for Year 1 -6 opens	Tuesday 3 rd April 2022
Donut Sale	Friday 6 th May 2022
Year 6 Residential	Monday 16 th May 2022
Postponed Young Voices Concert	Monday 23 rd May 2022
Queens Platinum Jubilee Event	Friday 27 th May 2022
INSET Day	Monday 6 th June 2022
Provisional Sports Day	Wednesday 6 th July 2022
Summer term reports portal opens	Monday 11 th July
Breaks up for the summer holidays	Thursday 21 st July 2022
Pupils return to school for 2022-2023	Monday 5 th September 2022