

WHITFIELD VALLEY PRIMARY ACADEMY



FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

2018 is already flying by! There has been so much exciting learning and events taking place that have made January enjoyable for everyone. This includes our National Story Telling Week celebrations which I'm pleased to share with you below. February promises to be just as busy with SMSC events planned to celebrate Rio de Janeiro Festival, our Safer Internet Day and some brand new topics to enjoy after the half term break.

As always, there is plenty to read in this month's newsletter; including things we have been doing and information/dates about what is coming up throughout the month and beyond. Please speak to your child's teacher should you have any queries and if I don't see you before, please enjoy a wonderful half term break in a couple of weeks!

Yours sincerely

Mr A Clewes
Head Teacher



NATIONAL STORY TELLING WEEK



This week the children are enjoying being able to listen to lots of different stories, told by lots of different people! On Monday, our oldest children went to listen to our youngest children show off their reading skills. Then, on Tuesday the whole school joined Mr Clewes to listen to 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. Wednesday was about getting traditional with different Fairytales in each classroom. Finally, on Thursday a Secret Storyteller appeared in each classroom to share a story. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being able to listen to a range of authors from a range of people! Please keep sharing stories with lots of reading at home!



PARKING

When using the car park and the surrounding streets, please be mindful of others. I have had several phone calls from residents on Cumberbatch Avenue that parking is becoming a little dangerous.

Careful parking will help ensure all our children are kept safe inside and outside of school.



DISNEYLAND ADVENTURE 2019!



Many of you have already signed up for our next visit to Disney next year...this is always an exciting overseas adventure.

If you have paid your £25 deposit you now need to pay £25 each month (a reminder text will be sent) – please keep up to date with these payments.

Please find some advance dates & e-Safety information overleaf



EDUCATIONAL VISITS



A very big thank you for supporting the educational visit contributions once we returned after Christmas. As an advanced reminder for you, the next £10 contribution to complete for the year is due on **Thursday April 19th 2018**.

Follow these **rules** to keep yourself **e-safe!**

Always tell the truth
 Tell an adult, a teacher or a parent if you see anything that makes you feel uncomfortable.
 Make sure an adult knows which websites you're using and that they are appropriate for your age.

Respect everybody; showing kindness and manners
 Once you write something using technology, it is there forever; think carefully about what you write where so that nobody's feelings are hurt.
 Respect each other's privacy; log-in on your own account and save your work in the right place.

Give everything your all!
 Technology is great; enjoy it! But make sure, if things go wrong, you know the places to go and the people to speak to who can help you.

SAFER INTERNET DAY



Tuesday 6TH February 2018

Next week is safer internet day – we will be doing even more than usual across the school to promote being safe online with the children!

As a reminder, primary school children should not be using social media sites such as Facebook, as they are not yet old enough. We continue to recommend that you monitor your child's online activity carefully.

To support you, to the left you'll find a copy of our school e-safety rules, linked to our golden rules, which we encourage you to talk through with your child.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS



From next week we will be having inside and outside works carried out on our Year 5 mobile classrooms ready for when the children return after half term. Please stay away from this area, including the fencing, from next week to keep everyone safe.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday March 1st – World Book Day

Children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book on this day!
 We can't wait to see the different characters who come to school for the day!

Monday 5th March – Parents' Evening (3.30 to 5.30pm)

Tuesday 6th March -Parents' Evening (5pm to 7pm)

Appointments can be booked from Monday 12th February at the school office, by giving us a call, or by putting a note in your child's Planner

Monday 19th-Friday 23rd February HALF TERM BREAK

(Please note Friday February 16th is an INSET day and so children are NOT in school)

Monday March 26th: Easter Bonnet Parades: Early Years at 9.15am, Years 1 and 2 at 10.15am

Easter Egg Parade: Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) at 2.30pm

Friday March 30th – Wednesday April 11th 2018 EASTER HOLIDAYS

We are back in school on Thursday April 12th!