

# WHITFIELD VALLEY PRIMARY ACADEMY



## MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that we are at the half-way point of the school year already! Here we are in one of the coolest months of March I can remember! This newsletter contains some important dates; including awards and arrangements for Easter celebrations at the academy.

Today has been World Book Day at the academy and it has been fantastic to see so many children dressed up as characters from their favourite book, or perhaps a book they have just discovered! Throughout the day children have spent time with different teachers and enjoyed participating in a huge range of exciting and new Literacy-inspired tasks!

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Adam Clewes  
Head Teacher

### ABACUS ONLINE HOMEWORK OPTION

As you know, homework is set every Wednesday to be returned to school on the following Monday. The children do a fantastic job of taking pride in this work and enjoy covering a range of different subjects and topics.

**You may have noticed...**that in your child's planner there is a sticker with their log-on details, along with a website address, to a service called Abacus. This is online Maths homework which will be set each week and your child has the option of completing. It is aimed to develop key Maths skills and revise learning from school. A new task will be put on each week, so please do give this a go! If you have any queries, please speak to your child's teacher or Miss Naisbitt, our Maths Lead.



### PARIS ADVENTURE 2019!

If your child is coming to Paris with us next year, then your next £25 installment is now due. Please take this to the school office.

It is very important to keep up to date with your regular monthly payments. Thank you.



### PARENTS' EVENING

Please remember Parents' Evening is next week and you are still able to book an appointment if you haven't already done so!

Now that you've had your child's assessment profile, please come along to chat to their teacher about how they're progressing!



### AWARDS MORNING

This term, our awards will be held on Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Early Years (Nursery and Reception) at 9.15, KS1 (Years 1 and 2) at 10.00 and KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) at 10.45.

You will be notified separately if your child has won an award, including for attendance.

There will be a crèche facility for younger siblings as they will not be allowed to attend the awards assembly. Please book your place at the main office for any of the assemblies.





## EASTER CELEBRATION DAY: MONDAY MARCH 26<sup>th</sup> 2018

There will be 3 assemblies during the day for the children to take part in and all parents/ carers are welcome to join us.

**Nursery & Reception at 9.15am.** Easter Bonnet Parade, followed by **Year 1 & 2 Easter Bonnet at 10.15am.** All children are invited to make a bonnet and take part in the parade. Prizes will be given to the best bonnet in each class.

**Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 at 2.30pm.** Easter Egg Parade. All children are invited to decorate an egg and take part in the parade. Prizes will be given to the best egg in each class.

### ATTENDANCE REMINDER!

#### What do I do if my child is off school?

You must call the school office by 9.30am.

(01782 234570)

*Phone calls can be taken from 8am.*

#### What happens if I haven't called?

You will receive a text reminding you to call us, if you still don't call, your address will be passed to our Attendance Service who will come out to your home.

#### What time does school start?

The school day begins at 9.00am – registers close at this time and if your child doesn't make it, then they will be marked as late.

#### What is outstanding attendance?

100%! However, we know sometimes children can't help but be unwell, so 97% and above is outstanding!

### ADVANCE WARNINGS!



Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup>  
2018 EASTER HOLIDAYS

*We are back in school on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>!*



Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2018

Final £10 contribution for Educational Visits is due – can be paid early if you prefer! Please make payments at the school office.



Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 to Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>  
2018.

SATs week for Year 6 children

### HOLIDAY REMINDER

Please remember that we are unable to authorise any holiday requests during term time. Thank you for your understanding.