



WHITLEY CHAPEL CE
First School

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Dear Parents

Wednesday 7th February 2018

Please remember that the children will be breaking up for the Half term holiday **tomorrow**, as Friday 9th February is a Teacher Training Day. School will re-open to pupils on Monday 19th February. Swimming will continue till the end of the Spring term.

Book Week

Book Week is the week beginning 6th March. There are a number of activities happening, so here is an outline of what is going on each day with information about anything you need to do or bring. If you have any questions, please do ask!

Monday 5th March – there will be a special assembly where we will be looking at the books and book marks the children have made and awarding prizes. This is a voluntary competition for children in Year 1 – Year 4 who want to make their own books at home. Reception and Early Years will be making book marks. Please make sure the children send their entries in on Monday morning at the latest.

Tuesday 6th March – children come to school dressed as a character from a book (not a film!). Can they also please bring the book with them to school that day. We will have a whole school assembly first thing where all the children can show us who they have dressed as. Parents and grandparents are invited to stay for the assembly.

Wednesday 7th March - there will be a whole school visit to Cragside with a book theme! Children will visit the house and have an opportunity to handle some of the artefacts and talk about the people who lived and worked there, and collect pictures and materials to make a class story or non-fiction book. This is a whole day visit, so Nursery children will be collected at 3.15.

Thursday 8th March – Whole School trip to Hexham to visit Cogito Books and Hexham Library. Children will be able to spend their World Book Day vouchers and prize winning book tokens. Can Class 2 please bring library tickets if they have them, and they can choose books while we are in there. We will get the bus there and back and return to school in time for lunch.

Friday 9th March – sharing work we have done during Book Week. Class 2 will also spend time reading to Class 1.

Please use your Half term holiday to get ready for Book Week. Competition entries need to be ready for:

Monday 5th March – **Make a Book (Year 1 – 4) and make a Book mark (Early Years) competition**

Tuesday 6th March - **Dress up as a Book character**

Sponsored Ramble and Treasure Trail Sunday 29th April

We are planning a sponsored event on Sunday 29th April to raise money for some new dining room tables. The ones we have are very old and heavy, and we would like to invest in some that can be set up and put away more easily and are also at different heights so that the children's feet can reach the floor! The plan is to set off for the ramble between 2.00 and 2.30 pm, and finish up at school between 3.30 and 4.30 pm for afternoon tea. It should be a lovely Community event – please save the date. We will be sending out more details later in the term.

Latecomers

We do understand that sometimes in the icy weather it is not always easy to get to school on time. If you arrive after the bell has gone, the side door will be locked for security reasons. It can be very disruptive if Early Years has already started their morning routine for staff to have to stop to let parents and children in to school. If you are late, please can you come to the front door and drop your child off there, unless your child is in Nursery in which case you can come through the Nursery entrance.

Parent consultations

There will be an opportunity to talk to teachers about pupil progress and ways to support your child in the 2nd and 3rd week after Half term. Please look out for appointment letters in your child's bag.

Enjoy the Half term break.

Yours sincerely

Miss Jenny Morgan