



“You are the light of the world, let your light shine!”

# Whaddon School Newsletter

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Dear parents, please find this week's newsletter.

## **Parent questionnaires**

Thank you to parents who have already completed the parent questionnaire, which was sent out via Parentmail, before half term. Your views are important to us and your feedback helps us make any necessary improvements. Please find the link to the parent questionnaire embedded in the original parent mail message. If you would like a hard copy, or you experience issues accessing the form, please contact the school office via the school email address. If you have more than one child at our school, please complete a questionnaire on behalf of each child, as their experiences may vary. Once we get a good sample of questionnaires returned, we will analyse and share our findings.


## **Dogs on site**

We would like to remind all visitors to the school site that dogs are **not** permitted on the premises, without prior arrangement and a comprehensive risk assessment. Assistance dogs and dogs present for educational purpose are exempt, but a risk assessment will still be required. We thank you for your support in maintaining our commitment to health and safety for the whole school community.

## Parents consultation evenings

Thank you for attending our recent parents' evenings. It was lovely to see you and share the success of your children.

## BINGO!

!! Family Bingo Night! !! 

Bank account details:

Friends Of Whaddon

Account number: 72784067

Sort code: 60-20-34



The poster features a dark red background with a grid of numbers and the word 'BINGO' repeated in various colors and fonts. A central graphic shows the word 'BINGO' in large, glowing letters. Below the main title, there is a section with event details.

Come and join us for an evening of fun at our FAMILY bingo night! £3 a ticket, drinks and snacks available to purchase. please note that tickets are limited due to capacity restrictions.

**FRIDAY 7TH MARCH 6PM- 7.30PM**  
Whaddon school hall £3 a ticket.  
Cash or bank transfer please.

If you or someone you know are a **budding Bingo caller** and available to help on the night, please let the Friends know!

## May fayre tombola prizes

Please bring any items, suitable for tombola prizes, to school. Please can expiry dates be checked, so they cover the period after the May Fayre.



## Badgers class

Well done and thank you, to all of the Badgers who have brought in their homework, this week. There are so many wonderful pieces and we are impressed with the hard work and effort that has gone into them. We will share them on the class page of the school website.

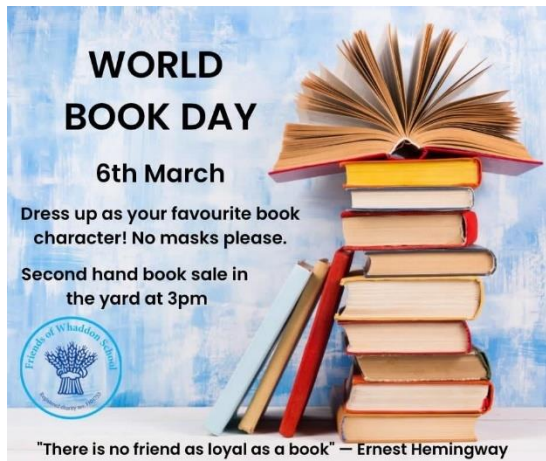
## School website

Please visit our school website for more information on what the children are learning this half term. This information and other useful information can be found on the class pages. The about us section has information on our curriculum offer.

<https://www.whaddon.bucks.sch.uk/web/>

## Nut free lunches and snacks

Please can food containing nuts, not be provided in lunch boxes or break snacks. We have a child and member of staff with severe nut allergies to a variety of nuts. Cross contamination is a strong risk and we want to keep everyone safe and healthy. Please help us by not including items with any nuts in, into packed lunches.



## World book day and book sale donations

March 6<sup>th</sup> is World Book Day and we will be marking it in a host of exciting activities. In class groups, the children will move from class to class, completing book related activities. The children have the opportunity to dress up, as a character from their favourite book, but this is not compulsory. There will be costumes, but we request no masks. Please prepare your child for the changes that will take place, should they be upset by such changes to the school day/routine.

Please can any pre-loved and unwanted books be brought to school ahead of the World Book Day sale, which will be taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Books for younger children and adults are welcome, please help us by checking that the titles are appropriate for small eyes.

## Easter bonnet competition

Calling all crafters! Can you design and make a wonderful Whaddon Easter bonnet? This half term, we are holding a competition to present your original Easter bonnet, in our Easter parade, which will take place on the last day of term: **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. The bonnets will be judged and winners selected by Reverend Dove, after the parade.

Any hat, cap bonnet will do, as long as it is decorated to celebrate Easter/Spring. Bonnets can be decorated with any crafting material or handmade items as long as the bonnet can be worn on your head! There will be a prize for the winner! All bonnets should be brought to school in a named bag. Good Luck- Teacher Read.

## School Library Service books

Our amnesty for all School Library Service books, remains open. A book amnesty box will be on the bench on the playground. Currently, the school has a list of over 100 books showing as missing. If we can't find them, before the box is collected, we will have to pay full RRP for each book "lost". Please check book boxes, under sofas and on shelves for any books with an SLS sticker on the spine or a School Library Service stamp inside. Some books were borrowed by the school from 2017 onwards. We appreciate your help with locating and returning these books.

## Governor vacancy

A governor vacancy remains for our Governing board. The role is for foundation governor. Should you be interested, please email the school office for a form. A current or historic link to a church is necessary, but you do not have to attend a church regularly to apply.

## Volunteers

If you can help us with listening to readers, supporting in DT or Art activities please let us know. We always appreciate the benefit of the skills and talent.

## Forest school

**On 7<sup>th</sup> March, Forest School will take place in the morning**, if the weather is wet or cold, please ensure your child has spare clothing, including socks, so they can remain warm and dry, in the afternoon.

## Homework club

Due to booster clubs commencing March 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be no homework club running, until after 19<sup>th</sup> May. We appreciate the time Mr Small has put into offering homework club.

## Homework

Homework for the Spring term can be found on the class pages of our school website. More information can be found there for specific activities. We do ask that: reading is completed at least 5 times per week, TTRS and Spag.com platforms are engaged with, as frequently as possible, especially with the multiplication checks taking place in the Summer term.



As such, please can the year 4 children, in Badgers class use TTRS as much as possible, from now on, to prepare them for the times table check, in June. This is not just good for practice and recall but the TTRS platform is very similar to the format of the actual times table check format.

## Uniform

Should you require more uniform items, please head to our **website and click on the uniform tab** for our providers.

Friends of Whaddon School will notify parents of the pre-loved uniform sales that will be held this term.



Please remember that our uniform **does not** include nail varnish, eye make-up **or ornate hair accessories**. Jewellery, other than sleeper earrings, is not permitted, for health and safety reasons. Sleeper earrings (studs not hoops) must be covered with tape, for PE lessons. Please ensure that any post- Christmas party nails are removed for the school week. Long hair must be tied back for health and safety and concentration reasons. Any pupils coming to school with long hair that is down will be given a hair band to tie it back.



## Absence

Please can parents let the office know, **no later than 08.30am**, if your child is unwell or going to be late in for any reason. This helps us complete our registers accurately, in a timely way. Any absences that have not been reported by parents, in person, by phone or email will be followed up by the school as part of our safeguarding commitment. More information on this is available in our child protection and safeguarding policies, on our website. Children who have been reported as unwell previously still need to be reported **each day** that the child is absent from school.

## Timings...



The infographic features a blue background with a white border. At the top left is the school crest. The title is in white text. Below the title is a table with three columns. At the bottom, there is a message in white text.

If in a school year, you are late every day by...	You would have lost approximately...	or you would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	18 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	35 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	50 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	73 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	110 Lessons

You should not take holidays during term time.  
Please be punctual to maintain attendance.  
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

Parents bringing their children onto the playground are welcome from 08.20am. When it is raining, we allow the children to go straight to their classes, without needing to line up.

We would like to remind parents that registration is at **08.30am** and **parents and children should be on the playground ready for collection by the adult at 08.25am latest.**

**The gate will be shut at 08.35am** and late arrivals will be buzzed in and

signed in by a member of staff, who will require a reason for the late arrival, in order for us to record this for the local authority, on our registration system SIMs.

## Celebration/class assemblies...

We warmly welcome parents and family members to attend our celebration/class sharing collective worships on Friday mornings. **The dates for the spring term sharing assemblies are available on the school calendar, on our website.**

Sometimes these dates have to be changed, sometimes, due to other events that arise, throughout the school year. We endeavour to communicate these to you, via Parentmail, as soon as possible.

We aim to notify you, if your child is receiving an award, by the Thursday before the Friday collective worship. The children will not know if you are able to attend or not.

Should your child have been awarded a certificate or medal, outside of school, please let us know, so that we can share this, as a school. Please ensure that the school office is notified, in advance of the assembly, to manage the timings of the worship.



## Website / dates for your diary...

6<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day

21<sup>st</sup> March Red Nose day- wear red for £1

11<sup>th</sup> March Booster sessions start

26<sup>th</sup> March chocolate egg donation for children to come in their own clothes (mufti day)

28<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day celebration St Mary's church 08.40am

3<sup>rd</sup> April Easter service St. Mary's church 08.40am

4<sup>th</sup> April INSET day

Please see the website for other calendar dates



**Thank you to our reading volunteer, Mrs. Pit**

**Thank you to FOWS for all of your fundraising and support!**





A big 'well done' to all of the children who were given a teacher award or a golden ticket this week!

Thank you to all of the children, for all you have done, this week, making our school a brilliant place to learn, for being such good role models, for shining brightly and living our school values.