



News Update 19.1.18

Our constant drive to improve literacy in school means we have introduced Read Write Ink this term.

Interested ? Contact the office and we will sign you up to our Information session.

Dates For your Diary 2018

Wednesday 24th January

Year 4 trip to Woodside Wildlife Park.

PE Days

Monday:

4A and 4B Indoors

Year 5 Outdoors

Tuesday:

4CS and 4S Indoor

Year 3 Outdoor

Wednesday

Year 5 Indoor

Thursday

Year 6 Indoor

Year 4 Outdoor

Friday

Year 3 Indoor

Year 6 Outdoor

Every Minute Counts!

8.45AM Your child has arrived in time to settle well and has the best start possible.

9.00AM Your child has probably arrived just after most children as the school day starts.

9.01am Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day, being a few minutes late often unsettles children.

9.05am 5 minutes late a day means 3 lost days a year.

9.10am 10 minutes late a day means 6 days lost a year.

9.15am 15 minutes late a day means 9 lost days a year.

Arriving after the register closes is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

If your child is late they are missing out.

If your child is regularly late it will affect their learning at school.

Give your child the best start to school day by arriving at 8.45am.

Attendance

The government states that **Every** pupils attendance should be at least **95%**. Despite 90% being a great test score it makes a worrying attendance figure.

Being **LATE** after registration will also **LOWER** your attendance.

How does your child measure up?

Attendance =days absent

95% 9days

90% 19days

85% 29days

75% 48days

70% 57days

65% 67days

Each day your child attends counts towards a better future!

The school is only open 190 days a year !



Year 4

Reminder: Woodside Wildlife Park on Wednesday 24th January please return your slip and money before Monday 22nd January 2018. Children must bring warm clothes hat, scarf and gloves and pack-up. Also be in school for 8.30am.

Battery Hunt

As part of the big battery hunt, next week your child will come home with their own collection box to gather any old AAA, AA, C or D batteries. Once their box is full, or they have found all the old batteries at home, they need to return the box to school where they will be entered into a competition with the chance to win their own iPad. The class that collects the most batteries in the nationwide competition has the chance to win a 3 day visit to the sustainability centre. For more information search Big Battery Hunt. Follow @wbjjunior school to find out weekly battery collection totals.

Money

As we have unfortunately had incidents of money being lost, could we please ask for you to make sure your children are not bringing large amounts of money into school unnecessarily. Also, just to let you know, the most amount of money needed for tuck shop is 30p . .

Headlice

There have been a few reports of headlice, in particular in Year 5. Please would you check your children's hair and treat accordingly. (Could this be followed by the usual advice tips please)

Rewards

We have now extended our reward system in school. The children receive a coloured token for every 10 golden tickets they collect. The team with the most at the

Reading

The following facts

Child A reads 1 minute each day

180 minutes in a school year =
8000 words read.

Child B reads 5 minutes each day.

900 minutes in a school year =
282,000 words read.

Child C reads 20 minutes each day.

3,600 minutes in a school year =
1,800,000 words read.

Reading Record

As we are striving to ensure that reading is an integral part of our day here at William Barcroft, we ask that children bring their records and books into school daily. If children have lost their record, a new one can be purchased from the office.

New Initiatives

In order to improve reading across the school we are trialling some new methods of teaching. Some children are now using RWI and soon we will be using accelerated reader.

After 1/2 term Miss Emson will be holding a meeting to explain the new systems and how they'll help your children.

Wildlife

This week we had a special visitor, Leanne, from Lincolnshire Trust. She spoke to us about different ways we can help wildlife in our local community from creating piles of leaves for hedgehogs to live in to making our own bee or bird houses. She had lots of tips to help us, help our local wildlife. To find out more you can visit these websites.

www.lincstrust.org.uk

www.wildlifewatch.org.uk

PE Kit

Please remember that especially in the cold, winter months it is important for your child to have the correct outdoor PE kit. This should ideally include tracksuit bottoms and a warmer-type jumper.

Reminder Year 6 have changed their PE day to Thursday.

Car Park

If using the school car park you must chaperone your child to and from the car. Children should NOT be walking across the car park without an adult.

Information

This is the last term all letters will be going out on paper. Next term all letters will be emailed and a text will be sent to alert you. Any letters that require a response will be sent on paper, we wouldn't expect you to print and return. All letters will also be available on the school website. Paper copies can be collected from the office if required. Not only is this better for the environment but you will be able to access the information quicker

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