

WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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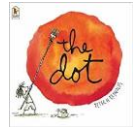
'Let your light shine' – Matthew 5:16
Our Current Core Value: Courage

26th February 2021

Dear Whitley Family,

I hope that you all had a good half-term break and were able to enjoy both the snow and the sunshine.

As you will have heard on Monday, the Prime Minister has announced that all children will return to school on March 8th so we are looking forwards to seeing everyone again. We are busy making the necessary preparations to ensure a smooth introduction for the children. We have decided to make the first day back a whole school project day based around the book *The Dot* (Peter H Reynolds) to symbolise us all getting back together as one big family. It also gives us the opportunity to settle the children through lots of creative and mental well-being lessons.



World Book Day

Thursday 4th March is World Book Day and we are planning to make this a fun day for the children. This will be a non-uniform day. The children may come to school dressed as they see appropriate; whether it is as a book character, PJs for bedtime stories or any other great ideas that you may have. (Please do not go out and buy a costume.) We hope that everyone working from home will take part too. I know that there are going to be 'Masked Readers' that will be put on Facebook and the learning platforms. The readers will be revealed on Friday!



'Who's behind the mask?!'

Pancake Competition

Thank you for all the entries into 'The Friends of Whitley' (PTA) competition. There were some very creative entries. It's the first time I have ever been portrayed in pancake form! We will be announcing the winners tomorrow and there are some great prizes thanks to 'The Friends of Whitley' efforts. I won't spoil the surprise now.

Whitley Postcards



We have designed and had made Whitley postcards that will be given or sent home to children for great work, behaviour etc. This is as well as our usual WOW awards.

PE- Key Stage 2

Can all KS2 children come to school dressed in their outdoor PE kits next Tuesday.

Re-opening March 8th 2021

As was outlined by the Prime Minister on Monday all Primary schools will **fully** re-open from March 8th and that school attendance is **mandatory** for all children from 8th March. (**All** primary children are expected to attend school from 8th March.) When we re-open we will still be following the safety practises that we have had in place from September and subsequent risk assessments. (The new risk assessment for March 8th re-opening will shortly be published on our website.) These include risk management controls such as the wearing of masks by parents within the school grounds/ building, social distancing and the same staggered start/finish times that we had from September to December. I will send out further information when necessary. The kitchen will be providing its usual range of hot meals.

Hope that you have a lovely weekend and that the sun shines.

Take care and keep safe.

Mrs Gray

