



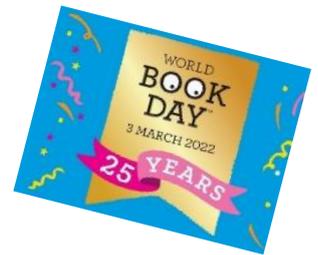
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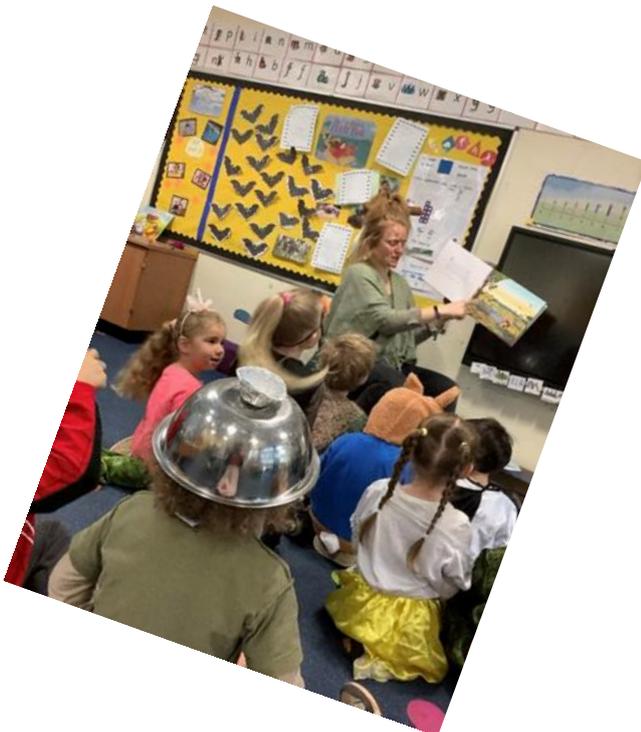
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Newsletter no. 23 Spring Term – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



It was absolutely lovely to see the children dressed up yesterday. A huge thank you goes to the parents who came in and read to the children in the morning which was rounded off with a World Book Day assembly parade organised by Miss Mainwaring. In the afternoon Year 2 really impressed us with their story telling to the younger children. Well done to everyone!





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## Home School Partnership

Attached to the newsletter this week is our draft Home School Partnership document. Schools no longer have to draw up blueprints for pupil and parental engagement after the government scrapped a requirement for “prescriptive” home school agreements a few years ago.

Our staff have worked to develop this document which replaces the old Home School Agreement which was signed by parents. We wanted this agreement to be a collaborative approach to ensuring our school to flourish and we would welcome your comments. Please also talk through the agreement with your child.

Please email any comments to [office@witley.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@witley.surrey.sch.uk) by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Thank you.

## What do I say? Talking about War

For many parents, the subject of war and how it affects us is not something we thought we would be having to discuss with our children. Talking to children about the impacts of war can be a tricky conversation to navigate. Most young people are aware of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and what is happening on the Ukrainian people, and children are worried about the impact it could have on them too. Save the Children website has some very useful advice and well worth a read. Follow the link below:

[Save the Children](#)



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## Fundraising for Ukraine

Some children are beginning to talk about the recent events in Ukraine and I will be meeting with the School Council to discuss ways of raising money to support the children caught up in war. In the meantime you can donate through many channels including Unicef and Save the Children.



[Unicef](#)



[Save the Children](#)

## An urgent plea from Class Teachers

**PLEASE** look after your Little Wandle reading books and keep them in your book bag every day. Our children read in a group and if your child forgets their book they will find it difficult to join in with the reading session which will impact their progress.

Thank you for your support.



Well done to the following children who are in our Gold Book this week.

Dolphins: Sam, Oskar, Phoebe  
Penguins: Evie and Maddison  
Puffins: Esther and Felix



## Cake raffle winner!

This week's winner is Oscar H in Dolphins

Well done!

Thank you to the Kirkland family for this week's beautiful cake.





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## A Message from Surrey County Council Safer Travel Team

Witley C of E Infant School are assisting Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team to undertake research with parents on pupils' types of travel to and from school. This follows the huge success that the previous survey had, with over 13,000 parents and guardians completing the survey.

*As a direct result the county council are considering additional investment in walking and cycling measures outside schools to make walking and cycling and scooting to school easier and safer. In response to the survey The Safer Travel Team are launching a new Walking Training programme in June 2022 for Year 3 pupils across Surrey's primary schools. This will be delivered by a team of trained Walking Instructors and the course will be taught through a series of in-class and on-road practical training modules.*

*By offering this new programme at Year 3, it blends with other initiatives such as Cycle Training (Bikeability level 1 and 2). The training course will provide pupils with the necessary foundational road safety skills to better enable them to safely walk to and from school with their parents and carers, preparing them for safe, independent travel in the future. If you would like to find out more, please email [safetravelteam@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:safetravelteam@surreycc.gov.uk)*

The objective of the research is to develop a better understanding of the different types of travel, how frequently they're used and why that type is used.

Once the Safer Travel Team have collected and analysed this information provided by parents, their goal is to obtain a better understanding of journeys to school, so they can continue encouraging safer and more active travel to school for all children in Surrey.

Please could I ask that you review and complete the survey using the link below. The deadline for completion of the survey is **11.59pm on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022** and the survey should be completed for each child that attends our school. If you have another child which attends a separate secondary school, please complete another survey which will be coming out shortly.

[Primary School Travel Survey 2022 - Surrey County Council - Citizen Space \(surreysays.co.uk\)](https://surreysays.co.uk)



Thank you for continuing to support Witley Infant School to improve pupils' journeys to school.



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## Ultimate Activity Camps

Ultimate Activity Camps provide outstanding Ofsted-registered activity day camps for children aged 4-14 during the school holidays, where the children's welfare and fun are at the heart of all they do! Children will enjoy a fantastic range of over 40 sports, games and art activities every week led by engaging staff at amazing locations. Running this Easter & Summer at Prior's Field School.

W: <http://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk/FSF>

T: 0330 111 7077

E: [help@ultimateactivity.co.uk](mailto:help@ultimateactivity.co.uk)

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/UltimateActivityCamps>

## Dates to Remember

### SPRING TERM 2022

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March – SCIENCE DAY with Mad Marc, the Scientist, visiting in the morning

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Spring Parent Consultations 1.15 pm – 5.30 pm Live in the Jubilee Hall

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – End of Term for Easter Break **EARLY FINISH 1:30 pm**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – INSET DAY**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Return to School

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – School finishes for half term

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – INSET DAY** before half term (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June)

### SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Return to school

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Dolphins Class to visit Tuesley Farm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – End of term for the summer EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**

**WE ARE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING OUR INSET DAYS FOR 2022/23 WITH OUR GLP PARTNER SCHOOLS**

**AND WE WILL INFORM YOU OF THESE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**