# Whaplode Church of England Primary School

# Inspire Believe Achieve

We enable our children to be the best that they can be, through our vision of "Inspire Believe Achieve" rooted in the belief that "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

March 2024

### **Head of School Update**

The half term break seems like a distant memory already with this term starting at a very brisk pace!

Pupils from Year 6 joined with their counterparts at Weston St Mary to enjoy an action packed, and very muddy, residential visit at Hilltop Outdoor Centre in Norfolk at the start of the half term holiday. Pupils challenged themselves to take part in a wide variety of daring activities including climbing, aerial runway, super-swing as well as enjoying evening activities such as a campfire. The behaviour of all pupils was excellent throughout the visit and was commented on by instructors. We were very proud of the excellent attitude and encouraging nature shown by everyone on the stay and would like to say a huge thank you to those staff who gave up their weekend to enable such an event to take place.

Last week pupils from our EYFS class enjoyed a visit from Peterborough Museum who brought along a range of old toys to support the pupils current learning on 'What was life like once upon a time?'. Next week pupils in Year 6 will be heading off to Imperial War Museum Duxford to support their learning on World War II.

Next week sees the school celebrate World Book Day. As part of our celebrations, we are inviting pupils to come to school dressed as a character from a book. We can't wait to see which characters arrive at school on the day! We would also like to invite parents in to read with your child from 2.15-2:45pm on the day. You can use this time to share a book from the class library with your child. Parents with more than one child will be able to visit more than one class during the session.

Please don't forget that parents evening will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. If you have not yet booked your appointment, please do so as it is really important that we keep you updated on your child's progress.

### Term Dates:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

### Other Dates:

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March Y6 visit to Duxford
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> March Parents evening
Thur 7<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day
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Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March Red Nose Day (more details to follow)

18<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> March Celebrations of Learning

Thur 21st March Bingo Night at Weston Village Hall
Tues 26th March Y4 Easter Experience at St Mary's Church

Thur 28th March Easter Service at church

Thur 28<sup>th</sup> March End of term

### **Safeguarding**

We believe that safeguarding is an important part of our work with children and young adults. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us. If you have concerns about the safety of any child, you should let somebody know. Both Miss Muir and Mrs Adie are the designated safeguarding leads within the school.

# **Book fair**

The school will be welcoming its annual Book Fair to school from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. It will be open from 3:30-4pm every afternoon for you to come along with your children to make purchases. Payments can only be made using card as we are unable to accept cash payments.

## **School Closure due to weather or emergencies**

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. We appreciate that many pupils live within walking distance of the school, but we also have to take into account where our staff live and their ability to travel to and from school safely to ensure the safety of our pupils. Once the decision has been made to close the school, parents will be informed via our usual communication systems. The information will also be broadcast on the local radio:

- 1. Lincs FM
- 2. BBC Radio Lincolnshire

We will also update the school website, the school Twitter account & Lincolnshire County Council will put it on the school closures page at: <a href="https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures">https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures</a>

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