

Wanborough Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

As we approach the Easter break can I thank everybody for their hard work over the last few weeks, the return to school has been very successful and extremely tiring for all, so some chocolate this Easter Sunday is very well deserved.

Whilst the roadmap continues to be implemented, we have not been given any new DfE advice to change anything at school, so we intend to start Term 5 as we have been operating thus far.

Procedures for alerting the school about testing over the Easter holidays remain the same. Any test booked and subsequent result should be reported to the school, especially if they occur tomorrow and/or Saturday as this has implications for potential close contacts in school having to isolate. For tests/results from Sunday and beyond we would appreciate being alerted if this means that children will not be able to return to school on Monday 19th April.

I hope everybody has a lovely Easter break.

Andrew Drury
Headteacher



Value of the Month for April is: CREATIVITY

Ancient paintings hidden deep inside dark caves, huge stones arranged on hill sides and plains, buried bowls and pots and intricate jewellery show us that from earliest times human beings have wanted to design and **create** beautiful things. Each of us is **creative** but we all have different gifts and abilities. Some of us love to paint, others to cook, some like to make music, others to build models.

- Talk together about each other's creative gifts. Are there some gifts that you share as a family or are you all different?
- Is there something **creative** you have always wanted to try but never had the opportunity?
- Do you have a favourite piece of art?

Change to PE days for Term 5 for Years 2/4/6

We have arranged for Wiltshire Cricket to come in and work with Y2, Y4 & Y6 in Term 5 on a Thursday morning.

- Y2 will keep their normal PE days (Thursday and Friday)
- Y6 will be Wednesday and Thursday
- Y4 will be Monday and Thursday

Letter to the Children and Young People from the Secretary of State for Education

The Secretary of State for Education has recently written to children and young people to recognise the impact of the disruption they have faced over the past year and to thank them for their resilience. He outlines his continued commitment to supporting children and young people to recover from the disruption now that they have returned to school and college. The letter also highlights the importance of coronavirus (COVID-19) testing and the vital role this plays in helping to prevent the virus spreading
<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/03/26/a-letter-to-young-people-from-gavin-williamson-mp-secretary-of-state-for-education/>

Diary Dates

Teacher Training Days

2020/2021

1st Sept / 19th, 20th, 21st Oct / 23rd July

2021/2022

1st Sept / 22nd Oct / 4th Jan / 27th May / 22nd July

***** SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO SBC CONSULTATION ON TERM DATES *****

Road Closure - Church Road

SBC have put in a road closure order for Church Road, between the top of Pack Hill and Kite Hill. This is due to start from 19th April for about a week. This will affect travel to school from the Commonhead roundabout direction, but will not impact on the High Street, Ham Road or the section of Church Road from Callas Hill to Kite Hill.

On the positive side, The Marsh / Burycroft has now re-opened, so traffic could come from Commonhead that way, up the High Street and along Rotten Row.

FYI Closure order is here:
https://www.wanborough.info/church_road_closure.html (local traffic will not be expected to take the circuitous diversion route).

Other news/celebrations...

Macy in Year 4 has completed a charity walk in which she had to walk 300,000 steps in 30 days. She started on the 1st March and completed it this week. She has raised over **£1000** for the Ronald McDonald house. For more information on the amazing charity and what they do please follow this link <https://rmhc.org.uk/>

What a fantastic achievement Macy - we are super proud of you - the money you have raised will make a big difference.



We would like to congratulate Isabella in Year 6 who over the last few months has been going through the audition process with four vocational schools: Moorland International Ballet Academy, Elmhurst Ballet School, Tring Park School for the Performing Arts and The Royal Ballet School.

Isabella has been extremely successful and has been offered a place at each of the schools which is an amazing achievement. She will be taking her exciting next step with The Royal Ballet School at White Lodge in Richmond Park from September 2021.

Well done Isabella all - your hard work and dedication attending your local dance school in the evenings and weekends at your ballet associate programmes has enabled you to follow your dream. We wish you every success!



Reuben, in Year 6, recently entered a book competition with National Geographic Kids describing why he likes books in no more than 50 words. Reuben wrote:

"I think books are brilliant because they are so simple but yet so creative. Books let your imagination run free. You are able to travel to anywhere your mind lets you. They allow us to explore our emotions and can give us a greater understanding of the world around us"

We are pleased to say that Reuben won the competition winning himself all of the World Book Day books + 11 more titles. Reuben is super pleased and excited to receive his prize. Needless to say, mum and dad are also very proud of him. Well done Reuben.



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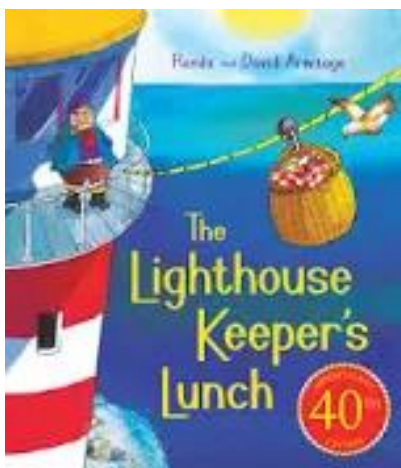
AMAZING!

We love to hear about your child's 'out of school' achievements so please email admin@wanboroughprimary.org if your child has anything they would like to celebrate with us.

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Wanborough staff really love a good book! Before Christmas, some of our staff began writing book reviews to inspire you with one you might not have read. Often, recommendations make us try out stories that we otherwise would not have picked ourselves and they can reveal new-found favourites too! This term, Years 1, 3 and 6 have a book they would love to recommend you....read on to find out which ones they are!



The Lighthouse keepers Lunch by David and Ronda Armitage

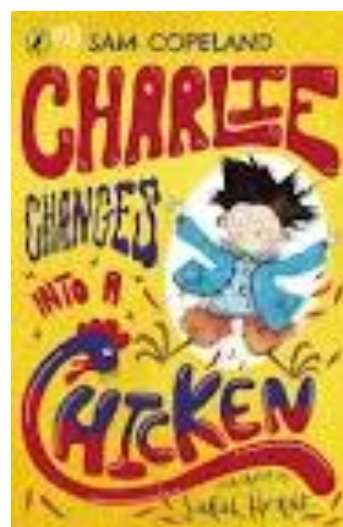
Review by Mr Day, Year 1

This book is a classic and definitely one of my favourites! All the Lighthouse Keeper wants is his lunch but the pesky seagulls have a very different idea. This book makes me laugh aloud, from Hamish the cats' adventure in the basket across the sea, to the intriguing and fantastic plans that the Lighthouse Keeper and his wife come up with to deliver his lunch. If you enjoy a great story about animals and the beach, then you should read this book. I hope you enjoy this book as much as I did as a child and do now!

Charlie Changes into a Chicken by Sam Copeland

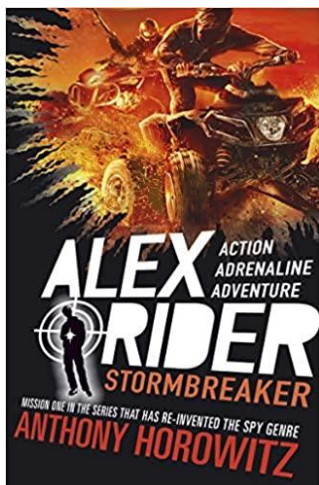
Review by Mrs Wright, Year 3

What happens when you feel stressed? Maybe you start sweating or your heart beats faster? When Charles McGuffin gets stressed, something a little bit different happens....he turns into an animal! Charlie is a nine year old boy who, along with his good friends, tries to find a way to deal with his new-found powers before his upcoming role in the school play. This book is *bursting* with laughs and is an enjoyable read from very beginning - I'm looking forward to reading the sequel already! Sam Copeland's writing reminds me of the Roald Dahl books that I have always loved; *Charlie Changes into a Chicken* filled me with positivity and left me with a big smile on my face!



Alex Rider, Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

Review by Miss Brant, Year 6



I love a book full of action, mystery, plot twists and intrigue and this did not disappoint. If you love spy stories then you will love the Alex Rider series.

Stormbreaker is the first in a 12 book series following the adventures of a young boy named Alex Rider. In this first book, Alex (who is just fourteen) finds his life turned upside down when he is recruited as a secret agent for MI6. We follow his first daring mission where he has been sent to spy on multi-millionaire Herod Sayle – all is not as it seems!

Once I started reading, I couldn't put the book down. I was gripped and just had to know what happened next. I am already looking forward to reading the second book 'Point Blanc.'