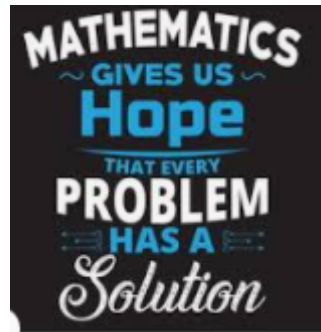




*Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools*  
Weekly Newsletter  
4th February 2022



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Our overall attendance this week was

**92.6%**

**Well done everyone for a much improved attendance figure!**

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**HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:** We have ended the week with sunshine and celebrations, as the children have been learning and thinking about the Queen's life and role during her long reign. The children have worked so hard on their fantastic crowns and we are looking forward to a grand parade at the end of the day for any parents and carers on the yard to see. Thank you all for your support helping the children to make these. Remember the cake stall at the end of the day too - there are some wonderful bakes to choose from.

The children took part in an assembly today about NSPCC Numbers day, which is helping to raise awareness of this amazing charity. The children then took part in some special maths activities back in class.

Over the last few terms, it has been difficult due to the Covid pandemic and self isolation rules, to maintain our usual high levels of attendance in school and it is important that we work together to try to ensure that the children do not miss any more learning time than is absolutely necessary. Arriving at school on time enables the children to get settled and ensures they are ready to start their learning promptly and we very much appreciate your continued help and support with this.

Here is a reminder of our morning routine:

- 8:45am gates open - morning challenges for all
- 9.00am gates closed - lessons begin

Any children arriving after 9am will continue to enter school through the main front door. However, over the next week or so, we will be introducing a new electronic sign in system at the school office for all visitors, staff and late arrivals. Any child arriving late, or being collected early will need to be signed in or out by their parent or carer and a reason recorded. This will help us to have an accurate record of visitors and staff and will enable the recording systems for pupil absence in school to be as up to date as possible.

We really do appreciate your efforts to get the children into school on time and ready to start their lessons. Thank you for working with us to make the most of every learning opportunity for the children each day.

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## **AWARDS OF THE WEEK:**

### **Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:**



**Nursery Bucket Filler of the Week:** Ellie Smith for being such a kind friend to others.

**Reception:** Holly Blackley for fantastic phonics

**Class 2:** Daniel Shaw for super independent writing

**Class 3:** Jenson Bewley for exceptional thinking in science.

Zoe Brennan for displaying a broad and varied vocabulary in her writing.

**Mrs Robinson's Lunchtime Awards:** Emily Higgs and Olivia McGuinness for always eating their lunch and having wonderful manners

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## **SCHOOL UPDATES**

### **Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February:**



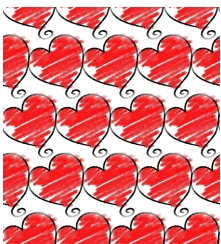
This Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of February the country will be celebrating the official milestone of Queen Elizabeth II's reign of 70 years. Today we have kicked off our celebrations in style and look forward to events involving both school and community over the coming months, including a joint project with the school, church and the Whittonstall community.

**Design Your Own Crown Competition:** Thank you so much for your support with our design a crown competition. It was a real treat to watch the children arrive at school this morning proudly wearing their fantastic crown creations. The winners will be announced in assembly on Monday - good luck everyone!

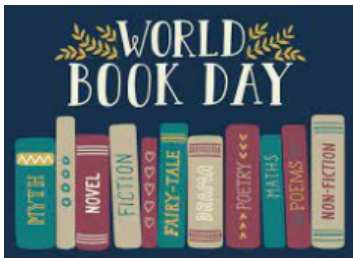


**Cake Stall:** Wow! We are so grateful for your generosity today in donating cakes for our stall - and thoroughly impressed with your baking and cake decorating skills, as you can see from this small selection of the goodies on offer! We will let you know next week how much was raised for the charity Epilepsy Support.

**Rosebush planting:** We were honoured to be invited by Whittonstall Community Group to help plant five Queen's rose bushes in the grounds of Whittonstall Church to mark the Platinum Jubilee. We are looking forward to working with the Community Group more in the future. For anyone who is interested in becoming involved themselves, the group meets in the Anchor on the first Tuesday of each month.



**VALENTINE'S DISCO:** Next Friday 11th February the PTA have organised a Valentine's disco after school, finishing at 5pm. A letter has been sent home about this and if your child would like to take part then please return the reply slip along with £5.00 cash to school in a named envelope. There is also the option for your child to have their face painted for an additional £2.00, which should also be returned with the reply slip please.



### **WORLD BOOK DAY - FRIDAY 4th MARCH:**

We are doing something a little bit different this world book day. Instead of asking the children to come dressed in fancy dress costumes, each child will be provided with a plain white T-Shirt which they will bring home and which we would like them to decorate using the theme of ' My Favourite Book'. This might take the form of drawing the front cover of the book or a scene or character from it. They can decorate the t-shirt using whatever medium they would like - pens, paint, material etc. We are hoping to send the T-shirts home before half term so that you have plenty of time to get the creative juices flowing!



We would also like to have a book swap on the day. Children will be encouraged to bring in a book from home that they have enjoyed and which they would now like to donate to their friends. Each child will receive another book in place of the one they have given. Books can be sent into school from Monday 28th February - please send just one book per child.

To round off the day, we will be having a buddy story telling afternoon including a buddy book quiz.



### **SAFER INTERNET DAY:**

Tuesday 8th February is Safer Internet Day 2022. This is something that our schools take part in every year and next week each class will spend a day focussing on staying safe online. Internet safety is a really important topic of conversation to have with your children and next week would be the perfect opportunity to spend some time chatting about it. The link below has lots of helpful ideas and tips for parents and grandparents, covering everything from phones and tvs to games consoles and smart speakers.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

**SCHOOL WEBSITE PHOTOS:** We have a photographer coming into school next week to take some images for our school website. If you would not like your child to be included in these pictures please let the school office know.



## THINGS TO DO THIS WEEKEND:



## **Plan a free visit to BALTIC Family Days this February half term**

Free creative workshops, fun activities and family tours...

For more information, follow the link below:

[Baltic Family Fun Days in Half Term](#)

### **Junior Bake Off:**

Are there any budding bakers in Year 4 or amongst our older siblings? Junior bake off are looking for children aged 9 to 12 to take part in their next series - for more information visit the web address below.



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**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2022**

Enquiries:  
[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)

## DIARY DATES

- W/C Monday 7th February Safer Internet Sessions- each class will take part in safer internet activities at some point during this week
- Friday 11th February Valentine's Disco 3.15 - 5.00 pm
- Friday 18th February School Closes for half term
- Monday 28th February School reopens for Spring term 2
- Friday 4th March World Book Day
- W/C 7th March STEM Week - more information to follow
- W/C 7th March Parents' Evenings - class dates and times to be confirmed and more information to follow shortly about booking appointment slots
- Friday 18th March Comic Relief Red Nose Day - more information to follow. We will be selling red noses in the run up to red nose day
- Mon 21st - Fri 27th March Neurodiversity Week - celebrating learning differences and the strengths and talents that come from thinking and perceiving the world differently
- Friday 8th April School closes for Easter holidays
- Monday 25th April School reopens for Summer term

On behalf of staff and governors may I wish you all a lovely weekend, take care and stay safe.

*Mrs Barker*

Executive Head Teacher