

# **Warbstow Primary Academy and Nursery**

Small and mighty is the Warbstow Way

## NEWSLETTER 18 – 31st January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of January is finally upon us! In amongst the rain this week it has been lovely to enjoy some spring sunshine on the playground. This week we started Team Games Thursday – a chance for us all to join in with some new games that we could play at other times in the week. Teamwork is one of our school values and we welcome any chance to help us support, encourage and help one another. It was super to see older pupils helping the younger pupils enjoy their game.

We are excited that our new trim trail is being installed soon, keeping our fingers crossed for good weather to help the contractors get it installed and ready for playing very soon. Thank you to our PTA for supporting the fundraising to help us purchase it.

It was amazing to see some many pupils being awarded values certificates in assembly today. Well done to you all.



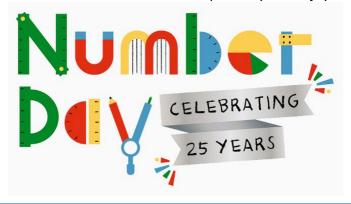
Wishing you a lovely weekend, Mrs Bancroft

#### This half term's value - TEAMWORK

In assembly this week we talked about how lucky we are in our country that all children and adults can play team games and experience such positive affirmation of joining in with a sport, club or other activity. We talked about the fact that in some countries people are exclued from team games. Women in Iran are not allowed to play some team games. The children were very interested in this fact! This launched our Team Games Thursday project.

## **NSPCC Number Day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Our school council have promoted the special day within their classes this week. We will be enjoying games and challenges across the school. Children are encouraged to come to school as a number! Simply come to school wearing an item of clothing with a number on it. This could be a favourite sports top or cap, or even a onesie or costume. Or why not get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice! We hope everyone enjoys taking part.



#### Arbor, In App Messaging

Since October half term we have been using Arbor In-app messaging as a way of communication. You do need to be registered with Arbor, ideally using the App or as a browser window on your computer. If using the app a notification is sent when you have a message to read. The Arbor app is also where you can book parent consultation meetings, book your child into some after school clubs and view your child's information and consents. More information about using the app can be found using this link Arbor Parent App - The Aspire Academy Trust

If you are having difficulty accessing the Arbor app, please visit Mrs Shute at the school office.

#### Numbots and Times Table Rockstar (TTRS)

The children in Year 1 & 2 have been shown how to log in to Numbots and have brought home a username label containing their unique login details in their reading records. NumBots can be played on a browser <a href="Numbots Game">Numbots Game</a> or via the app which is free to download on Amazon, Android and Apple devices. Children may need help entering the details, but once they're in they will be able to play the game on their own. A parent letter is coming home today in book bags.

Practise at home for Numbots and TTRS for pupils in Year 3-6 is vital to help build fluency in number bonds and times tables. Your support in helping at home is greatly appreciated.

### Reading helpers

We are looking to start up our reading volunteer slots again, and we would very much welcome volunteer parents and carers that could make a regular commitment to hearing some children read in school. It would really help our children practice their reading skills and improve their reading fluency. The reading sessions will run on a Monday afternoon 2:30 – 3:15pm.

If you would be interested please inform the school office via hello@warbstow.org.uk . In order to come into school we would require you to complete a volunteer form and a DBS check. Thank you.

## Earhart Trip to Bodmin Moor – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Thank you to those who have already provided consent for their child to attend the trip to Bodmin Moor on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Consent is required via ParentPay by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Full details in email sent on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Dates**

4<sup>th</sup> Feb – Earhart trip – Bodmin Moor

7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Number Day

7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Music assembly 2:30pm (for families of children learning the keyboard and guitar)

12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Open books morning 8:40-9am

13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Non uniform day in exchange for PTA hamper prize & PTA Valentine sweet sale

14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Inset

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Half Term

7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Holidays

22<sup>nd</sup> April – Inset

20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Y5/6 London Residential

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term

#### **Communication from our PTA**

Non School Uniform Day – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

It would be amazing if on the day children could bring a donation of a bottle or box of chocolates.

This will be to help support our Bingo fundraiser event held at The Wilsey Down Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, which will need hampers made up for prizes

Thankyou from Warbstow PTA.

