



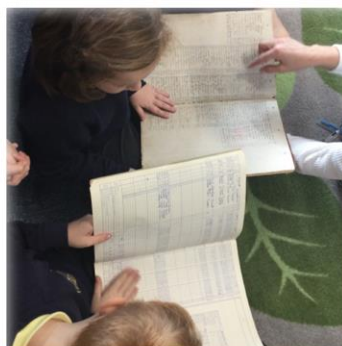
Warbstow Primary Academy and Nursery

Small and mighty is the Warbstow Way

NEWSLETTER 9 Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today in school we have marked Remembrance Day with the greatest of respect. Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal this year. Attenborough Class and our House Captains had the honour of laying our wreath on the War Memorial in the village, it has been a timely addition to our curious theme in Attenborough Class – What was Warbstow like in the past? Curiosity has been flowing out of Attenborough this week as we delved into the school archive... the children were engrossed in the old registers, the original school roll book from 1878 and a register of evacuees. Many children found their parents in the registers and scrutinised some of your attendance from the 1980s!



Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Mrs Bancroft

Spelling homework

We launched our new spelling system for KS1 and KS2 last week. Well done to those who learnt their words over the weekend. Please now learn week 2's list ready for testing on Monday. Spelling books will be coming home so that you can see how your child is getting on. Our focus however is for the children to then spell those words correctly in every piece of work. This is why it is so important that they are practiced at home. Just a few minutes each day will do the job!

After Monday you will then need to focus on week 3's list. Thank you for your support.

This half term's value...



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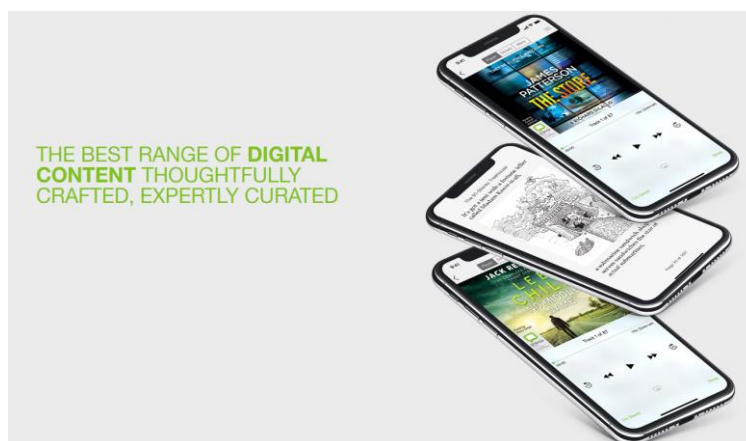
A request... please can your child wear odd socks to school on Monday. I wonder why? They will find out in our curiosity assembly on Monday. The jazzier the better please!

Phonics and reading parent information session

I would like to invite parents to a phonics and reading information session on 20th November at 2.30pm. This is your opportunity to hear how we teach reading across the school. We are very much looking forward to being able to offer an additional Read Write Inc group from December and I will explain how this will benefit our earliest readers – the children in EYFS and KS1. Until then our groups will remain the same.

Our recommendation...

Did you know about the Borrowbox app? [BorrowBox – Your library in one app](#) This is a reading game changer. You can download books and magazines to the app from the library service for free! We are always looking at ways to encourage the children to read and this is a great way. Reading little and often and on the go is always helpful and as it runs through an app it is very easy!



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BBC 500 words competition

For all our budding authors the BBC are promoting their story writing competition – write a story in 500 words. Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read** without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Follow the link here for more information <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>

Things you need to know for next week

Monday – Year 1 & 2 Multi skills event at Stratton Primary School. There is still time to sign up via ParentPay.

Tuesday – Y3/4 swimming. Bring swim wear and towel.

Tuesday – PAFC after school club.

Wednesday – Deadline for Earharts's Eden Project consent & payment. Trip date 22nd November 23.

Wednesday – **Earhart** Wild Tribe, wellies and waterproofs required. If your child does not have the kit they will be unable to participate.

Thursday – Craft club.

Xmas4schools

Your unique order code has now been issued, check your junk mail if you haven't received it. The deadline for orders is Saturday 11th November. Remember £1 from every order comes back to school. Christmas cards, calendars, gift labels, tea towels and mugs are available.

PTA Willow Wreath Workshop

On Friday 1st December, the PTA are holding a willow wreath workshop at the Community Hall at 7pm. Mrs Webb will give a demonstration with guidance throughout the evening while you create your own Christmas wreath in the company of friends. Booking required via hello@warbstow.org.uk £25 per person to include all materials and refreshments.



Dates

13th Nov, 4-5.30pm – KS1 Multi Skills Festival at Stratton Primary School

20th Nov, 2.30pm – Parents Phonics session

22nd Nov – Earhart trip to Eden Project

24th Nov – Attenborough, Victorian day.

1st Dec – PTA Willow Wreath Workshop

5th Dec, 6pm – Paddington and Attenborough Christmas Play

12th Dec, 2pm – Christingle Service

13th Dec – Christmas Lunch

15th Dec, 3.30-5pm – Christmas Disco

20th Dec-3rd Jan – Christmas Break

9th Feb – INSET Day

12th-16th Feb – Half Term

29th Mar-12th Apr – Easter Break

15th Apr – INSET Day

27th -31st May – Half Term

7th June – Community Cohesion Day, school closed for pupils

26th -28th June – Y5/6 residential trip to YHA Okehampton

24th July – Last day of term