



Newsletter No17 Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Families,

The children have continued to work really hard this week and have settled well into the class routines. It is lovely to see the children so enthusiastic about their learning.

As part of our Academy Development Plan we continue to have a focus on maths. Subject Leaders from the three schools meet regularly to discuss and monitor their subjects. This year we have adopted the White Rose Maths planning from Years 1-6. This has a greater emphasis on problem solving and reasoning. The planning also uses the 'Bar Model' method. This is a way of encouraging children to think through the problem and represent it visually in the form of 'Bars'. On Tuesday, we had whole staff training on this method and got to try out some problems using bar models. We all felt this was an excellent way of helping children 'unpick' a problem. The maths subject leaders will be working on how to link this with our calculations policy in the Spring Term and we will share more of this with you later in the year.

We are continuing to monitor attendance each week. The national average is currently 95.8%. We are currently below this at 95.5%. We encourage children to come to school as much as possible as it is very easy to miss out key learning that can lead children to falling behind. If we are concerned about your child's attendance you will have received a letter or a phone call from Mrs Clarkstone. We work closely with our families to ensure they feel supported when attendance has dropped. One of the biggest factors effecting attendance at Wimbotsham is term time holidays. Currently 17% of absences are due to holidays. If you feel you need to discuss attendance with us, we are more than happy to meet with you.

We are really pleased to say the Ducklings area is nearing completion. The children are really excited, and they will be able to access outdoors from next week.

Miss Hayes and Mrs Arrowsmith ~Heads of School

Weekly Attendance Award

Went to Herons Class with 99.20% Attendance for the week 6-10th
January

Week Commencing 20/01/20

Pupil Progress meetings start this week **ORANGE WEEK** on your child's
class day – time

- Tue 21st ~ Swans swimming – swimming hats for children with long hair please!
- Tue 21st ~ X Country finalists – Lynnsport
- Fri 24th ~ Omnes Games Speedstacking - Lynnsport

Dates for your diary

Each class are holding a 'Reading Café'

Mon 10th Feb – Kingfishers

Tue 11th Feb – Ducklings

Thurs 13th Feb – Swans

Fri 14th - Herons

All 2-3pm

Everyone Welcome!

Please remember our website is up and running, the address is;
www.wimbotshamstow.co.uk once on the website select
Wimbotsham Primary School tab for lots of information on what
is happening at school.

STRATFORDS – uniform Supplier. You can collect an order
form from the office – or call them 01553 772043 or email on
orders@stratfords.com

They will deliver at school for a small charge.

Upcoming Events 2020



January 2020

Swans are swimming this Term on Tuesdays

W/C Mon 20th – Orange week PP Meetings – (on Your Day)

Tue 21st – X Country Finalists – Lynnsport

Fri 24th – Omnes Speed stacking at Lynnsport

W/C Mon 27th – Yellow PP Meetings - (on your day)

Tue 28th – Year 1 Active Kids at Lynnsport

Wed 29th – Boccia event at Wereham Village Hall

February

Mon 10th – Kingfishers Reading Café 2-3pm

Tue 11th – Ducklings Reading Café 2-3pm

Thur 13th – Swans Reading Café 2-3pm

Fri 14th – Herons Reading Café 2-3pm

Fri 14th – Last Day break up for half term

Feb 17-21st – Half Term

Mon 24th – Back to school

March

Fri 6th – Omnes Games Volleyball

Fri 20th – Swans Trip Billionaire Boy – More to follow

Tue 24th – Cluster First Steps Netball Tournament

April

Wed 1st – Last day break up for Easter

Mon 20th – Back to school

Tue 21st – Cluster Tri Golf