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## Points to Remember for WIB 13.2.23



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### DATES

#### February

**Tues 14th**—3:30 Conway Residential Meeting Y4 (Mrs Downey's Class 2)

**Fir 17th**— *Stay and Learn Reception and Y1*

**Fri 17th** – *Break up for half term*

**Mon 27th** – **School Closed—Inset Day**

**Tue 28th** - School re-opens for children

#### March

**Thu 2nd**—World Book Day (letter has been sent)

**Mon 27th**—Reports out for Years 1-5

**Wed 29th** - Reception and Y6 parent Evening (Book look for Y1 –Y5)

**Thu 30th** - Reception and Y6 Parent Evening (Book look for Y1 –Y5)

**Fri 31st** - Break up for the Easter holidays

#### April

**Mon 17th** - School opens for Summer Term

#### Residentials 2023

Year 4 Residential to Conway: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Year 6 Residential to Min-y-Don: 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023



Police Community Support Officers Visit



Reception were treated to a visit from PCSOs D. Wiggins and S. Bishop on Tuesday. They had the opportunity to ask lots of questions and find out about people who help us. PCSOs Wiggins and Bishop asked if all parents can teach their children to be able to recall their home address. This could be very useful if they are ever lost.

### FoWs Valentine's Disco

The children will leave school via the playground

**Today**

**3:20pm - 4.30pm**

£2.00 Please pay via Parent Pay

Those not going to the disco can be collected at the end of the day as normal.

### FoWS Lottery Results

Lots of numbers still available – support your school and help raise £3,200!

Please consider joining this year.

Contact Derry 07973281124 for help and to see which numbers are available.

28/01/2023	25	A Manning	£50
01/02/2023	34	Jen Parker	£25

Thank you for supporting our school in this way

### Parent Payments

We would like to politely remind all families that lunches, and after/before school clubs should always be paid for in advance. If you use After School Club and Breakfast Club, please ensure that you have a credit on your balance of at least £50. We rely on prompt payment to ensure that we can purchase food and meet our obligations to our club staff.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2023-2024

*Inset Days	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023		
*Inset Day	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023		
Autumn Term A 2023	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	to	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Half-Term Holiday	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	to	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
*Inset Day	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023		
Autumn Term B	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	to	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	to	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Spring Term A 2024	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	to	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
Half-Term Holiday	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	to	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
*Inset Day	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024		
Spring Term B	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	to	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Bank Holiday/Good Friday	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024		
Easter Holidays	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	to	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer Term A	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	to	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
May Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024		
Half-Term Holiday	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	to	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Summer Term B	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	to	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July

These are the same as we published back in December. Please note, they are in-line with Weaverham High School, but are different to many other Cheshire West Schools. Please do not book any holidays during school time as this will have a detrimental impact on the sequence of learning for your child and will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice from the Local Authority.

## Keeping children Safe Online

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children at Whitley Village School.

Parents of Whitley Village School can help to protect their child/children online by using the resources produced by National Online Safety. The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/whitley-village-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via our brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at

<https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre>.

Kind Regards,

**Mr David (Computing Lead)**

# LET'S CONNECT



## TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear parents and carers,

6 - 12 February 2023 is Children's Mental Health Week. The week is run by children's mental health charity Place2Be to raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is Let's Connect.

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections, and for Children's Mental Health Week 2023, Place2Be is encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways.

As parents and carers, you are an important role model to your child. How you connect with friends and family will influence your child, and how they develop their own friendships and relationships. For example, how you greet people and maintain friendships, but also how you forgive people or say sorry when you need to.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Here are a few simple ways you can connect with your child and help them to make meaningful connections.

#### 1. Connect with your child in everyday ways

Moments of connection (and re-connection) are really important in child-caregiver relationships. For example, when you pick them up from school, or come in from work, try to give them your full attention and see if this helps you feel better connected as you hug, talk, smile and hear about their day. Watching your child play and joining in is really important to them – so put your phone away and have a bit of fun – being playful is good for adults, too!

With your older child, you may find times such as car journeys a good time to talk, or to re-connect by playing music you both like. It is important to be accessible to a teenager when they need to talk. You may have to be there 'on their terms' and be ready to listen.

#### 2. Talk to your child about important connections

This could include talking about family members, friends, neighbours, childminders, people in the local community and others in your faith group (if you have one). Remember it's ok to talk about people they miss, for example, family members who live in a different country or people who have died.

Children learn a lot from their parents about how to express their feelings, including the joy that comes with feeling connected to others and the sadness that comes with missing others.

#### 3. Talk to your child about their friends

As children become teenagers, their friendship groups become increasingly important to them. Be open to hearing about their friendships and try to listen without judgement.

#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek