



# Newsletter 35 23-24

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**WHITCHURCH WEEK OF ADVENTURE:** The children have enjoyed a fantastic Week of Adventure this week, sampling sports such as fencing, cycling, lacrosse, dance and meditation. Tomorrow our week culminates in a visit to Congo Falls! We're particularly pleased to offer this after media coverage about schools not having enough space or physical activity in the press this week. Thank you to all involved, especially Miss Fudge who has worked tirelessly to organise this magnificent week of sports!



**PIZZA EXPRESS:** After all the sport, Year 1 were feeling hungry, so enjoyed a chef's experience at Pizza Express! Maybe they'll join Dean Edwards and Josh Eggleton as renowned chefs who attended Whitchurch!



**ATTENDANCE:** A reminder that although week of adventure ends Friday, We still have a climbing wall coming to school at some point this term. We're not letting children (or adults, or staff) know when though, so make sure you're in school, on time every day for this great activity!



**NEW COLLECTION SYSTEM:** Our school numbers are growing! As of today our numbers have never been higher in the history of the school, testament to the great education and experiences we provide. However, a negative effect is that the 'pick-up' area of the car park is becoming increasingly crowded, making it difficult for children to see and locate their adults, and vice versa.

Therefore, from **MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JULY** we will trial a new **collection** system:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: No change.

Year 3: Parents please wait on the 'side playground'. Children will come out of door marked KS2 entrance.

Year 4 and 5: parents please make your way to the back playground, children will exit from new build.

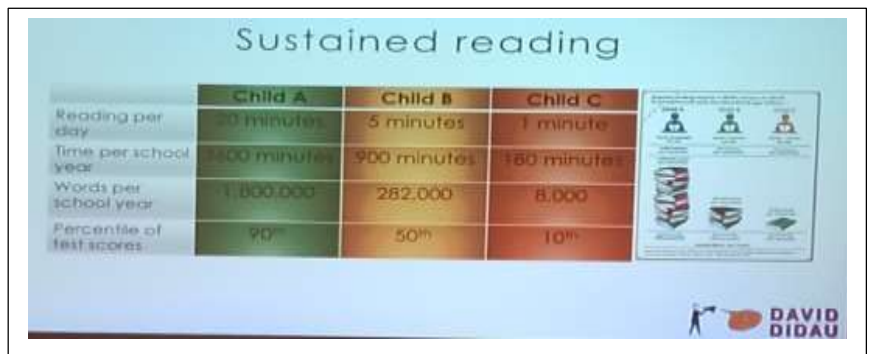
Year 6: No change (parents please collect from car park as usual.)

On Monday we will trial this system for 1 week, and make adaptations if necessary. Thank you.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF READING:**

This slide, photo taken at a conference attended by school staff, details the importance of reading at least 20 minutes a day.

No surprises that the more you read, the more you understand, and therefore do better in tests (and general everyday life) but worth flagging nonetheless.



**WE ARE THE WORLD:** Thank you to children, parents and carers who have agreed to their children appearing on the 'We are the World' board. We have an incredible 30 pins in it, with a community that can speak over 20 languages. Amazing!

**PTA AGM:** Our Parent Teacher Association's annual general meeting is on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the school hall. ALL our parents, carers and school staff are invited to hear what the PTA have done, are planning to do, and what anyone interested can do to help. All welcome, with no obligation to become involved (but we'd love it if you did!)

**SCHOOL SURVEY QUESTION 5:**

This question concerned bullying, where we were rightfully alerted to the fact 6 parents felt that child had been bullied, and that it hadn't been dealt with. As a result we launched our **Several Times On Purpose, Start Telling Other People** campaign

- My child has not experienced ... 26
- 1. Strongly Agree 6
- 2. Agree 10
- 3. Disagree 4
- 4. Strongly disagree 2
- Don't know 5



**PRAISE AND SHOWCASE:** Well done all for your fantastic efforts and learning!

