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Believe and Achieve



School Day September 2023

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the questionnaire before Easter about the school day. Over 550 completed the form!

The results were staggeringly close

- 8:45am to 3:15pm 34%
- 8:50am to 3:20pm 33%
- No preference 33%

This was echoed with the staff questionnaire which also was equally shared.

After a long analysis and discussion, the governors have decided that from September 2023 the school day will be from:

8:50am to 3:20pm.

Nursery hours will remain the same.

Over the rest of the term we will keep you informed about how this will work practically, but simply, the two big changes are:

- There will no longer be the 10 minute flexi time in the morning while doors open at 8:50am but the school day starts at 9:00am. **All children will need to be on the school site by 8:50am.**
- **The school day will finish at 3:20pm**, which is an extra five minutes compared to our present time.

Be prepared to change your alarm clocks in the Autumn!

If you have any queries or questions please seek me out over the following weeks.

**IN SEPTEMBER
I MUST REMEMBER
THAT TEN TO NINE
IS OUR NEW STARTING TIME**

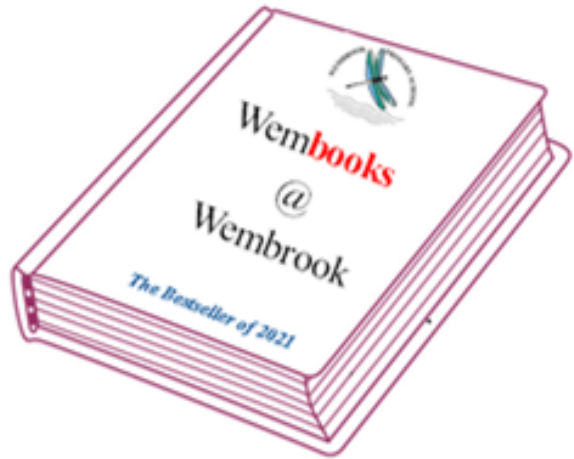


GOLD AWARD

Wembooks@Wembrook

Next week we are launching our annual initiative to encourage a love of reading at school and **home**.

Every two weeks your child will bring home a new class book, which is to be **read for pleasure**.



They may be instructions from the teacher to read several pages or chapters but more than likely it will just be a book to enjoy with Mum or Dad or perhaps on their own.

The children should bring the book into school everyday, as there may be work in school connected to their reading.

I am sure you will agree and appreciate that in recent years learning has been extremely difficult and as we continue the journey of catching up, **reading is key to this progress**.

Please support your child by actively engaging with them and the book. Try and create some special time most nights, just ten minutes is perfect. Share the book. You can read, they can read, you can read together. Don't make it a chore, try to resist correcting too much and certainly try and make it fun.

So what you need to know:

- A new class book will come home every two weeks.
- Your child will have several books over the Summer term.
- There will be some discretion around normal reading books. It will vary in length but certainly we are not expecting double reading sessions every night.
- Some other homework will be relaxed, especially as we all try to encourage time with the books.
- The books vary in price but some cost over £12. They need to be looked after and stored in a safe place. All books are numbered and if we believe that they have not been looked after appropriately then we may ask you to pay for a replacement.

We all know being a parent is the best and most frustrating job in the world but I personally would say there is no better feeling than to be cuddled up in bed together sharing a book.

If it has been some time, why don't you give it a try!