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February Newsletter



Dear Parents,

The Spring term is a wonderful term in school with exciting trips and events planned for all the children. Last week the children watched the pantomime, 'Pinocchio', performed by a travelling theatre company. This was paid for in full by the PTA – thank you. The children thoroughly enjoyed the production and two children have written a review of the pantomime, which you can enjoy reading below.

On Tuesday 7th February, next week, we will be focusing on E-Safety with the children to coincide with National E-Safety Day. Each class will be covering a number of different fun activities and tasks to raise awareness of safety online. Your children may like to tell you about some of these activities at home.

After half term we are celebrating Book Week, which includes a **dressing up day**. Please read the 'Book Week' section on page 2 of this newsletter to find out more.



Pinocchio Pantomime, by West Midland Children's Theatre Company

The pantomime was purely enchanting. Hand painted scenery mixed with enthusiastic actors to have us hanging on every word. They did many parts where we all laughed, and vivid costumes brought the whole thing to life. Even the teachers joined in slightly, and actually laughed! (Gasp!) All in all, we should really be thanking the PTA for organizing our amazing treat.

Tyler, 10 years old.

On Tuesday 24th January the West Midland Children's Theatre Company came and put on a play. It was called Pinocchio and it was great. Children got involved, plus it had most of the original story in it. 13 characters were played but there were only 3 people putting it together. The characters included Miss Cherry, Jepeto, Pinocchio, Mr Fox, Mr Cat, Cricket and many more. I highly enjoyed it and the people who put on the play worked very hard. This amazing play happened in our hall how blessed are we, so thank you to the PTA for paying for this excellent and picturesque play. I wish it had been never-ending it was so good. They took Pinocchio to a whole new level!

Ella, age 10

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Celebration of Learning and Class Assemblies

Please see the 'List of dates' at the back of this newsletter for a reminder of these dates and times.

Book week

After half term we will be celebrating Book Week (Monday 27th February – Friday 3rd March). We start the week in an exciting way with a visit from an African storyteller who will be leading workshops with all the children. On World Book Day, **Thursday 2nd March**, we are inviting all the children to **dress up as their favourite book character**. On the final day, the classes will mix together for a range of challenging and interesting book related activities. During this time, Year 1 are taking part in the Hampshire Picture Book Award and Year 4 are taking part in the Hampshire Information Book Award. This provides them with opportunities to view and evaluate new books from the Schools Library Service.

Staffing

Sadly, Miss Benton will be leaving our staff team at half term. She is going to continue to work with children in schools but a little closer to home. Miss Benton has worked with Class 1 and 3 for nearly a year and her calm and warm manner with individual children and classes will be missed. We wish her well in her new school.



Eco-Council

Eco-Council is a group of people trying to help our school to be more eco-friendly. We have so far earned a bronze eco award for our hard work and we are trying to work towards a silver badge. Our meetings are held at 12:30pm every Monday.

We have a team of determined students trying to make our school a better place. We would love to have some parents/adults join us so we can represent everyone at Whitewater. Our team includes: Alex, Sophie, Kiera, Charlotte, Ella, Ela, Shaaziya, Oscar, Isabella, Jack, Seb, Éva, Charlie and James.

Lately we have been working on a logo for our council. To do this we are holding a competition and the winner will have their design printed on future letters and newsletters.

Tip of the month:

Remember to not put any 'icky-sticky' paper with paint/glue/tape on into the recycling bin. No used tissues either.

Kiera and Ella

PTA News and Events

The next PTA meeting is being held on Wednesday 15th February at the school in Class 3, we would love to see you there if you can make it!

Treasurer's report

Apart from the excitement of the Tesco "bags of help grant" covered below, January has been a quiet month with regard to the PTA finances. Looking forward to the next event which is the pub quiz, so far we have received £161 in the bank account from entered couples and teams. As it is being held next week the grand total will be announced in the March newsletter.

PTA Pub Quiz Monday 6th February



The PTA pub quiz is a fantastic evening, with delicious food and loads of quiz fun. If you want to take part order forms need to be in by this Thursday. Please let Amy Evans know on amyjevans17@yahoo.com. It will be interesting to see if last year's winners "top of the street" manage to defend their title.

Grants update

Here's an update regarding grant applications from Melissa Wilson:

"Thank you everyone for your support with the Tesco "bags of help vote". I don't know about you, however I am dreaming about blue tokens! Voting should finish on the 28th January, however, some stores still have the boxes out, so please keep voting.

It's going to be close but we gave it our all. I loved the creative ways you thought up to acquire these tokens. Sending the kids to the cashier worked particularly well for me. Other great ways included backdated receipts, compliments and bribery.

Well done Whitewater the results will be with us soon."

We are still waiting to hear back from Waitrose regarding their grant and unfortunately we were unsuccessful with the Big Lottery Fund. If you would like to know why the reasons will be explained in the next PTA meeting.

Bunny Hop Disco 23rd March 2017

Class 2's fundraiser is the Bunny Hop Disco which takes place during March of this term. In preparation for this event the PTA need help with baking brownies and making fruit kebabs for the children's refreshments. On the night we need refreshment and hall duty helpers. If you would like to help please get in touch with Lottie Girling on lottiegirling@hotmail.com.

100 Club

The 100 club winners for January are:

Sandra Mackenzie - Mehta - £20

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Emma Ryman- £12
Sarah Moore - £8

Easyfundraising

Once again, I know we keep going on about it(!) but please do make use of easy fundraising when you purchase anything online. It really is one of the easiest ways to make money for the PTA whilst shopping online in the comfort of your home. Here's the link:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whitewaterprimaryschoolpta>

And lastly, our primary fundraising focus this year is Project Play. If you would like to find out more information about what Project Play entails please read the attachment to this month's newsletter.

Celebrations!

Gold Book

Congratulations to the following children who have been in the Gold Book in January:

- Class 1: Holly, Taya, Lilly-May, Elsa, Ela, Edward, Leo and Daisy S
Class 2: Henry, Jacob W, Myles, Hugo, Martha, Evie, William and Zachary
Class 3: Jack, Sophie, Joe, Chloe, Leah, James, Daniel and Ethan
Class 4: Ewan, Nathan, Harley, Poppy V, George S, Christal, Poppy W and Stanley
Class 5: Charlotte S, Alistair, Lucy and Alex

Clubs and Outside School

Well done to the following children who have achieved sporting, musical or academic success outside school and in clubs:

- Mabel (Class 2) for achieving Level 5 in Gymnastics;
Kitty (Class 2) for achieving Level 6 in Gymnastics;
Francesca (Class 4) for gaining her Blue, Blue Peter badge to add to her collection;
Callum (Class 4) for being awarded 'Footballer of the Year 2016' and receiving a trophy;
Chase (Class 3) for gaining a medal in swimming;
Ela (Class 1) for being awarded a Merit in her dance exam;
Isabella (Class 3) for achieving Level 1 in Gymnastics;
Evan, Jack and Grace (Class 1) and Chyna (Class 2) for being Star of the Week in Gymnastics;
James (Class 2) for achieving Level 8 in Gymnastics;
Dexter (Class 2) for achieving Award 4 in swimming;
Freddie (Class 3) for achieving Stage 2 in swimming;
Shaaziya (Class 5) for scoring 100 in her Tamil language exam (graded excellent) and receiving a trophy;

Final word...

Please take extra care to park responsibly when dropping your children off at school or picking them up at the end of the day. We want every child to be safe near the school.
Thank you.

Miss Edwards

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DATES LIST

Friday 10 th February	Class 2 Assembly (9.10 am)
Thursday 16 th February	Celebration of Learning (3.15 pm to 4 pm)
Wednesday 15 th February	Class 5 Visit to Gilbert White House
Friday 17 th February	Class 1 Assembly
Monday 20 th February to)	HALF TERM
Friday 24 th February)	
Monday 27 th February)	Book Week (including World Book Day on
Friday 3 rd March)	Thursday 2 nd March)
Tuesday 7 th March	Parents' Evening (3.40 pm – 6.30 pm)
Wednesday 8 th March	Book Fair Arrives (3.30 pm to 4.00 pm)
Thursday 9 th March	Class 4 Visit to Stonehenge
	Parents' Evening (6.00 pm – 8.30 pm)
Monday 13 th March	Last Book Fair Session (3.30 pm – 4.00 pm)
Friday 17 th March	Class 5 Assembly
Thursday 23 rd March	Class 1 and 2 Visit to Winchester Science
Museum	
	Bunny Hop Disco (5.30 pm – 7.00 pm)
Friday 24 th March	Class 3 Assembly
Monday 27 th March to)	Bikeability for Year 5
Friday 31 st March)	
Friday 7 th April	End of Term (2 pm)
Monday 10 th April to)	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Friday 21 st April)	
Monday 24 th April	Children return to school