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# May Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Easter break at home or away. We are very fortunate with the dry weather recently which has meant that the children are engaged in lots of outdoor activities - Class 1 have been out for a nature walk around the school grounds today.

Several exciting changes have happened over the Easter break with the new website going 'live' and the school library and learning space being transformed. The new library furniture has been purchased with the support of PTA funding. THANK YOU! We would not be able to make such significant changes to the resources we have in school without the continuing monetary support from you all. We would like to complete the book and resources move in the coming week and then open up the library for you to have a closer look after school. We will send a ParentMail communication out for when we have completed the move.

The new and upgraded version of the school website is now up and running! We hope that you have had a chance to have a look and enjoy all the new content.

## Year 5 Bikeability



Year 5 spent an enjoyable week taking part in their Bikeability training before Easter. They had a fantastic few days learning important skills for cycling on the road. All the children gained Level 1 or Level 2 Bikeability awards and were presented with a certificate and badge in our celebration assembly. Well done Year 5!

## Field and equipment after school

Please could we remind parents that the field is out of bounds at the end of the day. There is an ongoing problem with a drainpipe which runs across the middle of the field which remains a safety concern. All the children are being very closely supervised by adults during playtime and lunchtime in school time regarding this.

The slope on the play equipment has been cordoned off with tape as there is a split in the supporting wood frame. Please ensure that all your children stay off this equipment. Thank you for your continuing support.

## Chess competition (Mega-final)

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April some of the school chess club went to the Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge 2017. We all worked really hard to get there because over 40,000 people took part and only the top 20% reached the Mega-final (the completion we went to). There were 6 rounds and we had to win 4 of them to go to the Gigafinal (the next tournament up. Only the top 1,000 go to this tournament.). We had one person from our school make it to this round, Tom (Class 5). We all did really well because Kiera (Class 5) got a medal, Sophie (Class 4) came 4th and won a book and all of us got a certificate (Freya, Tom, Kiera, Jake, Alistair and Sophie).





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### Slapped-cheek (Parvovirus B19)

Please be aware that we have had a number of cases of Slapped-cheek in school recently. This is characterised by bright red cheeks and sometimes rashes and fever. There is no need for your child to be kept off school unless they are feeling unwell as a result. The spread of Slapped-cheek tends to take place before the child shows any signs of the illness. Please let your child's class teacher know if you suspect that your child has Slapped-cheek so that we can monitor how they are in school.

### Curriculum Information

A curriculum summary for each year group for this term can be found on the school website.

### Celebration of Learning

The final Celebration of Learning for this school year is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15 pm. You can come into school and share your child's learning with them. Your child will be able to show you their books and any work on display.

### Class Assemblies

These are on Fridays at 9.10am in the school hall.

Class 1	23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Class 2	7 <sup>th</sup> July

### Key Stage 2 Production

There will be **two** evening performances for parents to watch the Key Stage 2 production this year: **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** and **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**. Both of the performances will start at **6.30 p.m.** There will also be a dress rehearsal during the school day for Class 1 and 2 to watch the performance. Further detail about tickets will follow in a later newsletter.

### Photographs

If you would like to purchase your child's class photographs, the proofs need to be back by **5<sup>th</sup> May**.





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## PTA News and Events

### PTA MEETING WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY

CLASS 3, 7.30pm

PLEASE DO JOIN US, EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

During the Easter holidays the new library was installed at the school and looks amazing. This could not have happened without PTA funding so a big “thank you” to everyone who helped to raise the money. The school will also be receiving a cheque for £216 from the 100 Club to purchase new books.

### Treasurer’s update

As we enter the summer term, the PTA has over the course of this year been able to set aside the full £9,000 to complete phase 2 of Project Play. This is the replacement of the old decking in front of the hall with a smooth surface and incorporation of a quiet seating area for the children to use for outside classroom activities or during playtimes. The expectation is that this can be completed during the summer and these monies will be presented to the school as soon as the final quotes are received. Whilst this has been hugely aided by the Tesco's “Bags of Help” campaign received last month, it still would not have been possible without your support, so thank you.

### Class 5’s fundraiser is the PTA Sponsored Walk, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 11am

Class 5 parents Emma and Adrian Ryman have done a fantastic job of plotting the route for this year’s sponsored walk. Forms have now gone out in the book bags with all the details. Unfortunately, we are struggling with volunteers to “man” the school hall. In previous years walkers have stopped at the hall after their walk to enjoy a BBQ or a cup of coffee and cake.

- The good news is we do have a volunteer to run the BBQ.
- **We need a minimum of two volunteers to set up at around 10am and serve teas, coffees and cakes to walkers.**
- Please contact Rachelle Edwards if you can help with set up or clear up in the hall on: [rachelletreadaway@hotmail.com](mailto:rachelletreadaway@hotmail.com)

If no volunteers come forward or are available, the sponsored walk will still go ahead and walkers can meet in the Rotherwick pubs afterwards for refreshments if they so wish.

### Class 3’s fundraiser is the Summer Fair, Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>

Preparation for the Summer Fair is well under way. This event typically raises around £3,000 for the school so well worth all the effort parents put into it. Bouncy castles have been booked, stallholders are being contacted and Class 3, we will be in touch soon with a task list to show where help is needed.

We will have smash a crock as usual so please pass on any unwanted crockery to Melissa Wilson. Also, if you know anyone or a business kind enough to donate a raffle prize for the school, we would be extremely grateful.



As always, help on the day is required so if you can spare an hour and help braid hair, face paint, cook, set up or “man” a stall please let Hayley Cloughton know as she has kindly offered to co-ordinate the volunteers for this year’s fair.

### **School Ball 2017/18**

It would be lovely to hear some more of your Ball ideas. Please share with the PTA if you have any thoughts with regards to venue, theme, timings or anything else Ball related. We'd love to have someone Chair a committee to organise this event, so please do come forward during the summer term with your ideas.

#### **100 Club Winners are:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Caroline Brown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Rachele Edwards
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Eliza Burridge

This month’s winner Caroline said,  
“Wow! I can’t believe I’ve won. Thank you Whitewater PTA. I’m so glad I have helped provide some good resources to the School.”

#### **What does the 100 Club do?**

The money raised from the 100 Club go towards purchasing books for the School Library.

#### **What’s involved and how do I join?**

A one off payment of £12 gets you entered into a draw each month where you could win money. Contact Melissa Wilson if you would like to join on:  
[melissalwilson@btinternet.com](mailto:melissalwilson@btinternet.com).

#### **How can I raise money for the PTA with minimum effort?**

One of the easiest ways to raise money for the PTA is to sit on your sofa and click the easy fundraising link and then click further to book you holiday, shopping, clothing etc. The PTA will get a % of the sale.

Here’s the link and happy shopping:-

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

We look forward to seeing those of you who can make it this Wednesday.

Whitewater PTA

**Celebrations!**

**Gold Book**

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

- Class 1: Evan G, Matthew, Ash and Zeppe
- Class 2: Mabel, Evie, Olive and Martha
- Class 3: Sophie, Emelia, Erin and Eva
- Class 4: Eva, William, George B and Alex
- Class 5: Alice and Kiera

**Clubs and Outside School**

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

- Poppy (Class 4) for gaining Stage 7 in swimming;
- Kitty (Class 2) for gaining Level 5 Proficiency Award in Gymnastics;
- Mabel (Class 2) for gaining Level 4 Proficiency Award in Gymnastics;
- Caitlin (Class 3) for achieving Under 8 Silver Hockey STIX award;
- Abigail (Class 2) for achieving Under 8 Bronze Hockey STIX Award and receiving a trophy for the Under 6 Player of the Year;
- Luke (Class 3) for gaining Under 8 Gold Hockey STIX Award and Player of the Year;
- Zachary (Class 2) for achieving Under 8 Gold Hockey STIX Award;
- Joe (Class 3) for gaining his gold/red belt in Karate;
- Zac (Class 2) for receiving a walking certificate from his travels in Japan;
- Erin (Class 3) for achieving Stage 6 in swimming;
- Isabella (Class 2) for gaining a certificate for indoor skydiving;
- Monty (Class 3) for achieving Player of the Week in Football;
- Isabella (Class 3) for achieving a skiing award and gaining her Pony Club badge and rosette from Wellington Riding;
- Honey (Class 4) for gaining her Brownie badges from Brownie Camp.

**Final word...**

Please remember that there is an INSET day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June after half term.

Miss Edwards



**DATES LIST**



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

PTA Meeting (7.30 pm)



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May to )

KS2 SATS



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May )

PTA Sponsored Walk



Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May

KS1 SATS Week



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May to )

Walk to School Week



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May )

Celebration of Learning (3.15 to 4 pm)



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

HALF TERM



Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to )

INSET Day



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June )

Children return to school



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming



Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral



Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June

PTA Summer Fair



Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming



Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Class 1 Assembly (9.10 am)



Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Year 6 Transition Days at RMS



Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming



Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June and )

Sports Day



Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June )

Flip Flop Disco (5.30 pm to 7 pm)



Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Class 2 Assembly (9.10 am)



Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 to Hart Think Safe



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Junior Production Evening Performance



Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Reserve Sports Day



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Junior Production Evening Performance



Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Strawberry Tea



Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July

END OF TERM (School Finishes at 2 pm)



Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July



Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

