

6th June 2017



June Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We had a fantastic start to the final half term of the year with every child taking part in a dance workshop and joint performance on Tuesday. The West End Dance Company worked with each class in turn, developing a dance which linked with other classes at the end of the day. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the event. The dance coach was very impressed with the children at Whitewater and commented on their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm during the day.

Safe4Me Focus Week

During the week beginning 3rd July we will be holding an exciting focus week called 'Safe4Me'. During the week, the school will be working in partnership with the police to deliver a variety of interesting and exciting workshops and lessons. The children will be working as 'Police Apprentices' and covering a wide variety of topics, appropriate for their various ages, including keeping safe, anti-social behaviour, anti-bullying and some CSI sleuthing!

Staffing

We are delighted to announce that we have secured a new part-time teacher for September. Mrs Naomi Zebedee is very much looking forward to meeting all our children and joining our teaching staff.

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 begin their Curriculum Swimming on the 12th June. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate swimming equipment on a Monday morning (swimsuit – no bikinis please - and a towel. A swimming hat and goggles are optional). Thank you.

Reports

Class teachers have just started the long and important process of writing your child's report. These will be given to parents at the end of the academic year. Your child's report will contain information based on assessment against Age Related Expectations.

Class lists for September 2017

The class lists for September will be given out later this term. The class teachers begin meeting and thinking about the new classes towards the end of June. The lists then need to go through several checks and drafts before we pass this information onto parents. It is a very carefully considered process and we ask for your patience during this half term whilst we work on assembling the lists and arrangements for next year.

Sports day arrangements

Sports day will take place on the morning of Wednesday 5th July. The events are expected to finish at about 12.30 p.m. and so, as last year, we would like to invite you to stay on and have a picnic lunch on the school field with your child. The children will return to class for the remainder of the afternoon and you can go home for a well-earned rest from all the cheering and supporting in the morning! Our reserve date for Sports Day is Wednesday 12th July, if the weather is exceptionally poor on the 5th July.

KS2 SATs, KS1 SATs and Phonics testing

The Year 6 children completed their intense week of exams for their KS2 SATs in May. They managed the week maturely and confidently - we are all very proud of them.

Year 2 children have also completed their end of KS1 SATs. The results of these tasks, in reading and maths, are used to help inform teacher assessment and are not formally reported.

Year 1 will be completing a Phonics screening check during June. This is carried out with Mrs Proctor or Miss Tillcock on a one-to-one basis. You will be informed of whether your child passed this check at the end of year by the class teacher.

Class Assemblies

Class 1	23 rd June
Class 2	7 th July

Key Stage 2 Production

There will be **two** evening performances for parents to watch the Key Stage 2 production this year: **Tuesday 11th July** and **Wednesday 12th 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 separate letter.



Whitewater Rapids Go for Gold

We were offered a fantastic opportunity to enter a team into the invitation only “Flight Centre Schools Triathlon” held at Bradfield School on 7th May.

60 teams from local schools competed throughout the day. Our Whitewater Rapids team put in an amazing effort to complete their race in 37 minutes 22 seconds, finishing in 38th place.

The children had to swim 50m, bike 1,000m, and then run 750m in a team relay race format. Everyone got into the spirit with great enthusiasm and encouragement, especially the parents!

Our team raised an impressive £446 for charity, which has been split between Whitewater’s WWF charity this year, and Restless Development which is supported by the organisers.



The Whitewater Rapids team celebrate finishing with their medals; Charlie, Alex, William, Isabel (team captain), and James.

PTA NEWS

THE SPONSORED WALK RAISED A WHOPPING £976.97!

Project Play is now at Waitrose Basingstoke please remember to vote for us when you shop there.

The next PTA fundraising target is £8,000 for Project Play phase 1 – a fixed canopy by the outside loos.

Work for Project Play phase 2 is due to start during the Summer holidays.

Saturday, 15th July the PTA is holding a DIY day at school kindly organised by Charlotte Margetson.

Treasurer's Update

As noted above, the sponsored walk raised a fantastic £976.97 and which gives us a start on fundraising for Project Play phase 1. Included within that total is £98.78 of gift aid that the PTA is able to reclaim from HMRC.

The gift aid scheme is a really good way for us to raise additional monies, by ticking the gift aid box to confirm that you are a UK taxpayer, the PTA can reclaim a further 20% on top of what is donated. In fact, it also benefits higher rate taxpayers, as by including those donations made on your tax return you can also claim 20% tax relief.

If anyone would like to make any future donations to the PTA through this mechanism and benefit from higher rate tax relief on donations, please do let us know and we can provide the paperwork.

PTA Sponsored Walk

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's sponsored walk a success! Special thanks goes to:

- Class 5 parent Emma Ryman for arranging the route this year
- Class 5 parent Sally Riley for taking charge of the tea, coffee & refreshments
- Darren Brooks for planning the food and sorting out our PTA BBQ and giving it a new lease of life - thanks Darren!
- Grace Evans in Year R who raised a staggering £119
- Rachelle Edwards for "back up event" support

We had lots of other helpers on the day, and of course we couldn't run these events without you, so thank you all so much! Congratulations to Bertie in Year R who was the winner of the quiz. Bertie received a £10 book token at last Friday's assembly. Well done everyone on the profit figures mentioned above.

Class 3's Fundraiser is the Summer Fair on 17th June

The day is coming together nicely and we look forward to seeing you there. As always there will be class dances to enjoy, a BBQ, bar, tea and cakes and lots to keep the children occupied.

Raffle tickets for the Summer Fair will be in your book bags next week. This year's top three prizes are below.

1 st prize	Baking Hamper
2 nd prize	Dinner and overnight accommodation at The Hook House Hotel
3 rd prize	Morning Coffee for 6 at the Elvetham Hotel

Please sell as many as you can!

We still need crockery for the “smash a crock” stall, if you have any please give it to Melissa Wilson. Hayley Cloughton is organising the “helpers” rota for the day – if you have half an hour to spare please do get in touch with Hayley.

Whitewater DIY Day - Saturday 15th July

The PTA is holding its first DIY day on Saturday, 15th July. This will be an opportunity for the parents to help improve the school grounds and outside equipment for the children. There will be plenty of jobs needing doing including:

- painting
- cleaning
- gardening
- general maintenance

Timings are to be confirmed but most likely from late morning and refreshments will be provided by the PTA. For safety reasons we must ask that this is attended by parents/adults only. If you could help for a few hours or have any tools or materials that might help, please get in touch with the PTA or email whitewaterPTA@gmail.com

Please put the date in your diaries and look out for posters for more information.

Class 2's Fundraiser is the Flip Flop Disco 6th July

The last PTA fundraiser of the year is the flip flop disco. Lottie Girling did a great job of organising the Bunny Hop and has kindly agreed to run the Flip Flop disco as well. Once again, Class 2 if you can help please let Lottie know. (lottiegirling@hotmail.com)

100 Club Winners

1st place – Simon McArt

2nd place – Sue Fox

3rd place – Amy Evans

May's winner Simon McArt said:

“Hello PTA, thanks for letting me know I've won the 100 draw this month. It's lovely to be a winner and great to know that all the money raised by the 100 Club goes to buy books which keeps the publishing industry alive. Win, Win!”

Umm.....I wonder which industry Simon works in! We look forward to seeing you at the next event.

Celebrations!

Gold Book

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

- Class 1: Holly, Evan P, Bertie, Leo, Beau, Daisy S, Daisy B and Ela
Class 2: Chyna, Evie, Aston, Jacob M, William, Dexter and the whole class
Class 3: Freddie, Millie, Leah, Oscar, Izzy, Joe, Islay and Isabel
Class 4: Francesca, Honey, Julide, Madi, Tyler, Boo, Poppy C and Luke
Class 5: Tom, Jake, Alistair, Lottie and the whole class

Clubs and Outside School

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

- Charlie, Isabel, James (Class 3), William (Class 2) and Alex (Class 4) for competing as the 'Whitewater Rapids' team in a schools' triathlon competition. They were awarded medals.
Zachary (Class 2) for gaining Stage 3 in swimming;
Luke (Class 3) for achieving Stage 4 in swimming and receiving a merit certificate for drumming;
Jake (Class 2) for gaining his 5m swimming award;
Henry (Class 2) for receiving a medal for football;
James, Jake, Abigail (Class 2), Izzy, Isla, Caitlin (Class 3) and Alex (Class 4) for taking part in the Hook Fun Run;
Charlie (Class 3) for achieving gymnastics level 4, 5 and 6 and gaining tumble award 8;
Poppy and Evie (Class 4) for taking part in a Festival of Music and Art and receiving certificates;
Aston (Class 2) for achieving Star of the Week in gymnastics;
Isla (Class 3) for receiving a merit certificate for drumming;
Daniel (Class 1) for achieving swimming award 1 and 2;
Monty (Class 3) and James (Class 2) for gaining a merit certificate for drumming;
Abigail (Class 2) for achieving her 10m swimming award;
Daisy (Class 1) for achieving aerobic gymnastics level 1 and gymnastics proficiency award level 8;
James (Class 3) for gaining gymnastic proficiency award level 8.

Final word...

House Points

The winning house for last half term was **Emerald House**. Well done to all the children in Emerald House!

Miss Edwards

DATES LIST

Friday 9 th June	Classes 1 and 2 Visit to Marwell Zoo Class 4 Roman Workshop in School
Monday 12 th June	Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral
Saturday 17 th June	PTA Summer Fair
Monday 19 th June	Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming
Wednesday 21 st June	Class 3 Visit to Reading Museum and Silchester Roman Ruins
Friday 23 rd June	Class 1 Assembly (9.10 am)
Monday 26 th June	Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming
Wednesday 28 th June and)	Year 6 Transition Days at RMS
Thursday 29 th June)	
Monday 3 rd July	Safe4Me Focus Week Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming
Wednesday 5 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 6 th July	Flip Flop Disco (5.30 pm to 7 pm)
Friday 7 th July	Class 2 Assembly (9.10 am)
Monday 10 th July	Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 6 to Hart Think Safe Junior Production Evening Performance
Wednesday 12 th July	Reserve Sports Day Junior Production Evening Performance
Monday 17 th July	Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming
Monday 24 th July	Strawberry Tea
Tuesday 25 th July	END OF TERM (School Finishes at 2 pm)