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# *End of Year Newsletter*

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Dear Parents,

Despite the weather feeling rather like autumn over the past couple of days, the summer term and the year is almost complete. It is great to look back to all the events, activities and trips that have taken place this year for your children. As we say goodbye to all our Year 6 children and Mrs Moores, we remember all their individual and group contributions which they have added to Whitewater - thank you! We wish them every success for the future.

We have had a great end to the year with many activities and events in the last few weeks. Last night we held our Year 6 Leaver's Service in the church which was a very moving occasion but also a time to celebrate and wish our Year 6 children good luck as they prepare for the next step at secondary school. Congratulations to Naomi who was awarded the Tylney Trophy this year.

Sports Day was a fantastic success, enjoyed by children and parents alike, we even had superb warm weather. Congratulations to Diamond House who were the overall winners on the day!

Year 6 attended the Hampshire 'Think Safe' event a couple of weeks ago. This event uses a number of workshop activities to teach children about 'keeping safe', such as stranger awareness.

Yesterday afternoon we held our Strawberry Tea for all the volunteers who help and support your children and staff in school. It was a lovely afternoon and the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyable from every class! Thank you again everyone who supports our school by volunteering time and energy, we really appreciate everything you do.

## **Books at the end of the year**

A reminder: The children will be bringing their main learning books home at the end of the year. This will include their learning books, maths books and science books (if they are separate). We hope that you will enjoy sharing them together at home. A small sample of books from each class will be kept as key examples for the following year. If your child's book is chosen they will be given back to them at the end of the following year. For those children in Year 6 we will send your child's books with either a sibling or posted to you if you wish to have them back.

## **Staffing Update**

Sadly, Charlotte Creamer will be leaving us today to pursue her career in nursery education. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and support for the children she has assisted – Good luck!

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### Equipment for September

Please ensure that your children are prepared for the first day back in September with everything they may need: correct school uniform, including suitable school shoes; book bags; PE kit and water bottles. Pencil cases are optional for children in **Year 6 only**. All stationery the children need for learning will be provided by the school in all other year groups.

### House Points

The final results for this term were:

Ruby            613 points

Diamond       480 points

Emerald       610 points

Sapphire      511 points

Congratulations to everyone in **Ruby House!**

### PTA NEWS:

- We have a new funding target for 2017/18 which is £4,000 needed for wi-fi improvements at the school. Project play phase 1 is on hold to accommodate the completion of the loo renovations by Hampshire County Council.
- The school is receiving cuts to its 2017/18 budget. This means that it will be relying on PTA funding more than ever before.
- Dynamic duo Catherine and Simon McArt have offered to joint Chair the Ball Committee – come and join the team.
- Save the dates:
  - 20<sup>th</sup> September PTA Coffee Morning, at the Falcon 9am
  - 27<sup>th</sup> September PTA AGM
  - 30<sup>th</sup> September PTA Barn dance



At the school's Strawberry tea on Monday, PTA Chair Kate Watts presented Miss Edwards with a cheque for £10,236.

The money will be spent on Project Play Phase 2. Work is due to start this Summer removing old decking outside the hall to create an all weather, wet pore surface. This will give all the children an outdoor quiet zone for them to sit, read, draw and complete puzzles.

The £5,000 we received from the Tesco "Bags of Help" grant has helped to fast track work on this phase of Project Play.

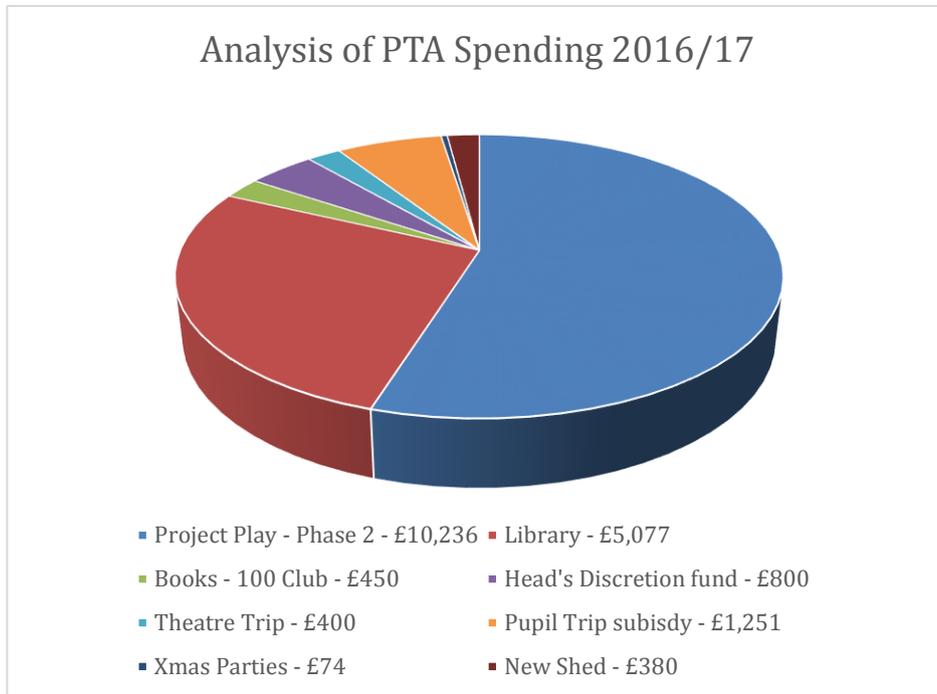
### 100 club winners for July

1st Vicky Hazelden; 2nd Simon McArt; 3rd Amy Evans

Membership to this club is just £12 a year which gets you entered into a draw each month to win money. Due to the 100 club, the PTA has given over £400 to the school for the purchase of new books this year.

### Treasurer's Report

The pie chart below illustrates how the money you have raised has been spent this year.



### School DIY Day

Thank you to Charlotte Margetson and Darren Brooks for their huge efforts preparing for the school DIY day. Charlotte did an amazing job of organising the workload, sourcing all the materials on a shoestring and spent hours working at the school. Darren also spent hours jet washing the playground, benches, equipment and pond classroom in the weeks building up to the day. We had a fantastic turn out of parents and teachers – a huge thank you to all the volunteers who came to help.

Thank you to Hortus Loci who very generously donated our new weeping miniature crab apple tree at the front of the school and new rosemary and oregano for the planters. Dan Pearce also kindly donated some sage, lemon balm and lavender so this sensory garden has really improved the outdoor courtyard area. B&M Fencing provided us with 5 x 1 ton waste bags and 10 pairs of maintenance gloves.



Two areas at the school which received the Margetson/Brooks effect (plus volunteers).

### Would you like to be part of the 2017/2018 Ball Committee?

Next year will see the PTA hosting its most ambitious and biggest regular event – the PTA fundraising Ball. We don't yet know where or when it will be, what the theme will be or how much money we'll make for the school. But we do know it is going to happen and we need your help to make sure it is a big success as our previous balls have been.

Simon and Catherine McArt have started things off by offering to joint Chair the Ball Committee and are making an early request for others to come and join the team. So please drop them a line if you are interested in being part of this fabulous event. Simon – [simon.mcart@hachette.co.uk](mailto:simon.mcart@hachette.co.uk)  
Catherine – [catherinemcart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherinemcart@hotmail.co.uk)

### Easyfundraising Whitewater supporter leaderboard

1.	Simon M	£468.20!!! – this is incredible.....
2.	Helen S	£143.34
3.	Lisa F	£100.45
4.	Jo H	£78.26
5.	Rachelle E	£39.67

This is one of the easiest ways to raise funds for the school. If like me you forget to use easyfundraising, try using the Donation reminder on their website or download their app. Here's the link:

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

### PTA Barn Dance 30<sup>th</sup> September

The barn dance order forms have now gone out in the book bags. If you didn't receive one copies are available at the school office. Tickets go on sale in September!



**Grants update**

<p>Hart lottery</p> 	<p>Our application has been accepted by the hart lottery. Log on to <a href="http://www.hartlottery.co.uk">www.hartlottery.co.uk</a> and search for Whitewater PTA. Buyers purchase £1 tickets and choose to support a good cause on the website. 60% of the ticket goes on the good cause with 40% going on prizes. Players can win prizes up to the value of £25,000.</p>
<p>Asda foundation</p>	<p>The Brighton Hill store runs a token scheme similar to other supermarkets. 1<sup>st</sup> prize £500, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £200. Whitewater's application will fall into the January 2018 selection process.</p>
<p>Tesco "Bags of Help"</p>	<p>Another application can be made this year providing the school makes the submission not the PTA. The PTA is helping the school prepare the application.</p>

**PTA coffee morning Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

The PTA committee is having an informal coffee morning at the Falcon, after school "drop off" on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. We would love to see any of you who can make it. Two fun and rewarding opportunities have become available on next year's PTA committee, please come along to find out more.

**Thank you**

The committee would like to give special thanks to all the volunteers who have helped out this year. Our highlight of the year has to be winning the 'Bags of Help' tesco grant and receiving a whopping £5,000 which has enabled us to fast track plans to complete phase 2 of project play.

Have a great Summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

**Final message from the PTA Chair**

I'd like to say a huge thank you to the teachers, staff, governor's, children, parents, grandparents, carer's & everyone else that has helped make this year's fundraising events so much fun!

Yet again we have managed to raise an astonishing amount of money for our little school & we are able to make some fantastic improvements to the outside space that will be used by everyone at Whitewater. I can't wait to see it when we get back in September & I hope you are all excited to see it too.

Have a great Summer break, re-charge your batteries & I'll see you all in September

## **Celebrations!**

### **Gold Book**

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

- Class 1: Ethan, Ivy, Jack, Lilly, Elsa and Elliott  
Class 2: Zachary, Miles, Esme, Abigail, Hugo and Evie  
Class 3: Joe, Luke, Isla, Chloe, Triston and Daniel  
Class 4: Lily, Poppy, Eva, Honey and the whole class!  
Class 5: Dylan, Poppy and Charlotte F

### **Clubs and Outside School**

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

- Erin (Class 3) for achieving Personal Survival Stage 1 in swimming;  
Jack (Class 3) for achieving Introductory Stage guitar and receiving two trophies for football. The first for Valued Player 2016/17 and the second for Training Player of the Year;  
Monty (Class 3) for achieving Stage 2 in drumming;  
Daisy (Class 1) for receiving a medal in gymnastics;  
Bea and Esme (Class 2) for achieving Star of the Week for drama;  
Hugo (Class 2) for receiving a football trophy from his club;  
Shaaziya (Class 5) for achieving Grade 4 in ballet and Stage 3 guitar;  
Tom (Class 5) for achieving Stage 4 in drumming and reaching the Gigafinal for Chess;  
Henry (Class 2) for achieving Beginner Stage violin;  
Niall (Class 2) for coming runner-up in the Fleet Library competition – he has to attend a VIP event to receive his award;  
William (Class 4) for receiving a cricket ball as he secured three wickets in a match;  
Charlie (Class 3) for gaining a certificate and medal in tumbling and Stage 2 guitar;  
Mabel (Class 2) for achieving Stage 2 in swimming and a ballet award;  
Eva (Class 4) for receiving three medals in a gymnastics competition;  
Holly (Class 1) for achieving a bronze medal in a gymnastics competition;  
Tyler (Class 4) for gaining Stage 2 guitar;  
Poppy (Class 5) and Isabel (Class 3) for achieving Stage 1 guitar;  
Naomi (Class 5) for gaining Stage 3 guitar;  
Millie (Class 3) for achieving Stage 4 in swimming and 20m award;  
Caitlin (Class 3) for gaining Stage 2 guitar;  
Darcey (Class 3) for achieving Introductory Stage guitar.  
Freya (Class 3) for achieving Stage 3 swimming;  
Jacob (Class 2) for achieving Stage 2 swimming;  
Toby (Class 1) for achieving Stage 1 swimming.

The following children received merit certificates for violin:

James and Jack (Class 3); Poppy (Class 4) and Alice (Class 5).

The following children received merit certificates for drumming:

Isla and Luke (Class 3)

Congratulations to all the Year 5s for their swimming certificates this term.

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**Final word...**

It only remains for me to wish you a very happy and restful summer break. We look forward to seeing you on the first day of the new school year – **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**

Miss Edwards

**DATES LIST**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to School
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA AGM
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA Barn Dance
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October to )	Half Term
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October )	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Finishes at 2 pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	Inset Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Inset Day