

14th September 2020

Start of the Year Newsletter



Fellowship, Courage and Creativity

Dear parents,

A very warm welcome back to the start of the school year in very unusual circumstances. I hope you all had a wonderful break over the summer and were able to spend time with friends and family before the 'rule of six' came into force today. A special welcome to our new children and parents, we all wish you a happy and enjoyable start at Whitewater C of E Primary School.

The children have started the school year with great enthusiasm and are beginning to settle into their new classes. Despite the different arrangements in school, the children have dealt with the changes amazingly well and I am reassured by the positive attitudes that the children have shown during our first week.

Thank you parents and carers for working hard to ensure that our staggered start and finish times work successfully. Can I remind parents that it is really important to keep to your child's time, (not too early and not too late!) so that we avoid gatherings of more than one class at the green fence and gates in the morning. If you have an unexpected delay and arrive after your child's time, we can sometimes accommodate your child in the walk to class outside. However, please check with me or the adult at the gate so that class bubbles do not mix. Thank you.

We have already had children who have been poorly over the weekend and parents have been fantastic at informing school **and** telling us the reason for illness. Please keep doing this! This is important so that we can distinguish between the usual colds and sickness and check on any family or child who may display COVID-19 symptoms. If you are uncertain about any of the symptoms or not sure what to do, then go to the NHS website page (as below) and this will guide you. Alternatively speak to Mrs Fox in the school office or me at the gate. Both of us have detailed information from Public Health England and can advise you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We have produced an updated 'Who's Who' list of the staff at Whitewater. This has proved to be very useful for parents in the past. It can be found on the next page of this newsletter.

Class and Curriculum Information

Your child will shortly receive a 'Welcome Letter' from your child's class teacher. This will outline the theme or topic for the term and also provide vital information relating to the class, such as when your child has PE. A curriculum summary for each class will also be available on the school website. You can find this by going to www.whitewater.hants.sch.uk clicking on 'Our Learning', then 'Class Learning' and selecting your child's class.

Who's Who at Whitewater C of E Primary School

Miss Edwards Headteacher
Mrs Laurie Deputy Headteacher

Teachers

Mrs Proctor and Mrs Zebedee	Class 1
Ms Lamble	Class 2
Mr Ralph	Class 3
Mrs Laurie and Mrs Burningham	Class 4
Mr Grinham	Class 5

SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator)

Mrs Burningham

Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) – Teach classes during Teachers PPA time (Planning, Preparation and Assessment)

Mrs Miles
Mrs Sharp

Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) – supporting classes and taking intervention groups

Mrs Baronne
Mrs Jolliffe
Mrs Miles
Mrs Sharp

Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) – supporting children on an individual basis

Mrs Overton
Mrs Owen
Mrs Nicholls
Mrs Lockless
Mrs Cunningham

ELSA (Emotional Learning Support Assistant)

Mrs Miles

School Office

Mrs Fox

Many of the teachers and support staff have multiple roles and therefore appear in more than once section.

Photographs of all these people will be displayed in the corridor next to the school office in due course. There is also a board with the names and photographs of our school governors in the same place.

PTA News

Welcome back to a new school year and a huge welcome to all the parents and carers of our new Reception children in Rabbit class!

Last year was, not surprisingly, a very different year for the PTA but until March we had a brilliant term and a half fundraising so **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended events, volunteered, baked, donated and fundraised for our amazing little school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Unfortunately due to the current circumstances and restrictions we do not have any events lined up just yet, however, do not worry! The committee are working hard alongside the school to “think outside of the box” so that we are able to provide some fun events for all the children this year! So watch this space....

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bags 2 School

Thursday 12th November

PTA Meeting
PTA AGM

Date TBC for October
This will be held in January 2021 (date TBC)

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PTA

Whilst our “normal” fundraising activities are on hold there are still many ways that you are able to support your PTA and in turn support our school. Here are just some of the ways;

Shopping Online

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising a **free donation** for Whitewater PTA?

EasyFundraising

EasyFundraising turns your everyday online shopping from nearly 3000 retailers into percentage donations to your good cause and the best thing is it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

Simply download the EasyFundraising app and select **whitewaterprimaryschoolpta** as your chosen cause or follow the link below;

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

Amazon Smile

Shop regularly on Amazon? Amazon Smile will donate to your chosen charitable cause a percentage of the purchase price, at no extra cost to you.

Shop by either visiting www.smile.amazon.co.uk or on your own Amazon account/Amazon App go to 'Your AmazonSmile' in *Account Settings* and choose **Whitewater Parent Teacher Association** as your charity - The set up is really easy and you only have to do it once!

Happy Shopping!

Corporate Match Funding Schemes

Did you know that the company you work for might give Whitewater PTA funds in return for you giving the PTA some of your time?

We have been lucky enough to benefit hugely at past events from match funding and therefore if you think your company may be able to support us please contact us at whitewaterpta@gmail.com and we will provide you with the relevant paperwork required to access the scheme.

Online Donations

Anyone can make single or regular donations to our PTA, please contact us for payment information if you are interested.

The 100 Club - support our school with the opportunity to win prize money! Did you know that it helps the school to buy books?



The 100 club is a ticket based lottery within our school. Just **£12** will buy you a 6 month ticket to be entered into the monthly draw. £6 of your money goes to the school for books for the library and the other £6 goes into the prize fund.

Each month there is prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Current prize money is £16 for 1st place, £9.60 for 2nd place and £6.40 for 3rd place. Of course, the more people who join the 100 club, the more the prize money will be – as the saying goes... **YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

Keep an eye out for the subscription forms which will be sent via Parentmail shortly. For more information contact Kelly Pearce or a member of the PTA.

WE ALWAYS WELCOME ANY HELP ON THE PTA AND ALSO ANY NEW IDEAS SO PLEASE DO FEEL FREE TO CHAT TO ANY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR EMAIL US: whitewaterpta@gmail.com

Finally, we hope that everyone's children have had a great first week back at school and have settled in well and we look forward to seeing everyone again!

Whitewater PTA

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Final word...

I hope that you settled into the school routine and busy mornings once again! Remember that if you have any concerns or questions about your child's new class or school activities, please speak to your child's class teacher. They are best placed for up-to-date and detailed information about your child. Your child's class teacher can talk to you at a social distance on the playground if it is a quick query or they can telephone you for a longer chat if you prefer. Please remember we are still here to build the relationship between home and school despite the challenges that Coronavirus pose.

Miss Edwards