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November Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing half term break with a chance to see family and friends.

With the constant changing news and COVID situation, I am sure you are aware that a second lockdown was announced at the end of half term. We are pleased that schools will remain open, allowing us to get on with the important job of face-to-face teaching and learning. However, we are still operating under COVID restrictions and it more important than ever to remind our whole school community of the measures we have in place to ensure the safety and well-being of the children and the adults who work in school. As COVID cases continue to rise nationally and we are all about to enter a second lockdown period, **we politely request that all adults or young people over the age of 12, wear face coverings when they are on school site** (beyond the first green fence and gates). We ask that everyone follow this new guidance **from Thursday** in order to keep children and adults in school safe whilst we continue to operate during the second lockdown. Thank you.

Here are the most important measures as a reminder:

- Socially distance at drop-off and pick-up, especially if you arrive a little early and the class bubble before yours has not moved onto the playground.
- Keep to your times for drop-off and pick-up, (barring unavoidable delays).
- Wear a face covering whilst on school site.
- Only enter beyond the first green gates when the class bubble before yours has moved onto the playground.
- Once you move beyond the first green gate, use the one-way system. Do not double back and leave by the green gates.
- Only one adult coming onto the school site for dropping off or picking up

Thank you for all your responses and efforts to keep to our restrictions, it really helps the children and our staff to work in the safest environment possible.

The latest announcement from the government, including links to documents, can be found below:

New national restrictions to come into force on Thursday 5 November

On Saturday 31 October, the Prime Minister announced [new national restrictions](#) that will come into force on Thursday 5 November for 4 weeks until Wednesday 2 December.

We will continue to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our children and young people and will not be closing early years settings, schools, colleges or universities. It remains very important for children and young people to attend, to support their wellbeing and

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education and help working parents and guardians. Senior clinicians still advise that school is the best place for children to be, and so they should continue to go to school.

Until Thursday 5 November, the relevant [Local COVID Alert Level](#) measures will continue to apply in the area where you live. From Thursday, the national restrictions replace the local restrictions in your area.

Year 6 Parents/Carers

Robert Mays have asked us to pass on links to their Virtual Open Day. Information, videos and photos are available on their website www.rmays.org

Collective Worship

Our 'Value in Focus' for this half term is, 'Trust'. Your Home/school sheet will be sent to you shortly.

Anti-bullying week

Anti-Bullying Week 2020 will take place from Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November 2020. The theme is United Against Bullying. Classes will be involved in activities, led by the teachers, to reiterate the clear message that bullying should not be tolerated. These activities will concentrate on: children understanding what bullying is; the steps children should take if they think bullying is happening to them or another child and reinforce the values of the school, which include working together (Fellowship) and demonstrating respect and acting inclusively.

Parents Evenings: Date Reminder

Tuesday 10th November 4:00 – 6.30 pm

Thursday 12th November 5.30 – 8.30 pm

These meetings will be taking place virtually. Please read the SchoolCloud information carefully, (sent yesterday) so that you know how to book and log-in for your appointment.

Harvest

Thank you so much for all your generous donations for Harvest this year. The food donations were given to the local Food Bank and were gratefully received, thank you. They sent us the following message:

'On behalf of Foodbank, I would like to say a big thank you for the generous helping of harvest gifts. Foodbank were absolutely delighted.'

Remembrance

Although we will not be able to hold our Remembrance Service in Rotherwick church this year, the children will mark the occasion in school. Poppies from the Royal British Legion will be available from tomorrow. Each class will have poppies and donations will be collected keeping to our COVID restrictions and guidelines.

PTA NEWS

PTA News November 2020

A big thank you to everyone who has supported the Christmas fundraiser – Tea Towels. The children had fun drawing their portraits. Orders have now closed but we will have a few spare if you didn't manage to order in time. Delivery will be in early December.

Do you love admin? Do you have a bit of spare time each month?

As Robyn will soon be moving on, we have a vacancy for the PTA Secretary role. Working with the rest of the PTA Committee, the role involves taking minutes at PTA meetings, producing the PTA News section of the School newsletter and being involved as much as you are able in arranging PTA events. Please contact Heather Trill at whitewaterpta@gmail.com or T07841 345147 if you are interested or would like more information.

Your School Lottery

We are excited to be launching **Your School Lottery** to replace the 100 Club with our first draw being Saturday 5th December. As well as raising much needed funds for books for the school library, you have a chance at a weekly cash prize, a jackpot and additional prizes. If you sign up before 19th December you could win a Nintendo Switch Bundle. Registration and payments are all done online! Just go to yourschoollottery.co.uk and sign up!



The poster features the Whitewater C of E Primary School logo in the top left and the 'YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY' logo in the top right. The main headline reads 'Win a Nintendo Switch MEGA BUNDLE'. Below this, the prize details are listed: 'WITH Nintendo Switch Console Neon Mario Kart Home Circuit DOUBLE PACK (Mario + Luigi) 2 Games: Lego Marvel Heroes 2 and Minecraft Nintendo Switch case and accessory pack Mario and Luigi hats'. The central image shows Mario and Luigi in their karts, a Nintendo Switch console, and game boxes. A list of benefits is provided: 'Help raise essential school funds', 'Tickets cost just £1 a week', 'Win up to £25,000', and 'Cash prize every week'. At the bottom, it says 'To start supporting your school, go to: **YourSchoolLottery.co.uk** and search for: Whitewater C of E Primary School'. A small disclaimer at the very bottom states: 'Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 19th December 2020. T&Cs apply, see website for details.'

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**Nintendo Switch
MEGA BUNDLE**

WITH Nintendo Switch Console Neon
Mario Kart Home Circuit DOUBLE PACK (Mario + Luigi)
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Upcoming events

Bag2School on Thursday 12th November

Your opportunity to clear out those wardrobes whilst raising funds for the school. Please bring to school on the morning of the 12th. If you have filled your Bag2School bag, then you can use a bin bag.

Good quality items that will be accepted are:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers)

Items not accepted:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Whitewater School PTA Annual General Meeting

This important meeting will occur on Wednesday 9th December and will be via Zoom. It is an opportunity for you to hear from the Chair and Treasurer of the PTA on our past year successes. More details on how you can join, and the time will be sent out via parentmail shortly. It would be great if you could join us.

Celebrations!

Gold Book

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

Class 1: Theo, Harry, Ian, Aidan, Eva x 2, Ryan and Katelyn

Class 2: Claudia, Harry W, Darcey, Dominic, Jason, Amelie, Adam and Milly

Class 3: Bella, Thomas, Daisy, L'ae, Tilly, Hanna, Daniel and Seren

Class 4: Evie, Chyna, Lilly-May, Elsa, Holly, Taya, Ethan and Leo

Class 5: Mia, James x 2 and Esme

Clubs and Outside School

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

Sylvi (Hedgehog Class) for gaining a Super Star certificate in gymnastics;

Final word...

Congratulations to [Sapphire House](#) for winning the House Point trophy before half term!

Miss Edwards

DATES LIST

Tuesday 10th November
Wednesday 11th November
Thursday 12th November

Monday 16th November
Friday 20th November
Friday 11th December
Friday 18th December
Monday 21st December 2020
Friday 1st January 2021
Monday 4th January
Tuesday 5th January



Virtual Parents' Evening (4:00 pm to 6:30 pm)
Remembrance Day
Whole School Nasal Flu Immunisation
Virtual Parents' Evening (5.30 pm to 8.30 pm)
Anti-bullying week

Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
End of Term (2 pm Finish)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

INSET Day
Children return to school