

5<sup>th</sup> January 2018



# January Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a very happy New Year. I hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and that you managed to spend time with family and friends.

We have an exciting whole school event planned in March – the Whitewater Modern Biathlon! A letter with more details and an extra-curricular swimming session for all the children is coming out in a letter today. Please check your child's book bag.

## **Volunteers Needed!**

Are you good at assembling containers?! Do you have some spare time to help? We have recently purchased some metal storage containers for playground activities and games through Sports Funding from the Government. Unfortunately, we have only managed to assemble one of these so far, (Mr Grinham on his own in the dark!), so we are looking for parent volunteers who may be able to lend us an hour or so of their time to assemble the other two containers. Any help will be appreciated and will enable the children to access more of the new equipment. Please could you speak to the office or me on the gate if you are able to help. Thank you!

## **Poppy Appeal**

We are pleased to announce that the school raised £88.11 for the Poppy Appeal back in November. Thank you.

## **Helping in school**

We have a small but very dedicated group of parent helpers who come in to school on a regular basis to support learning. We actively encourage new parent helpers to join the team. It may only be half an hour a week that you can offer but every contribution adds up and makes a difference to the children. The application process can be a little daunting but it is there to safeguard our children and it really doesn't take very long to complete. If you are interested, you can find out more information from any of the class teachers or apply through the office straight away! We look forward to you seeing you.

## **Celebration of Learning**

Please see the dates below for opportunities to see your child's work. Your child will be able to show you their books and any work on display. We had 97% attendance by parents for the first date in October which was exceptional, thank you. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning.

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	3.15 – 4.00pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	3.15 – 4.00pm

### Parents Evenings

These are times when you can discuss your child's learning and progress with the classteacher.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February      3.40 – 6.30 pm  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March      5.40 – 8.30 pm

### Class Assemblies

These take place at **9:10** on Friday mornings, we look forward to seeing you.

Class 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Class 2	16 <sup>th</sup> March
Class 3	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Class 4	23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Class 5	23 <sup>rd</sup> February		

### Christmas Events

The children had a busy and enjoyable time in the week before we broke up for Christmas.

The Nativity performances of 'Stable Boy' were fantastic! The children had worked so hard to learn the songs and lines. The Nativity collection raised money to go towards the fund for school productions and £69.16 will go to the Blue Cross, the children's choice of charity this year. Thank you for your generous contribution.

Christmas lunch in school was on the last day before we broke up for the Christmas break. It was a very festive occasion with all the staff serving the children. The Christmas parties were equally enjoyed in the afternoons of the final week with party games, food (provided through the PTA), and Christmas music.

Thank you for your contributions for Christmas Jumper day which was raising money for Save the Children. The school raised £107.04. The school looked fabulously festive with the children wearing their Christmas jumpers!

The KS2 Carol Service was very well attended and the children sung, spoke and performed wonderfully. There was a delightful atmosphere in the church with families gathered together. It was great to see so many instrumentalists and singers step forward to contribute to the service. The collection for the Blue Cross at the end of the service raised £65.16.

Special congratulations go to all the children in Class 5 who raised a fabulous £151.55 for charity at the Christmas Fair. Well done!

A huge thank you to the PTA who supported the school in so many ways over Christmas: party food for the Christmas parties; providing refreshments at the end of the Carol service and organising and running a fantastic Christmas Fair.

## PTA News and Events

The next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm in Class 3.

### Tesco Bags of Help for Whitewater School PTA



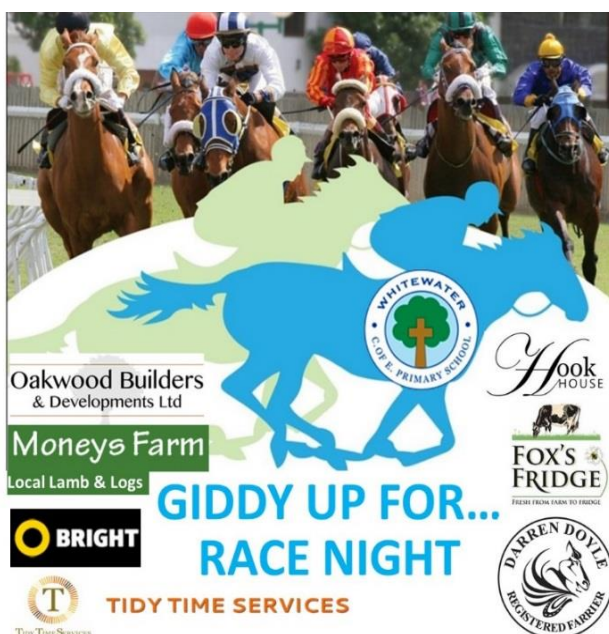
Whitewater School PTA has again been chosen for the Bags of Help initiative in local Tesco stores (including Hook, Chineham, Basingstoke Metro, Lychpit, Baughurst, Popley, Kempshott, Oakridge Road, Antsey Ln Alton, and Four Marks Alton). This time we are hoping to secure £4,000 to extend the wireless network across the school so that all children and teachers might benefit.

Please remember to ask the cashiers for tokens and please ask your friends and family members to vote for us.

### PTA Logo Competition

All entries must be on an A4 piece of paper and must be handed to Mrs Fox in the office by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January. There will be a prize for the winning logo so please ensure that your child's name is on the back!

### PTA Race Night



Please remember to add "PTA Race Night" to your calendars/diaries! We hope you can join us for a fun evening with drinks and nibbles to raise money for the PTA, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March (7.30pm-10.30pm) at Hook House. We will shortly be selling tickets for £7.50 each.

Special thanks to Hook House for providing a great venue and to our six sponsors... Bright Partnerships, Darren Doyle, Fox's Fridge, Moneys Farm, Oakwood Builders and Tidy Time Services, for making it all happen. We have two spaces left for any local businesses who would like to sponsor a race for just £25, to help cover costs. If you would like to find out more, please contact Jo Hunt

[joh@nnahunt.com](mailto:joh@nnahunt.com).

**Bunny Hop Disco**

The Bunny Hop Disco will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – we will shortly be contacting parents (particularly those in Class 2) to ask for volunteers. Please get in touch with Lottie Girling if you would like to be involved.

**100 Club**

The 100 Club winners for December are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lord and Lady Boston
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lottie Girling
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Simon McArt

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**Thank You**

A massive thank you to everyone involved in organising as well as attending this year's Christmas Fair!

We had a great team of mums and dads getting stuck in with the organising, making reindeer, setting up, putting out signs, shopping for gifts, helping on the night and clearing away.

Special thanks go to Myk Newport for creating yet another magical grotto; we really are lucky having your creative expertise on board!

Thanks also to Darren Brooks for taking control of the refreshments ... I think everyone agreed that the burgers and sausages were delicious! Not forgetting the mulled wine and Bailey's hot chocolates!

We are pleased to announce that we raised £2,039.84!!!

Here's to a Happy 2018 and raising more for our little school!

## **Celebrations!**

### **Gold Book**

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

- Class 1: Seren, Thomas, Lilly and Freya
- Class 2: Lilly, Beatrice, Eddie and Elsa
- Class 3: Myles, Sophie, Olive and Jake
- Class 4: Charlie, Alex, Isabel and Nathan
- Class 5: The whole of Class 5 and Christal

### **Clubs and Outside School**

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

- Luke (Class 4) for gaining a merit certificate for drumming;
- Leo (Class 1) for achieving his Puffin swimming award;
- Caitlin (Class 3) for achieving Stage 4 in swimming;
- Abigail (Class 2) for achieving her Goldfish 2 swimming award;
- Joe (Class 4) for gaining his next belt in karate;
- Lilly (Class 2) for gaining a horse riding medal;
- Beatrice (Class 2) for receiving a Stagecoach Performing Arts award;
- Daisy B (Class 2) for gaining a Rising Star award in Dance club;
- Isla (Class 4) for achieving her 20m swimming award and receiving a merit certificate in drumming;
- Niall (Class 3) for challenging himself and raising money for charity by doing his 'Elf Challenge';
- Poppy W (Class 4) for achieving her swimming award 8;
- Mabel (Class 3) for gaining her gymnastics level 3 award;
- James (Class 3) for gaining his gymnastics level 1 award;
- Tyler (Class 5) for achieving Trampoline level 8 award;
- Afanen (Class 3) for achieving Trampoline level 5 award, swimming level 2 award and a certificate for best circus juggler;
- Kitty (Class 3) for gaining a certificate of effort for gymnastics;
- Holly (Class 2) for achieving level 5 in gymnastics;
- Jack (Class 3) for gaining a trophy as part of the U9 league winners in football.

### **Final word...**

The winning house for last half term was [Sapphire House](#) with [660 House points](#). Well done to all the children in this house!

Miss Edwards

**DATES LIST**

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to School
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 5 Swimming at Hart Leisure Centre
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 4 Swimming at Hart Leisure Centre
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 3 Swimming at Hart Leisure Centre
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Class 1 Assembly (9.10 am)
	Class 2 Swimming at Hart Leisure Centre
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Celebration of Learning (3.15 pm – 4.00 pm)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February to )	HALF TERM
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February )	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Class 5 Assembly (9.10 am)
	Class 1 Swimming at Hart Leisure Centre
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening (3.40 pm to 6.30 pm)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening (5.40 pm to 8.30 pm)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Class 3 Assembly (9.10 am)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March to )	Book Fair (3.30 pm – 4.00 pm)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March )	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Race Night (7.30 pm)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Modern Biathlon
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 2 Assembly (9.10 am)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March )	Bikeability Year 5
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March )	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Bunny Hop Disco
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Class 4 Assembly (9.10 am)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service at Rotherwick Church (1.30pm)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term (2 pm)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to )	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April )	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school