

8th June 2021



June Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have started the last part of the year with glorious sunshine! I hope that you have all had a restful and enjoyable half term break. Many of the children have come back into school full of stories and recounts of play dates and activities with friends and family. We are very grateful for the gradual release of some COVID restrictions so that we have all been able to do a bit more, as the weather improves.

Within school, we are still bound by government COVID restrictions specifically for the school environment. At the moment, these are stricter than the restrictions outside school but we are hoping for some changes when the next step of the roadmap is announced in the next couple of weeks. We are also acutely aware that the number of cases of the Delta variant is increasing in neighbouring areas, so we need to remain cautious. Let us be hopeful for 21st June with further lifting of restrictions.

Irises of Hope – Diocese project

Our Irises of Hope focus week is well underway, with some classes creating fantastic artwork today. Fox class are even using paint and shaving foam for marbling on paper petals! We hope to be able to share some of your child's work from the project, in some form, over the coming weeks.

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 with special consideration given to the impact of COVID. More detailed information will be given alongside your child's report.

Class lists for September 2019

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

Unfortunately, due to COVID, we are unable to run a Sports day in the usual format this year. However, we will be holding a Sports Week for the children during the week beginning July 12th. This will involve each bubble taking part in a series of sporting activities on separate afternoons, so your child will still experience and enjoy a sports event. The scores from the Houses will still contribute to a final total and sports trophy for the week. It is unlikely, given the current restrictions, that we will be able to have parents and spectators on site, which is a great shame, but we will be closely watching to see if there are any changes to the school COVID restrictions. If the situation changes, we will contact you.

School Update from Miss Edwards and Governing Body

Our governor monitoring visits are in full flow, with a number of focused visits having already taken place this term with key staff members to gather evidence current performance and school improvements.

The visit schedule is agreed upon with the full governing body and visits are typically carried out by two governors and one member of staff. The feedback from the visits is then shared with the whole governing body and governors amalgamate the insights from these reports alongside school self-assessment and County visits to understand where progress is being made. The subject of these visits range from Health and Safety and Safeguarding to Reading, Writing and Maths with a particular focus on pupil provision for SEND and More Able pupils, as well as other key subject areas such as RE and Geography.

PTA News June 2021

We hope you all had a brilliant half term and were able to spend lots of time enjoying the long awaited sunshine!

The end of term **Pick n Mix Sale** was enjoyed by many and we are really pleased to announce that you all raised nearly **£110** for the school! **THANK YOU!**

Virtual Balloon Race

Our virtual balloon race is drawing to a close on Wednesday and we are hopeful that there may be a winner amongst the Whitewater supporters in the race!

We are currently on track to raise **£279** for our school which is amazing!

Thank you to all those taking part as all of this money will be going directly to school to help purchase more reading books and art supplies for the classrooms.



Quiz Night Fundraiser

Don't forget we have a family quiz pack available to purchase if you are looking for something fun to do with friends and family!

The quiz contains a number of rounds, plus answer sheets and it can easily be played in person or via Zoom.

We are asking for a donation of **£2.50** per quiz pack and this can be emailed to you.

Please contact the PTA to order your pack!

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As you are probably aware Rotherwick's Village Magpies work very hard at providing local recycling options for our community by collecting specific types of waste and sending them to Terracycle in return for, not only environmental benefits but cash rewards for Rotherwick's charities; Whitewater School PTA, Rotherwick Scout Group and Rotherwick Church.

£100 was donated to Whitewater last month which is brilliant, and we hope that we will be able to purchase a recycling bin for the school playground along with a compost bin.

The Village Magpies however are in need of some extra help and are looking for volunteers to help on a regular or occasional basis. If you feel like you have some time to spare to help this great organisation or to find out further information about recycling with the Village Magpies please follow their Facebook page or email villagemagpies@yahoo.co.uk or talk to Caroline on the school run.

Ongoing Ways to Support your PTA

The last year has been extremely challenging for us and we have sadly not been able to host as many events and fundraisers as normal. However, there are several ongoing ways that you can support Whitewater – two of which do not cost you a penny!

EasyFundraising – Download the EasyFundraising app and select [whitewaterprimaryschoolpta](#) as your chosen cause and then shop with your favourite retailers for a percentage donation to your chosen cause.

Amazon Smile – Shop on your own Amazon account/App. Go to ‘Your AmazonSmile’ in *Account Settings* and choose [Whitewater Parent Teacher Association](#) as your charity and receive a percentage donation.

Your School Lottery - If you would like to support the lottery and be in with a chance of winning a weekly cash prize along with a jackpot and other additional prizes then you can sign up at any time by going to: yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for [Whitewater C of E Primary School](#).

Whitewater PTA Committee

Finally, we hope you all know and appreciate the important role that the PTA plays in our school community. We provide the school with essential funds that directly benefit all the children within the school. Not only this, we aim to provide a variety of events throughout the year for the children, their families and the wider school community.

In September we will have two vacancies available on the committee; Chair and Secretary. As we are a registered charity, governed by the Charities Commission we must ensure all required member/officer positions are filled. If these positions are not filled then unfortunately Whitewater PTA will no option but to disband.

Please can we ask that you have a think about any time that you may have to support our PTA and if you are interested in any of the above positions please do not hesitate to contact us for an informal chat to gain more information.

**Thank you,
Whitewater PTA**

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Celebrations!

Gold Book

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

Rabbit Class:	Rupert, Edith, Eva, Izzy, Harriet, Tommy, Harry and Charlie
Otter Class:	Dominic, Claudia, Effie, Lex, Darcy, Rein, Frankie and Remy
Hedgehog Class:	Beau, Evan, Daisy, Isla, Lilly, Scarlett, Hanna and Alex
Fox Class:	Esme, Leo, Evie, Chyna, Matthew, Rosie, Lilly-May and Evan
Red Kite Class:	The whole class, Riley, Jake and Helena

Final word...

House Points

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

Miss Edwards

DATES LIST

Tuesday 8 th June to)	Curriculum Focus Week: Irises of Hope
Friday 11 th June)	
Friday 11 th June		Year 6 water sports day at Horseshoe Lakes
Monday 21 st June		Year 6 National Curriculum Swimming
Monday 28 th June		Year 6 National Curriculum Swimming
Thursday 1 st July and)	Year 6 Induction Days at Robert Mays School
Friday 2 nd July)	
Wednesday 7 th July to)	Year 6 mini residential
Friday 9 th July)	
Monday 12 th July		Year 6 National Curriculum Swimming
Monday 12 th July to)	Sports week
Friday 16 th July)	
Monday 19 th July		Year 6 National Curriculum Swimming
Friday 23 rd July		END OF TERM – School finishes at 2 pm