

No: 3 - November 2021



Fellowship, Courage and Creativity

Dear Parents

The children have returned to school this week following their half term break ready to learn.

Next week sees the first of our Open Mornings for potential new parents. Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who have been distributing leaflets in order to publish these events and I am sure that you have seen the lovely banner outside school and I hope that you have also noted the second one on the A30.

We are gradually getting more information up on the website, so that you can take a look at some of the exciting activities that have been happening in your child's class, so please keep visiting the site

With all that the teachers have planned, this promises to be yet another productive half term at Whitewater.

Friendship Week

The week commencing 15th November will be Friendship Week which coincides with National Anti-Bullying week. Pupils will take part in a variety of activities based around this year's theme of 'One Kind Word'. We will endeavor to share some of our work from the week on the school website.

Children in Need Day

A reminder that Friday 19th November is the Children in Need appeal. This year, the campaign is 'Together we can change lives'. On this day we will join schools across our country by raising as much money as we can to support disadvantaged children. This year we will do this by taking part in a 'spotty' dress-down day. It would be great if, at home, children could create their own 'spotty' t-shirt, hat, or just have some other piece of already spotty clothing to wear – maybe even their own Pudsey bear eyepatch! We want to be as 'spotty' as possible (but no face paint or sports shirts, please).

In order to cut down on workload and like many shops we aim to go cashless and have set up a Just Giving site for you to make your donations. Many thanks in advance for your support and generosity. This site can be accessed through the link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5138>

Remembrance Day

Next Thursday, following a special AoW, we will be joining the rest of the country in a period of silence at 11:00am. Two Year 6 children will also lay a wreath on behalf of all of the staff and pupils at the church. As previously communicated, children have been able to purchase poppies to help raise money for the British Legion Poppy Appeal, we thank you for your support with this fundraising.

Online Safety

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) tells us that 'since the start of the pandemic, the amount of 'self-generated' child abuse imagery has increased dramatically. In 2020, the IWF confirmed 68,000 cases of such imagery, a rise of 77% on the year before. It accounts for nearly half (44%) the imagery we took action on last year. In 80% of these cases, the victims were 11- to 13-year-old girls.'

The IWF has created a resource to help parents and carers understand the risks of 'self-generated child sexual abuse imagery' using the acronym 'TALK'.

To find out more, go to: <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

Bags2School – Thursday 11th November @ 9am

Just to remind you that the Bags2School collection will be taking place next Thursday, 11th November. Bags were sent out before half term. If you need any more, please contact the school office. You can, of course, use black bin liners as well. Please see below a link to a page which gives details of what they collect: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Year 6 Residential

Our Year 6 residential has been booked at PGL Little Canada on the Isle of Wight from Monday 13th June 2022 to Friday 17th June 2022. Further details will follow within the next couple of weeks.

School Uniform

Please note we are now in winter uniform so could all children please wear a shirt/polo shirt/blouse with a sweatshirt or cardigan to keep them warm.

With the changeable weather it is also important that children have warm, waterproof coats in school every day and that they are wearing suitable shoes with good grips.

Year R applications for September 2022

The application window for applications into Year R in September 2022 is now open. The deadline for applications is Saturday 15th January 2021. If you have a child or know of someone else who does you are welcome to attend of our Open Days on Tuesday 9th November or Wednesday 1st December. Please do see the school website for further information on applications.

Thank You

A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who have helped us to co-ordinate our marketing effort and distribute over 2000 flyers to the local area for our upcoming Reception Year Open Mornings. We have had a really positive response and are pleased to say booked attendance is exceptionally high. You may also have noticed our new banner at the front of the school which is designed to be reusable every year and one has also been placed outside the Hook House Hotel in Hook. Thank you to them for allowing us to do so in such a prominent position on the London Road. We still have some flyers left if anyone would like some to distribute. Please contact Robyn Jones, Parent Governor, via the school office to arrange collection.

Inset Days 2021/22

4th January 2022

6th June

Dates for the Diary

Tues 9 th November	Open Morning for Prospective Parents Parents' Evening (3.40 pm – 6.30 pm)
Thurs 11 th November	Parents' Evening (5.30 pm – 8.30pm) Bags2School Collection
Mon 15 th November	School Photos (Individual)
Thurs 18 th November	School Disco (5.30 pm – 7 pm)
Fri 19 th November	BBC Children in Need
Wed 1 st December	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Wed 8 th December	Christingle Service in School
Mon 13 th December) Tues 14 th December)	Rabbit and Otter Class Nativity
Wed 15 th December	Hedgehog and Fox Christmas Party
Thurs 16 th December	Rabbit and Otter Christmas Party Evening KS2 Carol Service
Fri 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Dinner END OF TERM
Tues 4 th Jan 2022	INSET Day
Wed 5 th January	Children return to school

For more news and information please refer to:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/117488176319395

Our Website: www.whitewater.hants.sch.uk

Caroline Welch
Headteacher