

# No: 4 – November 2021



*Fellowship, Courage and Creativity*

Dear Parents,

As well as becoming incredibly spotty, last week pupils took part in our Friendship Week during the national Anti-bullying Week. They took part in a wide range of activities around the Theme of One Kind Thought.

The previous Thursday (11.11.21) the whole school stopped at 11:00am to participate in a two minute's silence for Remembrance Day. All of the pupils took part with respect, showing compassion for those who lost their lives in the two World Wars and conflicts since. Two children from Fox Class then laid a wreath on behalf of all the pupils and staff, a photograph of this event can be seen on our website.

As we come to the end of the church's liturgical year we have been investigating the theme of Hope in our Collective Worship. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and we will be looking at how the church prepares for Christmas. Each class will be given a 'Real Advent' calendar to mark the count down. Whilst a little bit of chocolate will be involved, the focus will be on what we can give to others rather than just on what we may receive at Christmas.

## **Children in Need**

Last Friday, the children and staff of Whitewater came together to raise money for this worthwhile charity. The spots were out in force across the school!

One of the changes we made this year was to ask you all to donate through our ParentPay site and we will let you know the amount raised once the account is closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. You are still able to make donations up until this date.

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

Many thanks to all parents and others at home who helped prepare the children for the day and gave so generously.

## **COVID**

Please note that there is an increase in number of cases in the area and would ask to be vigilant of any symptoms that your child may be exhibiting and if necessary book a PCR test for them.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping those within our community safe and well.

## **Online Safety**

Part of the work children have done in school during Friendship week has touched on the issue of cyber bullying. The UK Safer Internet Centre website offers lots of advice for parents and children if they feel they are involved in any online bullying.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/cyberbullying-advice-parents-and-carers>

## **Christmas Events**

A few dates for your diaries!

Please do read and take on board all of these dates and arrangements for our festive celebrations.

### • **PTA Carol Service**

The PTA with the help of Revd Marion will be holding a Carol Service on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December in the evening. This is for all members of the school and local community and will be held at Rotherwick Church.

### • **Christingle Service**

We will be holding our Christingle Service in school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### • **Infant Nativity**

Our infant children will be performing their Nativity on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm. Families will be issued two tickets for each performance. There will be no extra tickets available.

### • **Carol Service**

We are currently working on putting together our annual Christmas Carol Concert for our KS2 children. This will be held in Rotherwick Church on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, we look forward to welcoming you to this special service.

### • **Christmas Cards**

The children at Whitewater have traditionally loved using the communal post box to post cards to friends and staff. The Christmas post boxes will be out from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December from which cards can be brought in to post. Please make sure that envelopes are marked with full names and classes to help our Year 6 children distribute them!

### • **Christmas Parties**

The dates for the children's Christmas Parties this year are:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December for Hedgehog and Fox Classes, and

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December for Rabbit and Otter Classes.

### • **Christmas Dinner**

Our annual Christmas lunch will be held on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Thank you to the PTA who have kindly offered to pay for the KS2 children's lunches on this day. This is also Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children.

**Parents attending events are subject to the Covid situation and requirements at that time.**

### **PTA Update**

A separate newsletter from the PTA was sent out to you on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

#### • **PTA Christmas Raffle**

The annual Christmas raffle is back and this year we are running it online. There are many fantastic prizes up for grabs, such as Afternoon Tea for 2 at Tylney Hall, a Wellington Wellbeing Members Experience, a Family Ticket for West Green Garden's Illuminated Trail, a Hortus Loci Voucher and many more!

We will also be asking for your help in creating wonderful hampers to raffle off - please see the attached leaflet for further information.

The raffle will be drawn at 6pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and tickets are available now to purchase online

from; <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/christmasraffle1>.

Tickets are priced at: £1 per ticket, 6 for £5 or 12 for £10. Payments are to be made via BACS or via SumUp which are detailed in your ticket purchase confirmation email.

### **Governors' Corner**

On behalf of all the governors and the broader school community, we wanted to thank Ms Caroline Welch for stepping in at short notice to support the staff, pupils and parents/carers over past six weeks. Governors have been delighted by the impact she

has had, working in partnership with staff to get to know our school and drive improvements. Staff, Governors and Ms Welch have already started working closely with Mr Glen Golding and Mr Steve Moore (who were in school last week), in anticipation of their official start date on 1<sup>st</sup> December, to ensure a smooth transition of leadership for all pupils and parents/carers. Mr Golding and Mr Moore look forward to meeting parents/carers on 30<sup>th</sup> November (details to follow) and getting to know the school community.

### **Attendance**

The school's overall attendance currently stands at 97%.

Congratulations to Hedgehog Class with the highest attendance of 98%.

### **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 15 January 2022. There will also be another Open morning on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please see our website for further information.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Open Morning for Prospective Parents PTA Carol Service
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Be Bright, Be Seen Day PTA Christmas Raffle Donations
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> December Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> December ) Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> December)	Christingle Service in School Rabbit and Otter Class Nativity
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Hedgehog and Fox Christmas Party
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Rabbit and Otter Christmas Party Evening KS2 Carol Service
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Dinner END OF TERM
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	INSET Day
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school

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