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February Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The Spring term is well underway with a host of trips and events planned during February and March. The children are thoroughly enjoying their class swimming sessions at the Hart Leisure Centre and we are all looking forward to the Whitewater Modern Biathlon on 9th March. Class 4 are due to go to the Wolf Conservancy at the end of this month which will be a really exciting way to engage with their topic and the whole school will be involved in World Book Day - a great opportunity to engage with books of every type. We really hope your child comes home and shares all these experiences with you.

World Book Day

After half term, on Thursday 1st March, we are celebrating World Book Day with a day of book related activities. We are also inviting all the children to **dress up as their favourite book character** on this day. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes and ideas! In the middle of March our book fair arrives in school and the children will receive a £1 book token. All the details of how to redeem the token will be given out with the token but if you would like the information early, the World Book Day website is an excellent source of information: www.worldbookday.com.

Attendance

We are pleased to say that overall Whitewater children have excellent attendance at school. Our current whole school attendance rate is 97%. Considering that we always aim for above 95%, this is something to celebrate. We would like to thank all parents for your commitment and support for your child's education. Showing your child the importance of attending school every day helps them to foster fantastic learning habits as well as keeping and maintaining friendships and enjoying the school environment, activities and clubs. However, we are always keen to support and give parents further information to help them manage attendance. Our school website has direct links to the Hantsweb site and attendance leaflets which give clear guidance for parents. The Hantsweb link has also been included below:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/hias/learning-behaviour-attendance/attendance-guidance-for-parents.htm>

Celebration of Learning and Class Assemblies

Please see the 'List of dates' at the back of this newsletter for a reminder of these dates and times.

PTA News and Events

The Next PTA Meeting will be held on 25th April 2018 at 7.30pm in Class 3. All are welcome!

Tesco Bags of Help



Please remember to ask the cashier for your red and blue tokens when shopping at Tesco and vote for Whitewater Primary School PTA.

The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £4000. Money will go towards the school's wireless network and laptop and tablet upgrade.

Voting will remain active until 28th February in the Hook store.

If you shop at any other Tesco store, save your tokens and put them in the pot in the school office.

Looking to purchase additional items for your child's school uniform?

Then look no further than the school library! A table containing second hand uniform will be on display during the upcoming parents' evenings (Tuesday 27th February and Thursday 1st March). There will also be an Honesty box alongside it for donations.

PTA Logo Competition...the Results!

Thank you so much for encouraging your children to participate in the new PTA logo competition; the entries we received were all so thoughtful and creative, making it very difficult for us to choose a winner! We cast our votes at the PTA meeting on 24th January, and Islay's design was selected as the winning entry; it incorporated the colours from each of the school houses as well as the symbol of the tree and the cross. Islay was awarded a book voucher and presented with a certificate.

We were so impressed by the creativity and artistic skill that went into each design that we presented every participant with a certificate of appreciation in assembly accompanied by a pen and a little bag of Haribo to thank them for their time and effort.

Bunny Hop Disco

Don't forget that the Bunny hop disco will be held on Thursday 22nd March - for information or to be involved, please contact Lottie Girling.

PTA Race Night – Thursday 8th March

Tickets are now on sale for Race Night on Thursday 8th March, at Hook House.

What is a Race Night?

Race Night is a fundraising event for which people are invited to place bets on horses (£1 each) before watching the video footage to see which one comes in first!

A betting tote system will be used to calculate the winnings in each race. A percentage of the income will be retained for Whitewater PTA and the remainder will be divided between the winning betting tote tickets on the night, paid out one race at a time.



There will be free nibbles provided by the PTA and Hook House, as well as a cash bar and an opportunity to bid for puddings.

How can I buy tickets?

Please return your entrance ticket form (sent out in book bags) to the office. Alternatively, you can buy your tickets outside school on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd February at pick up.

Thank you to Hook House and all our sponsors: Bright Partnerships, Catherine McArt, Darren Doyle, Fox's Fridge, Moneys Farm, Oakwood Builders and Tidy Time Services.

Please note that ample parking will be available at Hook House.

Summer Ball

The excitement is building! By now you will have found our leaflet with more information about this year's fundraising ball (in your child's book bag). You now know the theme (Arabian Nights), the venue (Hook House Hotel), the date (19th May) and the times (7pm-midnight) so start booking your babysitters!

Tickets go on sale after half term but before that we'll be running a Lucky Square competition for someone to win a pair of tickets for only £2! Please do have a go at drop off or pick up on Tuesday (6th February) and/or Wednesday (7th February) next week.

Additionally, on Thursday 1st March and Thursday 15th March the Ball Committee will be running a Breakfast Club at school from 8.00-8.40. We'll have pastries, fruit, yoghurts and drinks for the children (all allergies will be catered for) and some fun activities. So if you would like to get an early start on those days, look out for the information sheets and booking forms in book bags after half term!

PTA Mother's Day Daffodils

Say thank you or remember your mum, nan, grandma or someone special to you!

This year, the Whitewater PTA Ball Committee is giving you a chance to buy a beautiful bunch of daffodils together with a plain card and envelope for you to add your own design and message.

Daffodils will be available for collection on Friday 9th March and cost just £2.

All profits will go to the PTA Ball Committee who will use them to generate further profits which will be put towards extending the WiFi network and upgrading the laptops and tablets in school.

To order yours please complete the order form and return to school, together with payment by Wednesday 28th February. *Cheques payable to Whitewater PTA.*

SPRING CLEANING?

If you are planning to tackle those cupboards this Spring, please bear in mind that the school are participating in the Bags2School fundraising scheme again.

This is where any unwanted clothing, shoes, bags, belts or soft toys are weighed and exchanged for cash.

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This year the PTA aims to raise £8250 to update IT within the school, which will improve the learning facilities for all children, so we really hope everyone is able to support this worthwhile cause. Bags will be brought home in book bags before the Easter holidays, so please keep these in a safe place.

Simply fill your bag with any unwanted clothing and drop it at the school on Monday 23rd April by 9am. If you prefer you may also leave bags under the covered porch of the school on Friday 20th April in the afternoon or over the course of that weekend.

If you have any queries or feel that your place of work may also like to be involved, please contact Lottie Girling at lottiegirling@hotmail.com to arrange for more bags.

We look forward to helping you with your Spring Cleaning!

Summer Fair

Our Summer fair is booked in for Saturday 16th June! We will hold the first Summer Fair meeting after half term; if you would like to be involved, please let Rachelle know. Class 3 parents, you will be receiving a flyer in book bags asking for your support as this is a Class 3 led event! Many thanks in advance!

100 Club

The 100 Club winners for January are:

- 1st Judy McNeil
- 2nd Catherine Harding
- 3rd Charlie Syckelmoore

Book Stickers

Please look out for stickers appearing on new books purchased for the School Library from the 100 Club monies raised. The first batch purchased this year have recently arrived and stickers will be added to them this week!



Match Funding

Do you work in a large company? If so, consider asking your HR department for details about their charity match funding scheme. It could make a huge difference to our school fundraising projects! Thank you in advance!

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Celebrations!

Gold Book

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

- Class 1: Leo, Scarlett, Jackson, Finn, Finlay and Isla
Class 2: Elsa, William, Holly, Jack, Evie and Ela
Class 3: Islay, Zachary, Jacob M, Caitlin, Phoebe and Aston
Class 4: Darcey, Izzy, Monty, Chloe, Charlie and Joe
Class 5: Poppy, Stan and George S

Clubs and Outside School

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

- Tilly (Class 2) for achieving level 5 in gymnastics, Stage 2 in swimming and gaining a cycling medal for a recent cycling event;
Isla (Class 4) for achieving her 25m award in swimming, Commendation in Tap and Highest Commendation in Modern and Ballet;
Daisy (Class 2) for gaining Star of the week in Dance;
Isobel (Class 4) for being awarded with three rosettes, one for coming first in dressage, another for 9th place in show jumping and the last rosette for 6th place in yearly points competition;
Freya (Class 4) for gaining first place (gold medal) for her Character Solo at Woking Dance Festival;

Final word...

Please take extra care to park responsibly when dropping your children off at school or picking them up at the end of the day. We want every child to be safe near the school.
Thank you.

Miss Edwards

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DATES LIST

Friday 2 nd February	Class 1 Assembly (9.10 am) Class 2 Swimming at Hart Leisure Centre
Thursday 8 th February	Celebration of Learning (3.15 pm – 4.00 pm)
Friday 9 th February	Inset Day
Monday 12 th February to)	HALF TERM
Friday 16 th February)	
Wednesday 21 st February	Class 4 Visit to the Wolf Conservancy Trust
Friday 23 rd February	Class 5 Assembly (9.10 am) Class 1 Swimming at Hart Leisure Centre
Tuesday 27 th February	Parents' Evening (3.40 pm to 6.30 pm)
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day Parents' Evening (5.40 pm to 8.30 pm)
Friday 2 nd March	Class 3 Assembly (9.10 am)
Thursday 8 th March	PTA Race Night (7.30 pm)
Friday 9 th March	Whole School Modern Biathlon
Monday 12 th March	SATs Evening for Year 6 Parents (7 pm)
Wednesday 14 th March to)	Book Fair (3.30 pm – 4.00 pm)
Monday 19 th March)	
Friday 16 th March	Class 2 Assembly (9.10 am)
Monday 19 th March)	Bikeability Year 5
Friday 23 rd March)	
Thursday 22 nd March	Bunny Hop Disco
Friday 23 rd March	Class 4 Assembly (9.10 am)
Wednesday 28 th March	Easter Service at Rotherwick Church (1.30pm)
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term (2 pm)
Friday 30 th March to)	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Friday 13 th April)	
Monday 16 th April	Children return to school