



## Whitewater Newsletter - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Wow...I can't believe it's July already. This summer term is flying by. The children and staff are working hard to squeeze in as much learning as possible before the year ends. The children have spent this morning getting to know their new classmates, classrooms and classteachers. I hope they return home full of excitement (with a few nerves) about next year. In addition to this, across the school there are play rehearsals, school trips and much more.

### In school...

#### **Mrs Joliffe says...**

It was lovely to come back and find the children continuing their journey confidently, following our routines independently and being supportive towards all of the adults who have been helping during my absence. Rabbit Class finally saw one of the tadpoles turn into a frog, which was an exciting moment for everyone. We are still observing the caterpillars and talking about the lifecycle of a butterfly. Children had access to lots of experiments during discovery time, showed an interest in floating and sinking; made boats out of different materials to investigate. Everyone is enjoying problem solving in Maths, we extended floating and sinking experiments into maths and counted how many marbles would make the boats sink. PE lessons had a particular focus on co-operation so that we can combine all skills to get ready for Sports Day. During phonics we revisited many words with suffixes -ing and -ed; you will enjoy building on this learning while you do this week's homework with your child.

#### **Mrs Rolph says...**

Otter Class all managed to sew and complete their sea creatures! We had a range of fish, sharks, dolphins, starfish, sea snakes and sea horses. Fortunately, both Mrs and Miss Miles were able to help me with re-threading needles and untangling knots! Thank you to the grown-ups who sent stuffing in! It was great fun and we are very proud of our end results.

In writing, we wrote a newspaper report telling people that the Titanic had sunk! This week, we have been busy reflecting on the year and our favourite things we have done or learnt. It is incredible how much we have crammed into the year and it's not over yet! In Maths, we are reminding ourselves about number bonds to 10 and 20 and will be multiplying and dividing next.

Our History lessons have enabled us to compare life on board the Titanic depending on whether you were a first, second or third class passenger. We all agreed we would have had a better time aboard if we had been a first class passenger as we would not have had to share toilets! Next week, we shall think about why it sank and who was to blame!

Our caterpillars are all now chrysalises. We were fascinated by their wiggling as they settled in and created their 'shell'. Hopefully, the sunshine will be back out by the time they are ready to break free!

We have missed many of our friends this week as they have been at home with chicken pox. We hope they are all feeling better and look forward to welcoming them all back. Hopefully, no one else is 'brewing' them!

#### **Mr Ralph says...**

Another fun filled two weeks in Hedgehog Class, where is the time going? We had the pleasure of our first school trip as a class to Ufton Court. The children were taught how to be Roman centurions, swearing allegiance to the Roman Empire before learning the military manoeuvres necessary to protect their leaders. After that they looked at Roman items trying to find out the purpose of the item including good luck symbols, Roman God calendars, measuring jugs which most interpreted as a portable toilet and even Roman soap before relaxing in the afternoon learning how the romans would play games. Thank you Ufton Court for an amazing time! In Science the children have been investigating



magnets and creating their own floating compasses and in geography they have been creating maps of the school using grid references, keys and some brilliant sketching. Even though we are this far into a hardworking, eventful year I am still so impressed with the hard work, I dedication, passion and enthusiasm of the children. Well done for everything you are doing and keep up the good work for the last few weeks!



### **Mr Greenley says...**

Since re-uniting Fox Class after the residential, attention has been turning towards the end of the year. The children have been working hard on their final pieces of writing based in Neil Gaiman's "Wolves in the Wall" book. There have been all sorts of animals appearing from all areas of the house. Beware of flamingos in your attic!

Afternoons have become key rehearsal time for Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies production. Fox Class have been busting their moves with dances, singing like angels and making sure they face the audience when speaking! We have also had the paint out again as we gather and make our props including rubber chickens, feather dusters and an entire squisher.

The end of this week we have seen the Year 6 children depart for their transition days at Robert Mays and we're sure they will have an amazing time and look forward to hearing about the amazing time they have had.

### **Holiday Club...**

The Holiday Club will be running on the weeks commencing the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of August. The club is open to all children and will run from 8.30am to 4.30pm at Whitewater C Of E Primary School. The club will be run by a combination of Whitewater and Bramley staff. The cost is £25 a day and the children will need to bring their own pack lunch.

If you would like to book your child in for any of the sessions, please email back to Mrs Sue Fox on [s.fox@whitewater.hants.sch.uk](mailto:s.fox@whitewater.hants.sch.uk).

### **Breakfast Club...**

Just to remind you that we run a Breakfast Club from 7.40 am to 8.40 am every day. If you would like your child to join, please contact the school office for a registration pack. The cost of each session is £7.50. This includes breakfast which consists of cereal and/or toast and jam and fruit juice or milk.

### **Outstanding Dinner Money...**

As we near the end of term, could we please remind parents that all outstanding dinner money must be cleared by the end of term. You can pay online via Scopay or by cheque or cash to the school office. Just to remind you that all school lunches should be paid for in advance of them being taken.

### **Learning Support Assistant opportunity...**

As we look forward to the new academic year. We are seeking an enthusiastic, resourceful and conscientious Learning Support Assistant who will join the team and could make a real impact in the classroom setting. The successful applicant will support both the whole class and small groups or 1:1. If this is something that interests you or someone you know, and would like to find out more, please contact the school office for an application pack or call to chat to Mr Golding or Mr Moore.

### **Miss Pepper**

On Wednesday, Miss Pepper joined us to welcome the parents of our new Year R children. It was a great chance to start building the all important relationships between our new Assistant Head and the school community. As part of her transition to Whitewater, Miss Pepper will be popping several times between now and the end of term. One of those occasions will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon. So, if you see Miss Pepper with me on the gate after school on Tuesday, please come up and say hello or give a friendly smile from afar. I'm sure you'll all give her the warm welcome that you gave us 7 months ago.

As always, thank you all for your continued support and I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Take care

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Mr Steve Moore  
Executive Head of School

### **Key Dates**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 5 and 6 NC Swimming
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Flip Flop Disco
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 5 and 6 NC Swimming
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper KS2 Production Performance (2 pm)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper KS2 Production Performance (6 pm)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 5 and 6 NC Swimming
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Service (1.15 pm at Rotherwick Church)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	END OF TERM