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May Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Easter break, despite the lacklustre weather. It appears that many children were very actively engaged in events and activities outside school during April as there is a huge list of outside achievements at the end of this newsletter. Please take a look!

Parking

Unfortunately, there has been a disappointing rise in the number of unsafe or at worst, dangerous incidences of parking outside the school in recent weeks. On one occasion a car pulled up outside the school very nearly knocking a child off their bicycle. We cannot stress strongly enough how important it is for every person travelling by car, to take in consideration the safety of every child when approaching and parking outside the school. With this in mind we have attached a parking map to this newsletter. We ask that you take time to have a look at this and park respectfully. We are part of a rural community and do have use of the Village Hall car park, to allow for off road parking. Please make use of this as an option for safe parking.

There are a small number of families who have permission for dropping off or parking directly outside the school in the layby. This is for accessibility reasons only and has been arranged through discussion and agreement with the school. Please do not assume this is a right for all.

Please remember that it is also against the Highway Code to stop on the yellow zigzags. Thank you for your support in this matter.

GDPR

As you are probably aware, new data legislation comes into effect at the end of May. Schools are just as affected by this as private businesses. As a result there are a number of procedures we need to follow with updating our records and procedures. Please be prepared for a number of documents and letters coming out to you in the next few weeks which detail how school handles and stores your information. You can help us with this process by returning any letters which require your signature promptly. Thank you.



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Royal Wedding

To mark the royal wedding on Friday 18th May we are having a dress up day! Your child may wish to wear either wedding guest attire or clothing with a red, white and blue theme. Each class will be marking the event in their own way with the school coming together at one point in the day. Hopefully this will be outside if the weather is fine.

Walk to School Week

You will notice from the dates list that Walk to School Week is coming up at the end of May (21st – 25th May). During this week we encourage the children to walk a short distance to school. Using the parking at the Village Hall is ideal for this. Further details will come out shortly.

Wonderful World Week

Immediately after half term we are holding a Wonderful World focus week. The week will be filled with fun, outdoor lessons and activities encompassing the theme of our, 'Wonderful World'. During the week, each class will be going to College Copse Farm, a short walking distance from the school, to take part in a range of outdoor and wildlife activities.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome to our team Mrs Sonia Chippington who is our new cleaner. She will be in school at the end of every day, so if you see her, please make her feel welcome.

Unfortunately, as one person joins our team we are losing several others. Mrs Julia Vinton, who has worked with individual children during her time at Whitewater, has now left the school and is spending more time with her family. We are also sad to be losing Mrs Whyment at the end of this school year. Mrs Whyment has been a teacher for many years at Whitewater and has contributed a huge amount to the learning and sporting events at the school during her time with us. We wish Mrs Whyment well and hope she enjoys pursuing other opportunities outside education in the future.

However, we are pleased to announce and welcome Mrs Suzanne Arrol, who will be joining Whitewater and become part of our teaching team from September.



Year 5 Bikeability



Year 5 spent an enjoyable week taking part in their Bikeability training before Easter. They had a fantastic few days learning important skills for cycling on the road. All the children gained Level 1 or Level 2 Bikeability awards and were presented with a certificate and badge in our celebration assembly. Well done Year 5!

Curriculum Information

A curriculum summary for each year group for this term can be found on the school website.

Celebration of Learning

The final Celebration of Learning for this school year is on Thursday 24th May at 3.15 pm. You can come into school and share your child's learning with them. Your child will be able to show you their books and any work on display.

Class Assemblies

These are on Fridays at 9.10am in the school hall.

Class 1	25 th May
Class 2	29 th June

Key Stage 2 Production

There will be **two** evening performances for parents to watch the Key Stage 2 production this year: **Tuesday 10th July** and **Wednesday 11th July**. Both of the performances will start at **6.30 p.m.** There will also be a dress rehearsal during the school day for Class 1 and 2 to watch the performance. Further detail about tickets will follow in a later newsletter.

PTA News and Events

Upcoming Events

Whitewater Fundraising Ball

If you have not yet bought your ball tickets you can do so TODAY only – please get in contact ASAP and we'll set them aside for you – email simon.mcart@hachette.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 19th May.

Summer Fair

NEXT MEETING: 22nd May - 9am

Plans are underway for the upcoming Summer Fair on Saturday 16th June. A volunteer sheet will be available next week at drop off and pick up; alternatively, let Rachele Edwards or Amy Evans know if you are able to help set up, run a stall, or clear up. Many thanks!

Coming Soon

GDPR changes

Please note that a letter will shortly be issued to all parents regarding the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) changes from 25th May 2018. To enable us to continue to communicate with you about PTA related events and fundraisers, you must complete the form and opt in.

Father's Day gifts

Watch this space! Order forms will soon be available from which to purchase Father's Day gifts for the fathers, grandfathers, and/or other special people in your lives. Father's Day will be on Sunday 17th June this year.

DIY day

Save the Date! This year our DIY day will take place on Saturday 30th June. More information will follow soon.

Grants and Fundraisers

Bags2School

Thank you to everyone who donated items for Bags2School; we had an additional 100 kgs of clothing and soft toys and raised £191.20 for Whitewater School.

Tesco Bags of Help

Thank you to everyone who voted in Tesco Hook throughout the month of February. The results are in, and we came a close second, securing £2,000. The money will be used to extend the school's wireless network.

CALA Homes

We put forward a grant application to CALA Homes (developing Sheldon's Reach in Hook) and were awarded £500.

100 Club

The PTA 100 Club winners for April are:

- 1st No.8 Vicky Hazelden
- 2nd No.5 Amy Evans
- 3rd No.35 Rachelle Edwards

Thank you

A big thank you to Sally Riley for keeping our potted plants and the area in front of the school looking so lovely!



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Celebrations!

Gold Book

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

Class 1: Bertie, Matthew, Harry, Lilly, Lilly-May and Thomas

Class 2: Rosie, William, Lilly, Esme, Toby and Tilly

Class 3: Seb, Zac, Islay, Harry, Aston and Sophie

Class 4: Millie C, Freya, Luke, Honey, Darcey and Isabel

Class 5: George B, Mia and Callum

Clubs and Outside School

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

Tilly (Class 2) for gaining a medal in skiing;

Abigail (Class 2) for gaining Stanley 6 award in swimming, receiving a certificate for completing the Three Peaks Outdoor pursuits challenge and achieving Under 8 bronze hockey STIX award;

Isobel (Class 4) for gaining a certificate of achievement at Pony Club Camp; achieving 'D' test standard; winning 3rd and 6th place rosettes for riding and a skiing medal;

James (Class 3) for gaining a skiing medal;

Kitty (Class 3) for receiving a certificate of effort in gymnastics;

Leo (Class 1) for achieving swimming stage 1 and Under 8 bronze Hockey STIX Award;

Zachary (Class 3) for achieving Under 8 Gold Hockey STIX Award;

Charlie (Class 4) for gaining medals for skiing and snowboarding;

Islay (Class 3) for receiving a certificate for completing the Three Peaks Outdoor pursuits challenge; completing dance exams in modern and tap and obtaining a certificate for climbing and abseiling;

Caitlin (Class 3) for receiving a certificate for completing the Three Peaks Outdoor pursuits challenge and achieving Under 10 bronze hockey STIX award;

William (Class 2) for gaining a medal for skiing;

William (Class 4) for gaining a medal for a mini rugby festival;

Niall (Class 3) for achieving his chief scouts bronze award;

Luke (Class 4) for achieving Under 10 silver hockey STIX award;

Isla (Class 3) for receiving a certificate for completing the Three Peaks Outdoor pursuits challenge and completing badges for her Brownie sash;

Poppy (Class 5) for representing Whitewater at the Hampshire at the Hall event at the Royal Albert Hall;

Evie (Class 2) for gaining a certificate and medal at the first Bulmeshe IAC competition for gymnastics;

Lily (Class 4) for achieving two gold, one silver and one bronze medal at an aerobic gymnastic competition;

Oscar (Class 3) for gaining a certificate for achieving grade 1 for drums;

Final word...

Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this newsletter. I hope you had a wonderful Bank holiday and made the most of the record breaking temperatures!





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Miss Edwards



DATES LIST



Thursday 3rd May

Class Photos



Monday 14th May to)

KS2 SATs Week



Friday 18th May)



Monday 21st May to)

KS1 SATs week



Friday 25th May)

Walk to School Week



Thursday 24th May

Celebration of Learning (3.15 pm – 4 pm)



Friday 25th May

Class 1 Assembly (9.10 am)



Monday 28th May to)

HALF TERM



Friday 1st June)



Monday 4th June

Class 2 to College Copse Farm (9 am – 12 noon)



Tuesday 5th June)

Class 5 to College Copse Farm (12.30 – 3.30 pm)



Wednesday 6th June

Class 1 to College Copse Farm (9 am – 12 noon)



Saturday 16th June

Class 4 to College Copse Farm (12.30 – 3.30 pm)



Monday 11 June

Class 3 to College Copse Farm (9 am to 12 noon)



Monday 18th June

Summer Fair (11 am – 2 pm)



Wednesday 20th June

Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming



Monday 25th June

Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming



Wednesday 27th June

Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral



Thursday 28th June

Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming



Friday 29th June

Year 6 RMS Induction Day



Saturday 30th June

Year 6 RMS Induction Day



Monday 2nd July

Class 2 Assembly (9.10 am)



Tuesday 3rd July

DIY Day (12 noon – 3 pm)



Wednesday 4th July

Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming



Monday 9th July

Year 6 Think Safe (9 am to 12 noon)



Tuesday 10th July

Sports Day



Wednesday 11th July

Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming



Monday 16th July

Junior Production Evening Performance



Friday 20th July

Junior Production Evening Performance



Monday 23rd July

Reserve Sports Day



Monday 16th July

Year 5 National Curriculum Swimming



Friday 20th July

END OF TERM – School finishes at 2 pm



Monday 23rd July

Inset Day

