



## Whitewater Newsletter – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are all looking forward to a well-deserved half term break. As we come to the end of a busy and fulfilling half term, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements and enriching experiences our students have had over the past few weeks.

One highlight of this term has been the various enrichment trips and rich learning activities that our children have participated in. Just yesterday, I wandered around the school after lunch and was greeted by over 50 kings, queens, princes, princesses and knights across Rabbits and Otters. There was an incredible range of outfits and huge smiles and excitement to match. I then went into Fox Class where they had Annie Kemkaran-Smith in to present on evolution and Darwin, providing our students with a fascinating insight into the natural world. In addition to this, I am delighted to share that our Year 4, 5, and 6 pupils have been enjoying their swimming lessons, developing their skills and confidence in the water.

Looking ahead to the rest of the school year, we have even more engaging learning opportunities planned for our children. Year 6 will have the chance to visit Think Safe and learn all about how to look after themselves as they prepare to move on to life after primary school in a few months. Rabbit Class and Otter Class will be exploring the wonders of Windsor Castle to find out even more about Kings and Queens. The Eco-council will also be embarking on a trip to Ewhurst Park for a Spring Education Day to learn about the behaviour and needs of migratory birds and how people can provide habitats and food to help during the breeding season. Our Year 2 will have the exciting opportunity to attend the Hampshire Music Service Giant Sing where they'll get to sing along with Barnaby Bear at the Anvil. These experiences will undoubtedly broaden our students' horizons and inspire their learning.

In addition to these trips, we are delighted to welcome more visitors to our school who will continue to inspire our children. Chance to Shine will be providing cricket coaching to everyone, fostering a love for sports and teamwork. Fox Class will have the opportunity to engage in Zoom Calls with Cambridge Museum, further expanding their knowledge and understanding on history. Furthermore, we have Tudor workshops planned for the whole of Key Stage 2, which will bring history to life for our students.

In addition to all of this, we have our Spring Choir concert on Thursday 21st March and our Easter Service on Thursday 28th March. We hope to see many of you at these events as we come together to celebrate the talents and achievements of our children and embrace all things, Easter.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the parents who attended our recent parents' evenings. Your support and involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and we appreciate your dedication to their progress. Additionally, thank you to those parents who joined us for our session on teaching timetables. Your engagement in your child's learning journey will really support them in mastering this key concept in maths.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful half term break. I hope it is filled with rest, relaxation, and quality time spent with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**, ready for another exciting half term.

Take care

Mr Steve Moore  
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