

20th July 2018



End of Year Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We have had an amazing end to the year with stunning weather. Although the field is parched and turning brown, the warm sunny days have meant lots of outdoor learning and successful trips and events. It is great to look back to all the events and activities that have taken place this year for your children. As we say goodbye to all our Year 6 children, Mrs Whyment, Miss Tillcock and Mrs Hannafin, we remember all their individual and group contributions which they have added to Whitewater – a huge thank you! We wish them every success for the future.

Last night we held our Year 6 Leaver's Service in the church which was a very moving occasion but also a time to celebrate and wish our Year 6 children good luck as they prepare for the next step at secondary school. Congratulations to Poppy who was awarded the Tylney Trophy this year.

Sports Day was a fantastic success, enjoyed by children and parents alike. Congratulations to Diamond House who were the overall winners on the day!

The Key Stage 2 Production was a great success. The children show real confidence on stage and showcase their individual talents. Well done everyone!

On Wednesday afternoon we held our Strawberry Tea for all the volunteers who help and support your children and staff in school. It was a lovely afternoon and the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyable from every class! Thank you again everyone who supports our school by volunteering time and energy, we really appreciate everything you do.

Equipment for September

Please ensure that your children are prepared for the first day back in September with everything they may need: correct school uniform, including suitable school shoes; book bags; PE kit and water bottles. Pencil cases are optional for children in **Year 6 only**. All stationery the children need for learning will be provided by the school in all other year groups.

House Points

The final results for this term were:

Ruby	479 points
Diamond	400 points
Emerald	367 points
Sapphire	371 points

Congratulations to everyone in Ruby House!

PTA NEWS

Dates for your diaries

AGM – Wednesday, 26th September, 7.30pm, in the School Hall

PTA Meeting – Wednesday, 10th October, 7.30pm, in Class 3

Recent Events

Sports Day

A big thank you to all of the parent helpers for providing baked goods and manning the tables for our sports day cafe. Your efforts helped the PTA to raise £186.00!

Flip Flop Disco

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who gave of their time to supervise the flip flop disco! A special shout out goes to our resident DJ, Dayle Blencowe, for spinning the tunes to keep the children entertained, Matt Neilson for providing the berries, Tesco Hook for donating the grapes, Laura Neilson and Jo Hunt for assembling the fruit skewers, Adam and Jo Hunt for donating the ice lollies, and especially to Amy Evans for leading the event. The children all had a fabulous time thanks to your efforts, and we managed to raise £295.54 in total!

Summer Challenge: Helpful Hands

This summer, all pupils will have the opportunity to participate in the 'helpful hands' fundraiser. Each child will receive a pair of 'helpful hands', which are to encourage them to do a good deed for someone; this could be someone at home, a neighbour, a pet, a grandparent or an individual or group of people in the wider community. The idea is that as your child completes their good deed, they are earning money to stick (or draw round and keep in a pot) in their handprints to raise money for the school.

The good deed can be anything from dusting to litter picking, helping in the garden or washing the car – it's completely up to you. You may also decide on the amount which will be donated depending on the deed.

Your child may wish to record some of the good deeds they have completed around their hands to share with their class when they get back.

Fundraising totals

The overall funds raised from PTA events this year totals £21,372. A fantastic amount to be able to pass on to our school and its children! Well done to everyone for all of your hard work!

Thank You

Amy, Rachelle, Lisa F and Lisa S would like to say a huge thank you to Erin Toomey for taking on the newsletter side of the PTA Secretary role this year! As a new parent to the school, you really got stuck in and helped so much this year, and we are all grateful!

The Toomey family are moving to Germany this summer, so on behalf of the PTA, we would like to wish Erin, Lee, Jackson and Olivia all the very best of luck. Your smiling faces will definitely be missed at Whitewater!

Auf Wiedersehen xxxxx

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A huge thank you to everyone for your support and assistance this year! We cannot run these events without your help and we are truly grateful for any means through which you have offered your time or talents to benefit Whitewater school. We wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday!

Celebrations!

Gold Book

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

- Class 1: Seren, Harry, Bella, Bertie, Jackson and Finlay
Class 2: Daniel, Ash, Grace, Chyna, Hugo and Elliott
Class 3: Aston, Caitlin, Niall, Zachary, Jacob M and Eva
Class 4: Alfie, Lily, Joe, Evie and Charlie
Class 5: Fran, Elsie and Julide

Clubs and Outside School

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

- Erin (Class 3) for achieving Personal Survival Stage 2 and Stage 7 in swimming;
Jack, James (Class 3) and Julide (Class 5) for achieving Introductory Stage in violin.
Henry and Ela (Class 2) for achieving Beginner Stage in violin;
Monty (Class 4) and James (Class 3) for gaining a merit certificate for drumming;
Isla and Luke (Class 4) for achieving Gold Stage 3 in drumming;
Christal (Class 5) for achieving Silver Stage 1 for Flute;
Madi (Class 4) for gaining a merit certificate for violin;
Poppy (Class 5) for achieving Stage 3 for Flute and a merit certificate for excellent progress for violin;
Abigail (Class 2) for gaining a merit certificate for drumming and achieving Water Skills 3;
Beatrice (Class 2) for taking part in a World Record attempt for the largest number of performances of Beauty and the Beast;
Eva (Class 3) for winning third place in a dance competition;
Caitlin (Class 3) for achieving Water Skills 4 in swimming;
Tilly (Class 2) for becoming Star of the Week for Dance;
Phoebe (Class 3) for achieving Dolphin award 1 in swimming and Stage 7 in gymnastics;
Emily (Class 4) for the prize draw for a maths trail held at Robert May's;
Taya, Grace and Tilly (Class 2) for taking part in the Baby Faces competition at the summer fair.

Final word...

It only remains for me to wish you a very happy and restful summer break. We look forward to seeing you on the first day of the new school year – **Wednesday 5th September**.

Miss Edwards

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DATES LIST

Monday 3 rd September	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th September	INSET Day
Wednesday 5 th September	Children return to School
Wednesday 26 th September	PTA AGM

A complete Dates List for the Autumn Term will be in the first newsletter of the year and appear on the school website.