

6th January 2020



January Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and to a new decade! A very happy New Year to everyone, I hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and that you managed to spend time with family and friends.

Last term, the children spent time with their classes and teachers to decide on new class names for the school. This was planned to help with separating the class numbers with the year groups and to make Whitewater classes more individual. The children spent a lot of time carefully considering a range of ideas but have finally settled on an animal theme; using names of animals which are found near or around the school environment. I am delighted to announce the new names for the classes are as follows:

- Class 1 – Rabbit Class
- Class 2 – Otter Class
- Class 3 – Hedgehog Class
- Class 4 – Fox Class
- Class 5 – Red Kite Class

The children are very excited by their new class names.

The new names come into effect immediately and we will all try and get used to remembering them! We hope that you will enjoy this change as well.

School Value

Our new value for this half term is **HOPE**. Your home/school Hope Value sheet has been sent to you today. We hope you will enjoy sharing this with your family at home.

Celebration of Learning

Please see the dates below for opportunities to see your child's work. Your child will be able to show you their books and any work on display. The children thoroughly enjoy sharing their learning.

Thursday 13 th February	3.15 – 4.00pm
Thursday 21 st May	3.15 – 4.00pm

Parents Evenings

These are times when you can discuss your child's learning and progress with the classteacher.

Tuesday 3rd March 3.40 – 6.30 pm

Thursday 5th March 5.40 – 8.30 pm

Class Assemblies

These take place at **9:10** on Friday mornings, we look forward to seeing you.

Rabbit Class (Class 1)	13 th March	Otter Class (Class 2)	20 th March
Hedgehog Class (Class 3)	28 th February	Fox Class (Class 4)	7 th February
Red Kite Class (Class 5)	31 st January		

Christmas Events

The children had a busy and excitable time in the week before we broke up for Christmas!

The Nativity performances were amazing! The children had worked so hard to learn the songs and lines. The Nativity collection raised £176.71 which will go to the Blue Cross, the children's choice of charity this year. Thank you for your generous contribution.

Christmas lunch in school was on the last day before we broke up for the Christmas break. It was a very festive occasion with all the staff serving the children. The Christmas parties were equally enjoyed in the afternoons of the final week with party games, food (provided through the PTA), and Christmas music.

Thank you for your contributions for Christmas Jumper day which was raising money for Save the Children. The school raised £173.50. The school looked fabulously festive with the children wearing their Christmas jumpers!

The KS2 Carol Service was very well attended and the children sung, spoke and performed wonderfully. There was a delightful atmosphere in the church with families gathered together. The collection for the Blue Cross at the end of the service raised £78.64.

Special congratulations go to all the children in Class 5 who raised a fabulous £237.47 for charity at the Christmas Fair. Well done, this is the highest amount ever raised by a Year 6 class!

A huge thank you to the PTA who supported the school in so many ways over Christmas, including party food for the Christmas parties and organising and running a fantastic Christmas Fair.

PTA News and Events

The PTA news will come out separately tomorrow.

Helping in school

We have a small but very dedicated group of parent helpers who come in to school on a regular basis to support learning. We actively encourage new parent helpers to join the team. It may only be half an hour a week that you can offer but every contribution adds up and makes a difference to the children. The application process can be a little daunting but it is there to safeguard our children and it really doesn't take very long to complete. If you are interested, you can find out more information from any of the class teachers or apply through the office straight away! We look forward to you seeing you.

Celebrations!

Gold Book

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

- Class 1: Ryan, Rosie, Ciel, Scarlett, Ray and Mrs Baronne!
- Class 2: Bianca, Olivia, Harry, Scarlett, Finn and Freya
- Class 3: Abigail, Holly, Ash, Daniel, Leo and Jasmin
- Class 4: Aston x 2, Isabella, Kitty, Mabel and Afanen
- Class 5: Luke, James and Islay

Clubs and Outside School

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

- Abigail (Class 3) for gaining a merit certificate for guitar;
- Henry (Class 4) for achieving Grade 1 for Piano;
- Bianca (Class 2) for achieving 25m backstroke in swimming;
- James (Class 4) for achieving his Handwriting Distinction award;
- Cohen (Class 1) for gaining his first certificate and belt in karate;
- Lola, Olivia and Effie (Class 2) for gaining a medal after taking part in the Santa Dash run;
- Freya (Class 2) for achieving her 25m swimming award;
- Ela (Class 4) for donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust, (she had all her long hair cut off!).

Final word...

The winning house for last half term was **Ruby House** with **568 House points**. Well done to all the children in this house!

Miss Edwards

DATES LIST

Wednesday 15 th January	PTA Meeting (7.30 pm)
Friday 31 st January	Red Kite Class (Class 5) Assembly (9.10 am)
Thursday 6 th February	Year 6 Football Festival (pm)
Friday 7 th February	Fox Class (Class 4) Assembly (9.10 am)
Wednesday 12 th February	Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby 7 a Side (pm)
Thursday 13 th February	Celebration of Learning (3.15 pm to 4.00 pm)
Friday 14 th February	INSET Day
Monday 17 th February to)	HALF TERM
Friday 21 st February)	
Monday 24 th February	Children return to School
	Hampshire Fire Service visit (Years 1, 2, 5 & 6)
Friday 28 th February	Hedgehog Class (Class 3) Assembly (9.10am)
	KS2 Tiko Music workshop
Tuesday 3 rd March	World Wildlife Day
	Parents' Evening (3.40 pm – 6.30 pm)
Thursday 5 th March	Parents' Evening (5.30 pm to 8.30 pm)
Friday 13 th March	Rabbit Class (Class 1) Assembly (9.10 am)
Monday 16 th March	Intra-school Netball tournament
Friday 20 th March	Otter Class (Class 2) Assembly (9.10 am)
Friday 3 rd April	End of Term (2 pm Finish)
Monday 6 th April to)	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Friday 17 th April)	
Monday 20 th April	Children return to school