

3rd February 2020



February Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It seems rather strange to think that this time last year I was writing about snow! It has been a particularly mild winter so far but also particularly wet, so it is a good opportunity to remind parents to ensure that children should always have a waterproof coat in school. Please help us keep the children dry and comfortable during the school day.

You may have noticed that traffic enforcement was present last week, at the start of school. They have informed the school that they will be visiting on other occasions to check that parents and visitors are adhering to the road markings, allowing access for residents and, most importantly, ensuring that your children are safe when they arrive at school. Thank you for your continued support in making sure that the roads and parking are safe for the children.

Global Learning

We are now linked, as partner schools, to The Cathedral and John Connon School in Mumbai, India. This is a very exciting enterprise that we first mentioned in our November Newsletter and we look forward to many opportunities to share all aspects of our schools. To start the partnership, the children in Fox and Red Kite Class have exchanged letters as pen pals with the pupils in India. All the children at Whitewater were excited to hear extracts from the letters during a special Collective Worship. At first, the children did not know where the children were writing from, as we hid the key pieces of information naming Mumbai or clues to India. There was a great deal of excitement when finally the school was announced! We are all looking forward to the next time we receive letters. This is the link to The Cathedral and John Connon School website – you may wish to have a look: <http://cathedral-school.com/>

World Book Day

This year World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. We would like the children to dress up for our theme of, '**Fabulous Facts**'. This time we have chosen a non-fiction theme to promote other types of reading. There are many ideas for dressing up that you can select with your child, for example, different types of animals, famous people, inventions, to name just a few. I am sure you can think of more to delight and surprise us!

Celebration of Learning

Please see the dates below for an opportunity to see your child's work. Your child will be able to show you their books and any work on display.

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)

13th March

Otter Class (Class 2)

20th March

Hedgehog Class (Class 3)

28th February

Fox Class (Class 4)

7th February

PTA News and Events

This has come out separately to the newsletter on this occasion

Celebrations!

Gold Book

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

Rabbit Class: Tabitha, Kallan, Lex, Frankie, Anouk, Milly, Indigo and Harry W

Otter Class: Seren, Felix, Sylvi, Thomas, Isabella, Effie, L'ae and Claudia

Hedgehog Class: Hanna, Jasmin, Daisy S, Bertie, Evan, Lilly, Toby and Esma

Fox Class: Jacob, Isabella, Aston, Evan, Dexter, Chyna, Afanen and Oliver

Red Kite Class: Tristan, Eva, Caitlin and Charlie

Clubs and Outside School

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

Tabitha (Rabbit) for appearing in, 'I Know' magazine as a knight;

Scarlett (Rabbit) for gaining a certificate and medal in ballet;

Evan (Hedgehog) for achieving a merit in Level 1 electric guitar;

Erin (Red Kite) for being awarded a medal in the Sherfield 10km run;

Jasmin (Hedgehog) for achieving Star of the Week in dance;

Charlie (Red Kite) for achieving Green 2 award in Kungfu;

Jason (Rabbit) for achieving Player of the week in rugby;

Bianca (Otter) for being awarded Star of the Week in dance;

Final word...

Enjoy the slightly lighter evenings and mornings – spring is just around the corner!

Miss Edwards

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DATES LIST

Thursday 6 th February	Year 6 Football Festival (pm) PTA Fashion Fundraiser (7 pm to 9 pm)
Friday 7 th February	Fox (Class 4) Assembly (9.10 am)
Wednesday 12 th February	Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby 7 a Side (pm)
Thursday 13 th February	PTA Breakfast Hedgehog and Fox Classes Reptile Workshop PTA Valentines Day Cookery Club (3.45 to 5.15 pm) 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)
Thursday 27 th February	PTA Big Breakfast
Friday 28 th February	Hedgehog (Class 3) Class Assembly (9.10am) Tiko Music workshops (KS2)
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th March	British Science Week
Tuesday 3 rd March	World Wildlife Day Parents' Evening (3.40 pm to 6.30 pm)
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day Parents' Evening (5.30 pm to 8.30 pm)
Friday 13 th March	Rabbit (Class 1) Assembly (9.10 am)
Monday 16 th March	Intra-school Netball tournament
Thursday 19 th March	PTA Mothers Day Cookery Club (3.45 to 5.15pm)
Friday 20 th March	Otter (Class 2) Assembly (9.10 am)
Thursday 26 th March	Bunny Hop Disco (5.30 pm to 7 pm)
Friday 27 th March	PTA Break the Rules Day
Wednesday 1 st April	Easter Service at Rotherwick Church (1.30pm)
Friday 3 rd April	PTA Bad Hair Day 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