

1st April 2020



April Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I am sitting in school, writing this newsletter, under extremely unusual circumstances. Firstly, it is very, very quiet! Usually I can hear the background noise of children; learning, laughing and playing. It is very strange to hear just the occasional car...or Mrs Fox in the office. Secondly, I am missing all the face-to-face interactions, with the children and our families, that are so central to what we do in school, and lastly I am getting used to a new way of working. One where I am learning to be an expert at virtual meetings – you see, learning never stops!

I very much hope that all of you, your families and children are keeping well. I hope you are enjoying the Home Learning and that you are finding routines that work for your family. School closures are going to be for much longer than any of us thought at the beginning, so please make sure that you treat your Home Learning as a marathon and not a sprint.

All of the staff at Whitewater are working hard to embed and improve our new way of working. With this in mind, we are currently working on ensuring there is a consistent approach to the Class Pages on the school website. This will mean that there will be greater consistency in the language used and the way in which the tasks are posted. Please remember to look each day.

Another aspect that we are exploring is a way for children to respond back to their class teacher. We are looking at a number of possibilities and we will have something in place after the Easter break. Further information about this, Easter Holiday activities and future Home Learning will come out at the end of this week.

Final word...

In the meantime, please keep well and safe - enjoy the sunshine, if you can.

Miss Edwards



There are many words we can use to describe the current situation but we, at Whitewater PTA, would like to wish you all the best and strength at this current time. We also wanted to take the opportunity to thank our amazing school and the staff there for the home learning they are providing and the teachers and staff who have supported the children of keyworkers and children with additional needs within school.

Our news section is small this time, but we wanted to at least share the amazing work that has occurred for phase 2 of the Pond area in early March. Thankfully, the weather was much kinder this time round! The volunteers worked tirelessly for two very long days and the end result was a fantastic new accessible path around the pond, a new roof on the outdoor classroom, an application of wood preserver on the outdoor classroom, a good clean and pressure wash of the bridge and surrounding play areas and work began on making the fencing surrounding the pond safer! Wow what a lot of work!

Plans for the final phase of the work include replacing the windows on the outdoor classroom, a decorative finish to the path and some new planters and plants for in the pond. Watch this space for the completed result...hopefully soon! A massive thank you to Dan Trill, John Jones, Dayle Blencowe, James Loud, Ryn Van Heerdon, Lisa Syckelmoore, Chris Godfrey and Will from New View Tree Specialists who loaned and drove a digger for us!



At the beginning of phase 1 in February



End of Phase 1

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End of Phase 2



Although we had to cancel some of our events, the Ball will still go ahead at some point this year. I think we will all be ready for a party by then! At this stage, it is likely the summer fair will also be cancelled but we will confirm that to you shortly. Take care everyone and stay safe.