



Whiteshill Weekly News

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Welcome back after the half term break. We hope you managed to enjoy what was left of the sunshine and that the children got a good rest. Our INSET days were a great start to the term as we were able to do some work as a staff on our vision for the school going forward as well as ensuring everyone in school is up to date with safeguarding training.

You may have had chance to say hello to our new member of staff, Miss Louise Broadbridge, who has joined us on a temporary basis until Christmas as a teaching assistant in Class 1. She has a host of experience and we are really pleased to have her on board for the coming term.

There are lots of exciting events taking place this autumn term. Look out for letters about class 2 and 4's trip to 'We are the Curious' in Bristol as well as our annual whole school cinema trip. Forest School and Mini Marines will continue on a Friday and class 4 will be swimming again from Monday morning. We will of course soon begin preparing for Nativity would you believe it, and I am looking forward to planning the new Festive Fayre alongside the Friends of Whiteshill School – I am starting to get excited for my first Christmas as Headteacher at Whiteshill!



Mrs Cripps Art club will not take place on Monday due to her attendance at a cluster staff meeting after school.



I have made some changes to the way we record accidents and first aid given in school. From this afternoon, you will notice me out on the gate at the end of the day with a clipboard. This will allow me to communicate with you when your child has received first aid in school and to ensure you have been given the correct information with regards to monitoring children after a head bump. I will ask you to sign to confirm that I have spoken to you and if I am unable to catch you for any reason, a text will be sent to your child's main contact at the end of the school day. More severe head bumps will now be recorded on a separate form in school to ensure the children are monitored regularly. If we have any concerns, we will of course phone you to collect your child after a head bump or a more serious accident, if they cannot be monitored safely in school.

Friends of Whiteshill School



A reminder that if you, or anyone you know, are interested in hosting a stall at the Festive Fayre on Friday 7th December selling arts and crafts or gifts for Christmas, please do speak to a member of FOWS or let the school office know.



A reminder for Class 1 children to bring in a spare pair of wellies for use in school. At this time of year, the mud kitchen gets really messy so unfortunately they won't be able to use it without wellies! They will be stored in school so that they have them each day when they need them. Thank you.



Please note that we are currently reviewing the whole school homework policy. As a result, **there will be no spelling or maths homework for all classes this week.** Please continue to read with your child as often as possible as this has a hugely positive impact on all areas of their learning.

Finally, a photo of the school council introducing our finished playground mural, which you will have no doubt seen lovingly created across the week by local artist Stephanie Cole. The mural has been sourced and planned for by the Friends of Whiteshill School who applied for and received a grant from the parish council to cover some of the costs. If you work for or run a local business who would like to make a small donation to the cost of the project, in return for some upcoming publicity in the Stroud News and Journal, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you very much to those who have already given generously: GEL engineering, Hyde and Gallagher Carpentry, Trainspotters Lighting Store and Lesley Young Bespoke Framing. I'm sure you'll agree it looks absolutely fantastic!

