



Whiteshill Weekly News

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We have really got in to the swing of things now and the children are working very hard now that they have settled in their new year groups. Over the last two weeks I have started to get to know all the children and I am beginning to know not just their names but their personalities too, one of the best parts of my job. It is interesting seeing them arrive at the gate in little groups, as I start to realise who is related to who!

I am really keen to build on the children's fantastic attitudes towards each other around school and as a result, from next week, I will be doing a run of assemblies on kindness, managing emotions and caring for each other at school. It is really important that the children constantly build on their understanding of what might cause upset and how to deal with their emotions effectively. If there is ever anything that has upset your child in school, please do encourage them to talk to us. Teachers are always the best first port of call as they know the children well and they see them interacting on a daily basis in class. They are available at the start and end of the day so if there is anything that is worrying you do let them know. If it something that requires a longer conversation, feel free to phone the office or email in and we can make an appointment. We will always support the children to solve problems together and, particularly in class 4, it is very important to give them the skills they need to express how they are feeling when somebody has upset them and also understand how their actions might be effecting others. In the Autumn term, we will be following this up with an anti-bullying week which will explore a whole range of issues like e-safety, celebrating differences and what bullying looks like. I know that our children here will respond really well and I know that by talking about it regularly in school, we can ensure that everyone continues to feel safe and happy!

Congratulations!

I am very excited to share some fantastic news that we have had in school. Mrs Cripps (class 3 teacher) is expecting her first child! We are all incredibly excited and happy for her as she embarks on this very special journey. I'm sure you will join me in sending her and her husband our huge congratulations. She will be in class for a while yet so the year 3/4 children don't need to worry and obviously, we will ensure transition with a new teacher in the future will be smooth and successful. I will keep you informed about recruitment as soon as I know more. Congratulations Mrs Cripps!



Team competition entry forms are due in tomorrow.

If your child would like to enter, please do encourage them to have a go – I have had some great ideas so far and I'm looking forward to revealing the winner next week.

School photographs will take place next week on the morning of Wed 26th September. If you would like your child/ren's photo taken with a younger pre-school child (or as a family, with mum and dad too) please make your way to the school hall at 8:30am. We will be inviting playgroup up for photos, so if you have a child attending playgroup on this day they will bring your child for photos at 9:15am. Photos are taken of individual pupils and siblings together. Any questions please do come and talk to Mrs Angove in the office.



Friends of Whiteshill School!

You may have noticed a sign at the school gate advertising our 'Friends of Whiteshill School'. They are a parent group who support the school through fundraising and by organising events throughout the year. Please do join their Facebook page to find out more. It can be found by searching 'Parents of Whiteshill School'. You will have noticed, they have been very active recently in improving the playground, installing a climbing wall and freshening up the furniture and playground markings – there is more work in the pipeline too so watch this space. A particular thanks as well to Jo Wills and the Lloyds Match Giving Scheme who made a donation towards the playground and to all those who gave their time and money to make it a much more inviting and colourful place for the children.



We are very keen to involve as many parents and families as possible in the Friends of Whiteshill School so if it is something you are interested in or you feel you have something you could offer to the school, please do come along to our informal welcome event which will take place on 6th November at 2.30pm. Keep the date free in your diary if you can and further details will follow.

Finally, a few photos of class 2 using the laptops this week...

