



Whiteshill Weekly News

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This week, I have been lucky enough to go and see the classes in action. I spent the morning in class 1, 2 and 4 and will be visiting class 3 next week. It was an absolute pleasure to see the children learning and find out what they get up to in English and maths. I was most impressed by their fantastic learning attitudes. The teachers and TAs work incredibly hard to ensure the children have a positive attitude to learning and this really pays off. The children are engaged, supportive of each other and keen to challenge themselves. It makes me very proud to be their Headteacher.

Clubs have also started now and, thanks to the teachers, the children are trying out a whole host of different activities, from creative writing and netball to computer coding! I have spoken to some parents about a desire for more KS1 clubs and this is something that we will look at, moving into the spring term, as I agree that it is important for the younger children to experience the independence and fun of attending an after-school club when possible.

As from today, you can now book your parents' evening slot on either Tuesday 16th October (5.30 – 7pm) or Wednesday 17th October (3.45 – 5.30pm). Please email, phone or pop in to the office to let us know when you are available and you will be allocated a time slot.

Please note - if you are invited to a structured conversation meeting, you will **not** need to book in to parents' evening.

Snacks are provided free each day for all Reception, Year 1 and 2 children (fruit and vegetables). In Key Stage 2, the children need to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable each day for break time snack. On Fridays, all children can bring in an individual portion of a snack of their choice. However, this must not be sweets or chocolate (no chocolate in or on the snack either please). Children in class 1 and 2 who do not choose to do this will be provided with a free fruit or vegetable.

→ DON'T FORGET!

Please note – Class 2 children do not need a snack for forest school on Friday as they are now going in the afternoon.

Over the last two weeks, the children have been voting in our school council elections. Those who put their name forward, worked very hard on their campaign posters and speeches and we were very proud of all of them. Class 2, 3 and 4 have voted and the chosen representatives for each year group are as follows: Harriet and Kenton (Y1), Emilia and Rowan (Y2), Lara and Ewan (Y3), Harry and Sophia H (Y4), Theo and Charlotte (Y5) and Chiara and Isaac (Y6). Congratulations to them on their success and I look forward to working with them this year!

Thank you also, to all the children who entered our team name and logo competition. I had so many entries I couldn't believe it! It was great to see the enthusiasm and effort that had gone in to each one. There were so many great ideas I could not decide by myself so all the teachers helped me out and we decided on our winner after a huge amount of deliberation!

And the winner is...Emily Humphreys in Class 3!

Emily did her research and chose local river names: Frome, Colne, Severn and Avon. We liked the local angle and the fact that they would be unique to our school. She has also designed a simple logo that can be replicated in the four colours and will look fantastic on our display in the hall. Well done Emily!

Finally, a few photos of Forest School and Class 2's violin lessons...

