



# Whiteshill Weekly News

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## Happy New Year!

Welcome back after what I hope has been a lovely Christmas break. I think the children (and the staff!) are glad to be back in our normal routines now after a hectic but wonderful last week of school. Thank you to everyone who came to the nativity performance and also to enjoy the mulled wine and mince pies up in the forest on the last day of term – it was so lovely to get the children out in the fresh air and spend the morning together as a whole school community.

This term the children are embarking on new topics – look out for curriculum maps coming home this week. Class 1 are finding out about houses and homes around the world, Class 2 are studying the Romans (with an exciting trip to Chedworth Roman Villa already booked!), Class 3 are learning about Ancient Greece and Class 4 Ancient Egypt.

Superstars are now in on a weekly basis, teaching Art in Class 4 on a Monday and Creative arts (music, dance and drama) in class 1 and 2 on a Wednesday. As I said before Christmas, they will also be offering after school clubs alongside the teachers so look out for the letter coming home soon for signing up.



Forest School starts tomorrow for Class 1 and 2. Class 1 will have Forest School every Friday morning for the whole year and Class 2 will continue until February half term, when Class 3 will then begin their sessions in the afternoon. If you are able to help out, please use the signing in sheet in the office. Forest School can only go ahead each week if we have 2 extra adults with Class 1 and 3 with Class 2 so we really appreciate those who are able to go out in all weathers with the children!



The lost property box in the lobby has filled up rather a lot recently (especially with jumpers) so please do come and have a look if you think you have anything missing! Please make sure that all your children's uniform is labelled, including PE kit, as this means we can get it back to them when it gets left around school. School uniform for Whiteshill is still available from Tesco Online and now Batemans in Stroud.



Just so you know, there is a possibility of extra vehicles parked on the main road next week because of a new water pipe being fitted on Ferndale Road. Please continue to park safely for the children walking in and out of school.

Can I please ask you to be careful when opening the main gate in to school? There have been a couple of times recently when it has been pushed right back so it stays open. This puts strain on the cable and has caused it to break in the past. Thank you!

## Diary Dates!

Further details to follow. Term dates for next year are now up in the notice board at the front of school as well as the new school lunch menu for this term.

21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	School nurse – heights and weights	Reception and Y6
W/C Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	First week of clubs	Whole School
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Anti-Bullying and e-safety week	Whole School
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Rowing competition – St Matthews Primary	Y5/6 group
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	HALF TERM	
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET DAY	
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children back to school	
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Chedworth Roman Villa trip	Class 2

Please note – Year 6 SATs tests will take place this year in the week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Finally, some photos of the new flooring in our outdoor learning space which has made it into a really fantastic, useable and safe learning environment for Class 1 and 2. Mrs Woods and Mrs Harper have been out in the cold this afternoon sorting out the different zones and the children are very excited! I can't wait to see them making the most of it outside next week!

