



Whiteshill Weekly News

We are curious, we are unique, we are together, we are Whiteshill!

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You should have received your first club letter of the year this week. We have already had a lot of replies and it is great to see so many children joining a whole range of clubs. On offer this term are 3 clubs run by Superstars at a cost of £2 per week. They are Key Stage 1 arts and crafts club on a Monday, Key Stage 1 choir on a Tuesday and Key Stage 2 choir on a Wednesday. If you were able to get to our singing concert at the end of last year, you will know that Mr Perrins choir last year was a real success and we are looking forward to him working with the younger children as well going forwards.

There are also 3 teacher run clubs, which are free of charge. Miss Middleton is running netball club for Key Stage 2 children on Tuesday. Miss Davies is running a drama club on Monday, also for Key Stage 2 children and Miss Boor is going to be running book club on a Wednesday for Elm class children. This is an exciting new idea which will involve Miss Boor sharing a story with the children each week and then guiding them in an activity related to what they have read. It is great chance for your child to get enthusiastic about books and reading and hear some stories that are new to them as well as some classics!

There is still time to get your club forms back to school but spaces are limited so please return them as soon as possible. Don't forget, once your child signs up for a club, they will need to attend each week. If your child is unable to attend, please let the office know in advance by phone, email or in person so that we know your child is safe. If your child does not attend the club and no reason is given on more than one occasion they will lose their place so that other children have the opportunity to join.

Oak class can come to school in their forest school clothes tomorrow and will need a packed lunch as they are setting off at 11am to walk to the trig point at Haresfield to try out their map knowledge and see the area from above to support their geography learning. Please make sure they have a water bottle, packed lunch and snack with them in a bag that they can carry on the walk. Don't forget our nut and peanut free policy when you are choosing their lunch and snack. Thank you.

You should have received medical update letters this week if your child has a medical need that you have already identified with school – Willow class will not have received them because they were filled in at the start of the year. If your child has a medical need we need to know about in school e.g. asthma but you have not received a letter this week, please come up to the office to get a copy.

Sign of the week!



good



afternoon

Next week at Stratford Park, there is an 'Active for Life Week' taking place between 23rd and 28th September. There are a number of free taster sessions taking place at venues across Stroud to encourage physical activity, health and wellbeing. It is aimed at everyone – from age 5 – 105! If you are interested, you can take a look at what is on offer for free and book online at www.stroud.gov.uk/activeforlife

I'm very pleased to share that last week I met with PCSO Gary Lynch along with the clerk from Whiteshill and Ruscombe Parish council, to discuss the parking issue outside of school. These two parties are going to be working alongside the school to look at options for how we can reduce the risks for the children associated with parking at the start and end of the school day. The council have been in contact with the Gloucestershire Highways Area Manager to find out what is the most effective path going forward. We will be sharing data with Highways on how many of our children travel to school by car and also looking at different ways to ensure the area is safe for everyone.

One of the main issues appears to be parents parking on the white lines opposite the entrance to the village hall car park, meaning that visibility is poor and movement in and out of the car park is congested. Parking on the zig zag lines outside of school also puts the children crossing the road in danger as visibility for cars coming up and down the hill is blocked. I hope that you will all work with us in trying to solve this issue. As previously mentioned, if you are unable to park immediately, we will of course keep your children safe until you find a safe space and arrive on the playground.

Date for your diary...

The school photographer will be in school next week on **Wednesday 25th September**. From 8:30 am we are offering photos to be taken with your pre-school child/ren and mum/dad too if you want. If so, please go straight to the school hall.

Every child in school will have an individual photo taken and a photo with any siblings he/she may have in school. We have invited children attending Whiteshill Pre-school to come up to us for photos at 10:30 on the same day. Once photos are taken, you will get a photo order form and we ask that all orders are returned to school by 9am on Thursday 3rd October, this will give you free delivery. Any questions please contact Mrs Angove in the school office. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone this week who has filled in a going home arrangements sheet to ensure we know who you are happy for your child to go home with on a regular basis. This allows us to ensure your children leave school safely each day. Don't forget, you do not need to add anyone to this list if you do not want to – you can simply phone us on the day, or in advance, when someone apart from yourselves is picking up your child. **Please read the letter that came home carefully so that you are fully aware of the agreement in place.** We have brought in this system to speed up the end of the day, however it is a new system and will take time for staff to embed it's use. We have already tweaked it slightly so that teachers know directly if a message has been received in the afternoon, rather than having to ask myself, however this is only possible if you ring/email before 3pm – please try and do this whenever possible to avoid hold ups.

We appreciate your patience and hope you can see that we have the children's wellbeing at the heart of everything we do.



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