



# Whiteshill Weekly News

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Athletics Competition	Group of y4/5/6 children
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> November	New Age Kurling Competition	Group of y3/4 children
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends of Whiteshill School Festive Fayre after school in the hall 3.30 – 5.30pm	Whole School
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Immunisations	Whole School
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends of Whiteshill School Christmas Disco Infants – 3.30 – 5.00pm (Willow and Elm) Juniors – 5.15 – 6.45 (Maple and Oak)	Whole School
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Play – 6pm	Whole School
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Play – 2pm	Whole School
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Forest School	Whole School

**PLEASE NOTE** – THE WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FOREST SCHOOL WILL NO LONGER TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AS THIS IS THE DATE WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN FOR FLU IMMUNISATIONS IN SCHOOL. IT WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM – FRI 20<sup>TH</sup> DEC INSTEAD DURING THE MORNING – EVERYONE WELCOME.

Thank you very much to everyone who was able to attend parents' evening this week. We hope you found it a useful opportunity to hear how your child is getting on in school and see their work too. Parents of children in Elm, Maple and Oak class, should have been given a copy of our homework policy, if you didn't receive this, or if you left it behind accidentally, it is on our school website at: <http://www.whiteshillschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Homework-Policy.pdf>

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their Aldi stickers to school. Mia and Ava have worked really hard adding them to our school poster in their lunchtimes. We did a fantastic job for a small school and in the end managed to collect 186 stickers in just a couple of weeks so thank you to everyone who took the time to bring them in to school. Unfortunately, we didn't collect enough to enter the prize draw this time but Mia and Ava will be sharing our poster in assembly next week so the children can see the end result.

We are going to try and get Oak class to Westonbirt at some point soon, we are waiting to find a day when the weather is right, all the staff we need are in school and a coach is available! We will let you know as soon as we have a date, although it may have to be at quite late notice so keep an eye on your text messages and children's bags for letters!

## FOWS Christmas Cards!

Please look out for Christmas card designs coming home today. FOWS have arranged for all the children to design their own Christmas card which you can then purchase for friends and family in order to raise funds for the school. All the details you need about ordering will come home today along with your child's unique design. Please do not lose the card design as we do not have any copies of this in school! If you have any questions, or if you don't receive your child's design for any reason, please contact us in the school office.

**Please note that there when ordering your child's Christmas cards online, you need to make sure the expiry date for your card is correct as it defaults to the current month/year.**

## Festive Fayre!

**To kick this year's fundraising off, we will need your help and support to allow the Festive Fayre to go ahead and run smoothly. Without your help, it is simply not possible.**

A sign-up sheet is in the office for you to offer to help on the evening with a stall etc. or with setting up and packing away after the event.

There will also be a box for raffle donations e.g. alcohol, non-perishable foods, bathroom smellies – anything that would be at home in a Christmas hamper.

We will be holding the ever popular teddy tombola on the night too so bring in any soft toys you have at home up to the office at any point.

Closer to the day, we will ask for cake donations to sell at the event.

We are holding our annual Book Fair from Friday 29th November to Wednesday 4th December. If we sell over £300 worth of books, the school can then choose £300 worth of books free of charge! For every £1 over the £300 spent by yourselves during the fair, the school can then choose more books. This is a really great way to get your Christmas presents started as you are able to browse without the children before the end of the school day. Remember to bring a bag to carry your books home, especially if you want to keep books as a surprise!

The Book Fair will be open:

Friday 29th November	2:30pm to 3:30pm
Monday 2nd December	2:30pm to 3:30pm
Tuesday 3rd December	3pm to 3:30pm
Wednesday 4th December	3pm to 3:30pm

Payment can be made by cash, cheques made payable to Whiteshill Primary School and card payments via your phone.

If anyone is available to help run the Book Fair please contact Mrs Angove in the school office.

New medical and media forms will be coming home in bags next week for those of you who haven't completed them this year yet. Please make sure you do this as soon as possible as it is important we have up to date information in school. In the meantime, your form for last year will be followed. Thank you to everyone who has returned them so far.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated money and food at our Harvest Festival. I'm really pleased to say we managed to donate **£136.74** to the Stroud Foodbank and also 32.1kg of food – I'm sure due in no small part to Oak class' excellent presentation on the subject during the festival. I was lucky enough to deliver the food to the foodbank in Stroud and it is a huge operation that is obviously much needed in the area. Thank you for your support.



Stroud News and Journal were in on Thursday to take a photo of Willow class for their school starters section. Look out for it in upcoming editions!