



Whiteshill Weekly News

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This half term the children in Elm, Maple and Oak class are all launching in to their history topics. Elm class are looking at Houses and Homes through the past, Maple class are finding out about the Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions of Britain and Oak class are studying the Ancient Greeks. We will send home class information in the coming weeks so that you know what they are learning this half term in different areas of the curriculum.

Elm class also started their whole class ukulele sessions last Tuesday. As you can see, they had a fantastic time and really enjoyed having the chance to play their very own instrument. It is wonderful to be able to give them the opportunity to try something new and chance to play together as a group. They will have a session with a specialist teacher from Gloucestershire Music every Tuesday morning for the next 10 weeks.



Yoga Sessions

Across the spring term, we are going to be working with a specialist yoga teacher, who will be coming in to school every Thursday afternoon and working with a different class each week as part of our PE curriculum. She will run a yoga session in school from 2 – 3, rotating through each of the classes. We are hoping this will give all the children the opportunity to try a new skill whilst also supporting their physical and mental wellbeing. Mrs Bloomfield's sessions are often story based and she will also give the children opportunity for moments of mindfulness during the hour. You will see from your club letter that she will also be running an after-school club each week which you can sign your children up to – all ages are welcome.

I'm pleased to say that we are going to be launching our new school website at the end of January. I have been working with a company on the content for a new site over the last term and we are ready at last. The new website will include a calendar so that you can check to see when upcoming events are taking place without having to trawl through old newsletters! There will also be more up to date information about the school and it will be much easier for us to share regular updates about what is going on in school with you, as a result, once the website is up and running, the newsletter will come home every two weeks instead of weekly as it does now. We hope the new format of the website will also be easy to navigate so that you can find what you need quickly and easily. It will also have a much more user-friendly mobile version as we know that often this is how a lot of people access the internet. I will let you know when the website goes live so that you can take a look.

Look out for club letters which came home in book bags this Friday. You will need to return these promptly as many of the clubs do tend to fill up quickly. You need to fill in the form and send it back even if your child took part in the same club last term, so that we know they wish to continue. There are also two clubs available for Willow class children this term so please make sure you take a look.

You will see that we have added two exciting new sporting clubs this term which we have organised to encourage as many children as possible to take part in sporting activities across the week. I'm pleased to say that Handball England are going to be running a club in school on Monday for children in years 4, 5 and 6. Some of the children went along to a Handball festival last term and they came back so excited about it, we wanted to give them the opportunity to learn more about the game. Miss Middleton will be attending the club each week as well so that she can learn more about the sport in order for us to hopefully add it to our PE curriculum in the future. You can find out more about the game of handball here:

<https://www.englishhandball.com/play-the-game>

As mentioned previously, there will also be a yoga club available on a Thursday afternoon which children in all classes can sign up to.



NYC
NETBALL YOUTH CAMP

Hartpury Netball Youth Camp
Ages: 9-11

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY

When: Tuesday 18th February (9am-5pm)
Venue: Hartpury College, GL19 3BE

Book now at englandnetball.co.uk/NYC



Junior Badminton Clubs in Stroud

BADMINTON
ENGLAND



Stroud Junior Badminton Club

Where? Stratford Park LC

When? Wednesdays

4-5pm (Age 5-9)

5-6pm (Age 10-13)

6-7pm (Age 14+)

Contact Leisure Centre reception for
more information.



Glos PC Badminton Club

Where? St Peter's High School

When? Wednesdays 6-7pm

Contact Ian Woolway on:
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07515 030885

Come
and Meet...



New offers
available!
Join now!

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