



# Whiteshill Weekly News

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The children have taken part in a range of activities during Anti-bullying week. They have really enjoyed having the opportunity to carry out acts of kindness and it's really been a pleasure to see the joy this has brought them. You can see from the photos below that they spread a lot of happiness around across the week. StaySafe Workshops visited on Tuesday which was Safer Internet Day, reminding the children of the important message about how to stay safe online. As well as this, on Wednesday, the children enjoyed an anti-bullying drama workshop where they were discussed the issues around bullying and acted out scenarios to explore the subject of bullying.

We hope that this annual opportunity helps them to realise how important it is to us here to support them when they think they might be being bullied and how important it is to tell someone and speak up. We have talked a lot about who they can talk to in school and repeated our **STOP** message which helps them to identify bullying – Several Times On Purpose and what to do when they experience it – Start Telling Other People.



Please remember that hummus has been added to our nut and peanut free policy for the moment. Chickpeas and other chickpea products will now be allowed from after half term; however, hummus specifically will remain on the policy until further notice.

## Website Launch

Some of you will have noticed that our new school website has launched this week! Please do take a look at [www.whiteshillschool.co.uk](http://www.whiteshillschool.co.uk)



Click on the menu button to start exploring...

Some features you might like to take a look at:

**Calendar Page** – keep an eye on events coming up!

**Class Blogs** – on each class page there is a blog which the teachers will update each week, so you can see what the children have been learning and enjoying in school, including photographs of them in action. Keep checking back each week!

**Parents Section** – lots of important up to date information on everyday life in school

**Gallery** – this will be updated with photographs of events as they happen.

Thank you to the children who accompanied me to Archway Secondary School this morning for a maths workshop. It was an incredibly interesting morning and the children had chance to think systematically and really put their minds to a difficult problem. They had such brilliant learning attitudes and I was incredibly proud to sit with them and listen to them thinking and learning together. Mr Page, who is a maths teacher at Archway, ran the session and is hoping to come up and do a further workshop with the whole class back at school as he was so impressed by them today!



## World Book Day

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. The children can come in to school dressed as a character from their favourite book and we will be completing book related activities throughout the day! We will also be taking part in the Readathon this year, alongside all the other schools in DGAT and this year's Readathon sponsored read will begin on World Book Day. More information to follow after half term.

Whole school attendance this week was 96.6%  
Whole school attendance since Sept is 96%

Don't forget – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February is an INSET day so we will see you all on the morning of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Have a wonderful half term holiday!