



Whiteshill Weekly News

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

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On Thursday 23rd January, our fantastic Maple class curling team were invited along to the County New Age Curling Finals at Cheltenham Ladies College. They had previously competed in the Stroud District competition at Archway and had won this event so as a result they represented us against 9 other school teams from across the whole of Gloucestershire. This is a team who had never even heard of New Age Curling in September! We could not be prouder of how they represented us at the event – they were the true spirit of our school. Putting themselves forward to try out a new skill, working together as team and supporting each other to take risks and try their best on the day. They ended up placing 6th out of the 9 schools and I'm sure everybody that had chance to go along and watch was as impressed as we were with their performance.

We are hoping to get a set of Curling equipment for our school so that the team can teach their new skill to others and everybody else can have a go! Thank you to all of the children involved.



Anti-bullying Week 2020!

I'm pleased to say that we will be holding our annual anti-bullying week in the last week before half term (10th – 14th February). This was a real success last year and we will be ensuring that the same important messages are given to the children again so that they have an annual reminder of what bullying looks like and how to deal with it if they are a victim of bullying or if they see it happening. We will also have a day focusing on cyber-bullying and online safety. StaySafe Workshops will be returning to school on Tue 11th Feb, which is Safer Internet Day.

The children will be taking part in a range of activities out in the community on the theme of acts of kindness. We are hoping to get them out and about helping and being kind to show them how wonderful it can feel to do something to benefit somebody else. The staff have lots of ideas up their sleeves so watch this space for more information! Across the week, the children will also focus on celebrating differences as well as learning how to spot bullying and what to do if they think it might be happening, to them or to others. They will also have chance to reflect on how their words and actions can impact others.

Diary Dates!

Just a couple of dates to put in the diary for now, with more information to follow.

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5th March.

Parent's Evening will take place this year on Tuesday 3rd March (3.30 – 5.30pm) and Thursday 5th March (5 – 7.30pm)

Year 6 had their first Schoolbeat officer visit from Gloucestershire Constabulary this afternoon. They talked about online relationships and met PC Mark Weedon for the first time. As the Schoolbeat officer for Stroud, he will not only hold two more sessions with them during year 6 but will continue to work with them throughout their time at the local secondary schools. The children really impressed me during the session, their mature attitudes and strong knowledge of how to look after themselves online was great to hear.



Whole school attendance this week was 95.97%
Whole school attendance since Sept is 95.89%

Stone Soup Gathering

Sunday 2nd February 11am-1.30pm
Ruscombe Chapel Hall



Stone Soup is an old folk tale. It tells a story of the power and magic that exists in the simple act of sharing.

Bring a vegetable that you can peel, chop and offer to the pot.

It will be cooked over the fire in the beautiful setting of Ruscombe.
When it's cooked we will share the feast.

All welcome, friends, family, children, neighbours.

To keep it an environmentally low impact event, please bring your own;
Bowl/spoon
Cup

We aim to start the cooking of the soup about 11.30am so please arrive in time to peel and chop your vegetable offering and have a cuppa while its cooking!

Look forward to seeing you all there.

The Stone Soup Story will also be shared.