



Whiteshill Weekly News

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Last Monday, some of our year 6 children went along to Stratford Park to take part in a netball tournament. They applied all the skills they have learnt over the last few years with Miss Middleton in PE lessons and netball club and had a really great day working together as a team and playing against other schools. Thank you to all of the children involved who represented our school so well.



I'm very pleased to finally be able to let you know that we have appointed Miss French to be the new Elm class teacher whilst Miss Boor is on maternity leave. Miss French really impressed us in her interview, she was fantastic with the children and I know a lot of them will be excited to hear that she was chosen. Miss French will be starting in school after February half term, however Miss Boor will still be with us for a few weeks yet. They will work together during February to ensure a smooth transition for the children.

Miss Boor's last day before her maternity leave will be Friday 13th March, along as baby waits that long! She also wanted to share with you that during February her and her partner James will be joined in civil partnership, so she will leave school on Friday 28th Feb as Miss Boor and will return on Mon 2nd March as Mrs Coleman. I'm sure you'll join us in wishing them both the very best for this special day and their exciting adventures ahead.

Just a reminder that when you pick your children up from clubs at 4.15pm, to please stay outside the school gates so that the teacher can bring the children down to you and make sure they all get safely to their adult. Please do not ring the buzzer as at this time of the evening this is for after school club parents only. If you need to talk to someone in the office, when the teacher comes down you can ask them to let you through.

Just a quick reminder of our nut and peanut free policy. Please make sure your child does not bring in to school any nut or peanut products or anything which has nut or peanut in the ingredients list. Thank you for your support with this. If you have any questions about specific products, please do ask.

Next week is our annual Anti-bullying week in school. On Tuesday, StaySafe Workshops are coming in to school to do an online safety workshop with each class where the children will learn about how to stay safe online and what to do if they experience cyber-bullying or any other problems on the internet.

On Wednesday morning, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy will be coming in to school to run anti-bullying drama workshops with Elm, Maple and Oak classes. This will give the children opportunity to explore different scenarios and work on their confidence and communication skills.

Throughout the week, the children will also be carrying out acts of kindness as we wanted to give them opportunity to share some joy with others and find out how it feels to do something purely for somebody else. On Monday, Maple class will be visiting Moreton Hall care home in the afternoon to sing to them, which I know the residents are incredibly pleased about - it will be a real treat. On Monday also, Willow class are going to be going down to the Whiteshill community shop in small groups to help out – they will be packing bags and stacking shelves and chatting to the customers! On Tuesday, Year 5 will be following up their recent assembly on litter in school by carrying out a litter pick down at the park and field. They were very inspired by some recent work they did in English about this and we hope you will notice their efforts when you visit the area. Elm class are going to be sending letters to relatives and friends that they think would like to hear from them – sharing a special greeting and a little something about their week with someone who would be glad to receive some post – Elm parents look out for letters coming home about this today in bags. Finally, Year 6 are going to be writing poems and taking them out to post through our neighbours' letter boxes to share a little joy and let them know we are thinking of them. If you live near to school, you might find one on your doormat one day next week!

Throughout the rest of the week we will be reminding the children of our STOP bullying policy and our PSHE and English lessons will be focussed on the subject as well. We hope this annual reminder helps the children identify bullying and know what to do when they think they have experienced or seen it in school or elsewhere.

Finally, some fantastic news to share with you... welcome to the world baby Arthur George Richard Woods who was born on 14th January at 12.05pm to Mr and Mrs Woods. Mum and baby are doing really well and we couldn't be happier for them all.

