



# Whiteshill Weekly News

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## 'Happiness' Art Exhibition

Free tickets are now available for the private viewing of our whole school art exhibition which is taking place on the evening of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 4 – 8pm.

Although this event is free, to ensure the building is not too crowded, everyone who is attending will need a ticket. To collect your family ticket, please come up to the school office at any time from Monday onwards.

There will be timed slots on the evening as follows:

4 – 5pm, 5 – 6pm, 6 – 7pm, 7 – 8pm.

You can choose which timed slot suits you best and then arrive at any time during that slot and stay until the time specified on your ticket ends. This will ensure that we are spread out over the evening and keep numbers smaller. We are also asking that only parents and siblings attend – not wider family. Please bring your ticket with you on the night.

The exhibition will be open for public viewing on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 10am – 4pm and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10am – late in line with Stroud Goodwill Evening, so any further family members who would like to, can go and see the exhibition during these times if they are able.

The children are so excited to be part of this event and I can't wait to see how they interpret the subject of 'happiness'. Click on the link below to see some of the children in the local news and fingers crossed we will also be featured on Radio Gloucestershire next week as well, talking about the upcoming exhibition.

[Finding happiness through art | Stroud Times](#)



## Families Magazine

Here is the link to the current issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine Nov/Dec 2021](#)  
The magazine features information about upcoming local activities for children as well as activities and information for families for the Xmas period.

## Nativity and St Paul's Church

This year, we will be holding our nativity in a slightly different way. Unfortunately, as you may know, St Paul's Church in Whiteshill has been having heating problems and at the moment they are not able to heat the building and so we cannot use it as a venue this Christmas. Therefore, we have decided that the children in Willow and Elm class will perform their nativity to their parents in the school hall, as long as COVID restrictions at the time don't prevent this. If they do, we will of course film it like we did last year.

There will be two performances of the nativity as follows:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm

Because we have limited space in the hall, we will only be able to invite parents and siblings to these performances unfortunately – no wider family. We will also ask that masks are worn by adults throughout.

All the children in the school will have seen the nativity on Monday afternoon so siblings don't need to come along if you don't wish for them to in the evening, but they are welcome.

Parts, scripts and costume information will go out to Willow and Elm class over the coming days and weeks.

Unfortunately, Maple and Oak class will not be able to be involved, but they will be learning some Christmas songs to sing at the Christmas forest school event.

## MyPlan Review Meetings

If your child has a MyPlan, MyPlan+ or EHCP, the teachers will be reviewing their targets before Christmas. Mrs Colman, our SENCo, will then hold review meetings with yourselves as parents in the first week back in January – letters and details will come out to you directly in the next week or so for you to book an appointment.

## Oak Class Parents' Evening

If your child is in Oak class, don't forget to come up to the office and sign up for a parents' evening slot. They are available for parents of Oak class children on the evening of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 4.30 – 7.30 and the afternoon of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 3.30pm.

## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy last week and donated. I'm pleased to share that in total we raised £141.34 – a fantastic amount that will go towards a really good cause.

### Dates for your diary!

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Sea Legs Puppet Theatre 'The Selfish Giant'	Whole School
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Schoolsbeat Police Officer Visit	Year 6
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tag Rugby Festival	Group of Year 5 and 6 children
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Art day – completing pieces for the art exhibition all day	Whole school
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Art Exhibition evening private viewing for families	Whole School
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Oak class parents' evening 4.30 – 7.30	Oak Class parents
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Oak class parents' evening 1.00 – 3.30pm	Oak Class parents
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	FoWS Christmas Disco after school	Whole School
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity Play 1.30pm	Willow and Elm class parents
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity Play 6pm	Willow and Elm class parents
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day	Whole school
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Xmas forest school	Whole school and parents

### This week in assembly...

This week we found out about two inspirational Paralympians – Ellie Simmonds and Jonnie Peacock. We thought about how they had overcome barriers to achieve some incredible things. Many of the children knew a lot about the Paralympics and had watched and enjoyed it in the past which was lovely to hear about. It also led on to a conversation about Rose Ayling-Ellis from this year's Strictly Come Dancing who has entered the history books as the first ever deaf contestant to take part and has clearly been inspiring many of the children over the past few weeks.

We of course also talked about Children in Need and the important work that they do. Thank you to all those who donated on Friday, we will let you know how much was raised when we have had chance to count it all up next week! We even took part in a 'mindfulness moment' in assembly led by Dr Ranj on the BBC Children in Need website – reminding us of the importance of looking after our own mental wellbeing. You can find it here: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/mindfulness-hub/>

# *FoW's Christmas Fayre*

**Saturday 27th Nov**

**12 – 4pm**

**School Hall**

- Mulled wine & mince pies
- Biscuits & soft drinks
- Raffle
- Children's games
- Arts & crafts

*WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!*

**How can you help?**

**We are looking for donations to assist us in raising funds. If you are able to donate items for Christmas hampers, mulled wine & mince pies and small childrens toys for game prizes then it would be much appreciated!! There is a box in school reception to leave these in.**

