



Whiteshill Weekly News

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

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FoWS

Tickets have been sent home for the FoWs raffle this week, **please can you return any tickets and money to school by midday on Friday 10th December**. There are some really fantastic prizes to be won!!

Top prize – A family day out worth over £100 including a family ticket to Noahs Ark Zoo, 2 course roast dinner at The Carpenters Arms, Westrip and a hamper of tasty treats

Second prize – A whiskey hamper

Third prize - Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting for two at Woodchester Valley Vineyard and a £15 voucher for Stroud Wine Shop

A host of other prizes including

- **3 hampers filled with tasty treats**
- **Family tickets to Birdland, Slimbridge WWT, International Centre for Birds of Prey, Cotswold Falconry Centre & Cotswold Wildlife Park**
 - **Camping set from Attwells**
 - **Beer from Stroud Brewery**
 - **A festive plant from Pound Farm**
- **Lovely goodies from Intrigue of Stroud, Moonflower, Usbourne, Waitrose & Pound Farm.**

Christmas Events

Wed 8 th Dec	FoWS Christmas Disco	Willow and Elm - 3.15 – 4.45pm Maple and Oak - 5.00 – 6.30pm
Tues 14 th Dec at 1.30pm Wed 15 th Dec at 6pm	Nativity Play	Willow and Elm Class
Wed 15 th Dec	Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day	Whole School
Thurs 16 th Dec – 9am onwards (we will be back in time for lunch!)	Christmas Forest School	Whole School and Parents

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.



'Happiness' Art Exhibition

Don't forget to collect your free tickets for the private viewing of our whole school art exhibition which is taking place on the evening of Wednesday 1st December from 4 – 8pm – details in last week's newsletter.

The exhibition will be open for public viewing on Thursday 2nd December from 10am – 4pm and Friday 3rd 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.

All of the children will have their art, inspired by what makes them happy, displayed in the exhibition and I'm hoping it will feel very special for them all to see their work up in a real art gallery – we want them to really feel like artists!

The children will complete their paintings in school on Monday and Martin Turner, who has organised the exhibition, will be working alongside a curator at the gallery on Tuesday to get it all displayed ready for the private viewing on Wednesday – look out for an email tomorrow with more details.

Radio Gloucestershire

This morning, Faye Hatcher from Radio Gloucestershire came in to school to record some of the children talking about what makes them happy to advertise our upcoming art exhibition. It was a really exciting opportunity and the children did fantastically well - I think I was more nervous than they were! Martin Turner, the parent of one of our Elm Class children who had the idea for the exhibition and has put it all together managed to persuade Faye to come along and find out all about it! If you would like to hear us all talking on the radio, it will be on air on Saturday morning at approximately 11.15 during Faye's show.

Tag Rugby

On Wednesday, I was incredibly lucky to spend the day with a group of year 5 and 6 children who volunteered to take part in the Small Schools Tag Rugby festival. Many of the children had never played the sport before and we had gone through the many and varied rules the day before so they were really incredibly brave to put themselves forward and get stuck in. They approached the day with such enthusiasm and they really went for it – every single one of them! The more confident children really encouraged and supported the less confident and after a few matches, they were playing so well together as a team that one of the referees came over to say that he runs tag rugby clubs in schools so he sees a lot of it and what he saw from us was really impressive! Myself and Mrs Edmonds couldn't contain our excitement from the sidelines and every time the shout of 'Tag' went up from one of our players, the look of pride and satisfaction on their faces really filled us with joy! I honestly could not have been prouder of them all.

Lots of the children managed to score tries, with Alistair getting 8 in total, Seve scoring 4, Hector and Leon getting 3 each and Sam grabbing 1 in the final game! But the support from the whole team with tagging and passing was really the highlight of the day, not just the tries scored.

I'm pleased to say that we won two of our matches and it has certainly made me think a tag rugby club is in order at school going forwards!!

Stroud Rugby Club and Minchinhampton Rugby club offer rugby sessions at the weekends for primary aged children as well for any who want to give the full sport a go on a more regular basis.

Well done and thank you to Alistair, Leon, Sam, Seve, Hector, Mia, Ella, Grace, Abbie, Annabelle and Evie for representing yourselves and the school so well. See below and visit the www.whiteshillschool.co.uk/gallery for photos!

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 6th December from 4.30 – 7.30 and the afternoon of Wednesday 8th from 1 – 3.30pm.

We are Scientists photos...

Visit our school website gallery for photos of the children during our 'We are Scientists...' enquiries at the start of term amongst other things. www.whiteshillschool.co.uk/gallery

The Selfish Giant

Some of you may have seen on Facebook photos of the Selfish Giant puppet show which we enjoyed as a whole school on Monday. It was a really special morning and it was lovely seeing the children's faces and responses to the magical story being shared. They were completely taken away for an hour and it reminded us all of how special theatre can be!





WELCOME SUPER ALL HEROES



Come and try

GIRLS RUGBY



SUNDAYS
1-2.30PM



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Round up of key Covid-19 prevention messages

Together we can help prevent the spread of infection

You can follow the Gloucestershire CCG ([Twitter](#) / [Facebook](#)) or Gloucestershire County Council ([Twitter](#) / [Facebook](#)) social media accounts for updates.

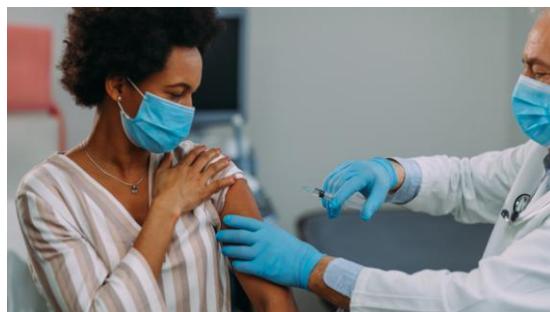
Vaccination drop-in clinics for all ages

To view all drop-in clinics, please visit the [NHS vaccination Covid portal](#).

- Saturday 27 November: North Cotswold Hospital, Moreton-in-Marsh | 8.30am-1pm and 1.30pm-5pm
 - Sunday 28 November: Rosebank Surgery, Gloucester | 9am-2.45pm

You can visit any of the above clinics if:

- you need a booster vaccination and it has been 6 months since your second dose of the vaccine
- you are 12-15 years old in need of a first dose of the vaccine (must be accompanied by a parent)
 - you are 16/17 needing your first dose of the vaccine
 - you are 18+ needing your first or second dose of Pfizer



As well as those aged over 50 years and at higher risk from COVID-19, all adults aged 40 to 49 years can now get their boosters 6 months after their second dose.



Make sure to prioritise ventilation now and over the festive period

If you're meeting with others, make sure to keep windows open. Covid hangs around like smoke, so disperse the particles by keeping spaces ventilated.