



Whiteshill Weekly News

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Cross Country

The week before last, I had the pleasure of going along to Stratford Park to watch some of our wonderful children from Maple and Oak class represent the school at the Stroud District Cross Country event. They had to run a mile in muddy conditions up and down the slopes of Stratford Park! Many of them had never done anything like this before and I was so proud of their positive attitudes towards the event. They ran their hearts out and kept going all the way round the course, supporting each other and cheering on from the side lines too! I felt very lucky to be a part of it. We had some really great finishes too, very impressive for their first go. I hope that they all enjoyed the event as much as they seemed to and it would be great to see them competing again next year. Unfortunately, I didn't have an iPad with me so couldn't get any photos but huge thank you and well done to - Phoebe Case, William, Louis, Mia, Megan, Hector and Sammy Scamans.

Cancelled Clubs

Unfortunately, sometimes, due to staff absence or weather, we do have to cancel clubs after school. We try to do this in plenty of time but it is not always possible. I just wanted to make sure that you all know, whenever we do cancel a club, we will always look after the children and keep them occupied until 4.15pm regardless. They will either work with the teacher inside if it is weather related, or join after school club free of charge if the teacher is absent. Therefore, please don't ever feel you have to leave work early to pick them up before the allotted end time. We appreciate if you can pick up early when you can, as it does mean Mrs Russell and Mrs Sinton have a lot of children in the hall, but please don't worry, they will be safe until you pick-up and there will be no charge for after school care as long as you pick up at 4.15pm or before.

Families Gloucestershire

Here is the [link](#) to the current issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine Mar/Apr 2022](#)

The magazine features activities and ideas to keep children occupied over Easter as well useful information and advice on parenting.

Fundraising Event

I wanted to share with you a fundraising event one of our parents is taking part in soon. It is the '300,000 steps in March Challenge' in aid of Maggie's Centre who offer support for families and patients with cancer.

The Just Giving link is here if you are interested to find out more or make a donation.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kizzy-shipton>

Name the Owl Competition

You may remember that in January we were visited by Lucy Hope, a local author who did an assembly in school and a creative writing workshop with Oak Class linked to her debut book 'Fledgling'. On the day, she asked the children if they would name her owl, which she takes with her on all her school visits and who has a starring role on her social media too! The children all thought really hard about the name and there were some fantastic entries, but I'm pleased to share that Tom from Oak Class came up with the winning name of 'Fledgerick Moonshow'. Lucy absolutely loved the poetic flow of the name and how Tom had played around with words and language to create a really original name! He has a fantastic creative imagination and it has really paid off on this occasion! Tom won a signed copy of the book from Lucy as a thank you for his idea.



Baby Visit

Look who came to visit us this week in school...the lovely Beau and is equally lovely mummy – Miss Kiddle!



Term Dates

The term dates for next year (2022-23) are now on the school website here:

<https://www.whiteshillschool.co.uk/term-dates/>

Easter Holiday and After School Cricket

Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation have been in touch with us about some opportunities to play cricket during the Easter holidays – there are also some flyers attached for after school club cricket clubs - the All Stars club is for Elm and Maple class and Dynamos is for Oak class.

Easter Holidays Opportunities

Venue	Date	Places available
Deer Park School, Cirencester	Monday, April 11th	35
Cheltenham Ladies College, Sport Centre	Wednesday, April 13th	35
Deer Park School, Cirencester	Tuesday, April 19th	35
Cheltenham Ladies College, Sport Centre	Wednesday, April 20th	35
Sir Bernard Lovell, Bristol	Thursday, April 21st	35
Archway School, Stroud	Friday, April 22nd	35

The cost is £20 per child, per day. We are pleased to continue to offer these opportunities at this unrivalled low cost.

To book on to any of these days during the half term week, please click here- [Gloucestershire - Easter Half Term Cricket Days \(ecb.co.uk\)](http://gloucestershire-ecb.co.uk)

Frequently asked questions-

- Do you have to stay with your children? **No, you can leave children under the supervision of GCF Coaches.**
- What do children need to bring? **Appropriately dressed, packed lunch and drink bottle that can be refilled.**
- Do they need to bring their own equipment? **They can do, we will bring plenty of equipment also so it's not essential.**
- What are the timings? **10am till 4pm each day.**
- What if I want to cancel a space? **Due to maximum numbers being quite low on each day and with the demand being very high, refunds will only be provided if cancellations are done a minimum of two weeks before each event.**
- Can you use Childcare Vouchers? **Unfortunately not, sorry about this.**

All activity will be delivered by Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation members of staff who are:

- Minimum Level 2 Coaches
- Have ECB DBS clearance
- Up to date with Safeguarding Young Cricketers certificate
- First Aid trained

After signing up and before every date, I will send an email to all parents explaining how each day will run including all of the information you will need.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL
WE ARE HOSTING A:**

Clothing Collection with

Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe last year's fashions, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all?

Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories (please pair and tie shoes together)

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries so please **do not send** poor quality, dirty or wet items, and **NO duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.**

STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately, it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school. If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.

We truly appreciate your support in helping raise additional funds for our school for the benefit of our children.

There's no better feeling than knowing you raised funds, helped the economy, the environment, and somebody on the other side of the world – and all by donating some clothes. If we can fill 100 bags we'll have half a tonne!

Please bring your donations to school:

On Tuesday 10th May by 9am

We cannot except any bags at any other time as we have no storage. Please use any bag, bin bag or carrier bag to bring your items in to school. Thank you