



# Whiteshill Weekly News

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## Dates for your Diary!

We have got so much coming up over the next few weeks, I wanted to let you know as much as I could now. Please do subscribe to our calendar on the school website so that your mobile phone calendar will be updated automatically with new events – I will put these new dates in this weekend.

Event	Date	Who?
Book Fair in school – come along and buy some books to support the school.	20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> November at pick-up time.	Whole School
Rags2Riches collection	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School
Theatre Trip – Nativity the Musical – Birmingham Rep	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Maple and Oak
FoWS Christmas Fayre – part of the two-village festival – the children's art, on the theme of what the love about living in Whiteshill, will also be displayed in the church as part of this festival for you to see.	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School
Theatre Trip – Snow Queen – Cheltenham Everyman	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Willow and Elm
Violin Concert for parents in the school hall	Fri Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2.30pm	Elm Class and private violin pupils' parents
Willow Class Parents' Evening – more information below.	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 3.30 – 7pm	Willow Class Parents
Christmas Disco	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> December after school	Whole School – times and information to follow.
Willow and Elm Class Nativity Performance – more information below.	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm	Willow and Elm Class parents
Christmas Lunch – wear your own party clothes	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School

## Friends of Whiteshill School

FoWS are asking for hamper donations for their upcoming winter raffle. They already have some fabulous prizes, so don't need people to go out and buy anything but if you have unwanted alcohol or treats at home they would be gratefully received to add to the hampers. There are some incredible prizes again this year, including 5 x family days out, tickets to local attractions and a local meal, plus lots more.

They are also looking for book donations and any new kids toys for prizes for the fair – these can be left in the lobby of the office at any time school is open.

## Changes to Forest School

I have been in discussion with Mr Pritchard on how we run our forest school going forwards. This has come about for a number of reasons, one of which is that we cannot use the woods currently as we are waiting for tree work to be completed. I am pleased to share that we have been able to source funding for this work now so it will be completed as soon as there is availability. We also of course are missing Mrs Clarke, who is forest school trained, so we wanted Mr Pritchard to work with Willow Class at points across the year when possible. Mr Pritchard has long been an advocate for doing forest school on a rota basis as the children get to experience the full range of seasons outside. We also hope that it will be a real treat for them every four weeks rather than being bulked together. A letter will be coming out separately with all the details on Monday and dates for the rest of the year, we will need you to return the permission slips as soon as possible so that we are all set for the year. Thank you.

Just to note as well that unfortunately we will not be able to run our Christmas forest school this year as we are not currently able to use the woods – if this changes, we will of course try and squeeze it in as it is a real highlight of our school calendar!

## Parents' Evening

Because Mrs Surman is unfortunately leaving us at the end of the year, we have brought forward the Willow Class parents' evening so that you will have chance to talk to her about your children's progress before she goes. Therefore, we will be holding parents' evening for Willow Class parents only on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec between 3.30-7pm. Sign-up sheets will be in the lobby of the office next week, if you can't get in to school, just send Mrs Angove an email with your availability and she will send you back a slot.

Parents' evenings for Elm, Maple and Oak will take place in the new year.

## Nativity Performances

In the last week of term, Willow and Elm class will be performing their Nativity! They are busy preparing at the moment, learning songs and lines. Hopefully they came home with a script and part this week. We have most of the costumes in school so you don't need to worry about this unless you have been asked for something specifically. Please do talk to the teachers' if you are not sure.

There will be two performances for parents – one on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm and one on Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm, both in the school hall. Tickets are free but we do need you to have a ticket so that we can keep an eye on numbers. We would love to have wider family at the performance but unfortunately, this is just not possible with the size of the hall so we will have to keep it to just parents and older siblings I'm afraid. You will only be able to come once to see the performance as well but it is up to you which one you come to. Siblings who attend Whiteshill will have seen the performance in the dress rehearsal when the whole school will watch.

Tickets will be printed next week and then made available in the school office – a text will go out once they are ready.

## Guitar and Drum Lessons

Mr Cormack-Hicks has spaces for children who would like to learn the guitar and drum in private lessons during the school day. Please contact him if your child is in year 2-6 and you would be interested in finding out more. His email is [iansguitartuition@googlemail.com](mailto:iansguitartuition@googlemail.com)

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## Girls' Football Tournament

Well done to the girls who went along to Oldends Lane last week to represent the school at the Atlas Sports Girls' football tournament. They played really well together as a team and learnt some new skills in to the bargain! A great day out and a lovely opportunity for the girls to build on their enjoyment of the Lionesses triumph at the European Championship in the summer. Thank you and well done to Lilia, Abbie, Grace, Ella J, Ella T, Faith, Evie, Annabelle, Lola, India, Ayla and Phoebe.



**Odd Socks Day –**  
raising awareness for  
**Anti-bullying week** in  
line with our 'We are  
unique' value.





Willow Class – outdoor  
learning adventures!

