



Whiteshill Weekly News

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

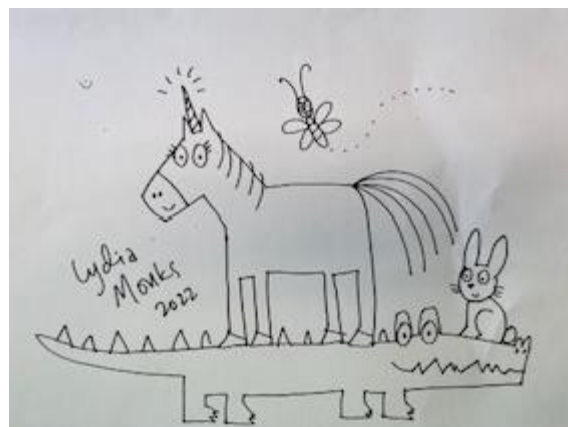
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Stroud Book Festival

We had two wonderful afternoons down at the Sub Rooms for the Stroud Book Festival last week. The weather held perfectly for us and it was so beautiful walking down in to town with a group of very excited children! They were so pleased to be out and about and it was a pleasure to spend the afternoon with them all. Year 4, 5 and 6 saw John Agard on Thursday talking about poetry and language, in particular his use of Creole in his poetry – he was such a fascinating man and we learnt so much! The next afternoon, year 2 and 3 had the pleasure of watching Lydia Monks, author and illustrator talking about her books and her work with Julia Donaldson – she even gave us some hints about Julia's upcoming books! The session ended with her live drawing animals suggested by the audience – the children loved shouting out ideas and she even signed an illustration for us to take back to school, which you can see below! It will be taking pride of place outside our library. Well done to all the children and thank you to the helpers who walked down with us – we couldn't have done it without you.



FoWS Scarecrow Trail

Thank you so much to everyone who helped to organise and build scarecrows for the hunt over half term! What a success it was! It has turned in to a fantastic annual event for Whiteshill with lots of visitors to the village supporting the school and the shop of course. Thank you very much for the FoWS committee who put the whole event together and to everyone who supported it. Altogether £1005 was raised for the school – an incredible amount which will go towards a number of projects including of course paying for coaches to the theatre so that all children can go together and enjoy this event without worrying about high costs.

Well done to all the wonderful scarecrows – in particular the winning witch!



Elm Class Farm Visit

Last week, Mrs Woods took the children in Elm class to visit Ruscombe Farm. This beautiful farm is right on our doorstep, just a short walk past the recreation ground. Rebecca Charlie, who many of you will know, showed the children around the farm, introducing them to different animals to support their science week where they were finding out about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores! We hope to work more closely going forwards with Rebecca going forwards and use this lovely opportunity to visit a working farm so close to school whenever we can. Thank you to the helpers who came with us and made the trip possible.



Mrs Surman

I'm sad to share that Mrs Surman, our current Willow class teacher, will be leaving us at the start of January. Mrs Surman is currently covering a maternity leave contract in the class as Mrs Clarke and Mrs Cripps are away at present. She has managed to secure a permanent job elsewhere, something which we sadly cannot offer her at Whiteshill. She has kindly agreed to work beyond her notice period until January so that we have time to appoint a new teacher before she leaves.

Welcome to the World!

I'm very pleased to share that both Mrs Cripps and Mrs Clarke welcomed their daughters last month – mothers and babies are all healthy and well and getting used to being families of four!

Mrs Clarke welcomed Olive Joanna Clarke and Mrs Cripps welcomed Erin Octavia Cripps both within two days of each other! As you can see, they are two beautiful little girls and we can't wait to meet them soon.

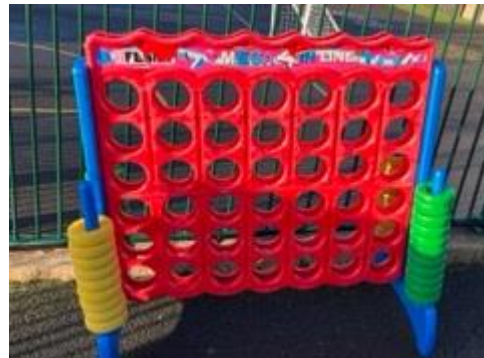


Olive Joanna



Erin Octavia

Connect 4 – Help please!



Unfortunately, our large Connect 4, is partially broken and no longer holds the discs at the bottom, as the plastic has snapped off. We are hoping that someone who may be handy with wood or metal, could make a suitable replacement part for it for us. Please contact the school office, if you think you can help.

The children absolutely love playing with this and it would be such a shame to not have it on the playground any more. Thank you.

Families Magazine

Here is the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine](#). Their 'Christmas' issue is loaded with useful information and articles for parents including: Westonbirt's Christmas light trail, Lapland Word Search, Energy saving for kids, Top Advent Calendars, Get greener this Christmas, Eco Christmas gift guide.



New sessions for JUNIORS aged 7+

Thomas Keble School

Tuesdays from 16:30-17:30

Leonard Stanley Primary School

Wednesdays from 16:45-17:45

STTC also runs a session for all ages at Stratford Park Leisure Centre on Saturdays from 10am to 12:30pm – cost £5. (Booking not required, just turn up, pay and play).

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Dates for your Diary

Please subscribe to our calendar on the school website to keep on top of all the exciting events we have happening – it will automatically add to your mobile phone calendar so you can find all the details you need easily. Just go the school website [here](#) and click 'subscribe'.

Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week – wear odd socks to school (any you have already will be fine!) No donation – this event is to raise awareness of how unique we all are!	Mon 14 th November	Whole School
Book Fair in school – come along and buy some books to support the school. Volunteer sign-up sheet in office lobby if you can help out.	17 th , 18 th , 20 th , 21 st November after school each day	Whole School
Children in Need – wear your own clothes to school day - £1 suggested donation	Friday 18 th November	Whole School
Rags2Riches collection	Thurs 24 th November	Whole School
Theatre Trip – Nativity the Musical – Birmingham Rep	Friday 25 th 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 th November	Whole School
Theatre Trip – Snow Queen – Cheltenham Everyman	Wed 30 th November	Willow and Elm

Free!

FESTIVAL OF WONDER

Come and be amazed!

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th November

CIRCUS / AERIAL / DANCE / ILLUSION / BEATBOX
JAZZ / UNDER 5'S PLAY / SPOKEN WORD / CAFE
WALL OF WONDER / SILENT SPACE / MUCH MORE!



St Laurence Church: The Stroud Centre for Peace & the Arts
The Shambles, Stroud, GL5 1AP

Visit: festivalofwonder.org

FREE to visit, a warm space where all are welcome

All events are free (except the Jazz Concert) Donations welcome

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