



# Whiteshill Weekly News

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

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## Friends of Whiteshill Scarecrow Trail

Our annual Scarecrow Trail will be taking place throughout half term again thanks to the hard work of the Friends of Whiteshill. This year there are two incredible prizes for the best scarecrow - a 2-night trip to London and a John Lewis Voucher worth £200!

The trail will run from Saturday 28th October up to and including Monday 6th November. Scarecrows are to be on a children's literature theme - book, TV or film character. If you live outside the village and want to take part, we can find somewhere to host your scarecrow 😊

The trail was our biggest fundraiser last year and it was brilliant community event, the shop took record takings too, however to be successful we need people to make scarecrows so please support the event by creating a scarecrow if you can and you will be in the chance of winning a fantastic prize as well as supporting the school. To enter a scarecrow email [friendsofwhiteshillschool@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofwhiteshillschool@outlook.com) with your location.

If you can't make a scarecrow this year, please do come along with the children during half term to buy a map from the shop and support the event.

## Halloween Disco!



Next Wednesday evening is the Halloween Disco! Please see attached poster for times. The children will need some cash for entrance and the spooky sweet shop (prices 50p and under).

Fancy dress is optional or you can come in your party clothes!

**Tickets will be £1 on the door.**

Thank you to Martin Turner for organising the event for the Friends of Whiteshill and for Craig Roberts from CR Signs for sponsoring the event and providing all the fantastic posters and signage outside of school!



Stroud library are hosting a Halloween costume swap this year – poster below - if you want an eco-friendly and free way of getting a new costume this year.

## Friends of Whiteshill AGM

The Friends of Whiteshill School are holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the school hall. It is really important that we have as many people as possible present. If you are able to come along, please do. It is a chance to get involved with other parents at school and support us through fundraising. With school budgets as tight as they are at present, we really rely on the support from the Friends and it is a lot of hard work for a small group of people. Everyone is welcome so please come along and find out more about how you can help out with some of the fantastic events that happen through the year.

## Sea Legs Puppet Theatre

Today we were incredibly lucky to be joined by Rob from Sea Legs Puppet Theatre who performed his show 'Edward Lear's Dream'. It was a magical morning for the whole school and an absolute joy to see the children so enthralled. Rob is such a talented performer and he also gives the children chance to find out about how the puppets and scenery are made at the end. It is truly inspirational and is a great addition to our love of reading events which take place throughout the year. The children in Maple class have recently performed poems by Edward Lear as part of our English curriculum and it was great to see some of those poems brought to life, including The Jumblies and The Owl and the Pussycat. This year, we were able to pay for this fantastic event thanks to the Nelson Pub and their quiz evening which very kindly raised funds for the school so a huge thank you to everyone who made this possible!

Please do talk to the children about the show and see what they can remember!





## Girls' Football

In the summer we had a huge number of girls across Key Stage 1 and 2 who attended the girls' football festival down at Archway. There is a big push locally for girls' football opportunities inspired by the Women's World Cup and we are getting involved as much as we can. This term we have a coach from Forest Green Rovers coming in again at lunchtime each week to run a girls' football club which is really popular. If your child is interested in football, there are lots of local clubs where they can play outside of school. You can search here to find one locally: <https://find.EnglandFootball.com/>



# The Library

## Halloween Costume Swap



**25 September - 9 October**

**DONATE** a costume to any library (thank you!)

**9 October - 1 November**

**SWAP** an old costume for a new one!

- Accessories, whole and part costumes accepted
- Donations will be accepted throughout the swap
- You can still take a costume home if you don't have one to swap
- Discover swaps across all county libraries
- Both adult and child costumes welcome



**Whiteshill Primary School**

# **HALLOWEEN DISCO**

**FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL**

**SPOOKY SWEET SHOP & ACTIVITIES**

**Wednesday 25th October**

**5pm - 6pm - Reception & Elm Class**

**6.30pm - 7.45pm - Maple & Oak Class**



## **WHITESHILL SCARECROW TRAIL**

**28TH OCT - 6TH NOV**

**Childrens literature theme: books, films, TV or characters**

**Prizes for the best scarecrows:**

**John Lewis Voucher  
2 night stay in London**

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## **Five Valleys Music Centre**

**Archway School, Stroud  
Saturdays: 09.30 - 12.30**

**Open day  
Saturday 12th  
November  
9.30 - 12.30**



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# Could you be a Homes for Ukraine champion?

Join the many generous Gloucestershire people  
who have opened their homes to those  
fleeing the war in Ukraine.

We need people who have a spare room or two, an annexe, or even another property, to house a Ukrainian family and help them rebuild their lives.

Hundreds of Ukrainian guests have so far regained their independence and settled in Gloucestershire with the help of our champion hosts, and here's how you can help:

Sign up to express an interest in hosting. Find out more online or book an informal chat with the Gloucestershire Homes for Ukraine team.

The Homes for Ukraine team would then let you know about guests who match your household.

Meet the guests and get to know them before deciding whether to go ahead with hosting.

Hosting agreements are very flexible, and the Homes for Ukraine team are available to assist and advise you every step of the way.

All hosts receive payments of £600 per month to thank you for your help and to cover any additional household expenses. These payments are tax free, and hosting will not impact your council tax.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact us via [HFUTeam@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:HFUTeam@gloucestershire.gov.uk)



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