

Growing Today, Ready for Tomorrow

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Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the February half term newsletter. Although it is generally one of the 'quieter' terms in school, we have still been busy with lots of exciting events and learning!



After School Collection

We have had a number of children who have 'lost' their parents after the school day, especially from the Year 1 and 2 classrooms. All the children were reunited with the parents/adults after speaking with a member of staff. It is really important that once the class teacher passes your child to you that they stay with you. The children should not be left to play on the field, playground or trim trails unsupervised in these times after school. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Attendance

Well done for Year 1 for being the best attended class this half term with 96.9% attendance: Here are the other classes attendance for this term: Year 2 – 96%; Year 3 - 93.1%; Year 4 - 94.4%; Year 5 - 93.5%; Year 6 - 94% and Reception – 94.6%. Our target attendance is always 100% so here's hoping that we can improve some of these percentages next half term!



Cold Weather

Please make sure that in the cold weather your child has the correct uniform on. We have some children coming to school without a coat!



Nut Allergies

As some of our children have nut allergies, no products containing nuts are allowed to be brought in for packed lunches, break time or after school snacks. This includes such things as Nutella bars and spreads. I am sure that you appreciate that this is for the wellbeing of the children and your co-operation in this is much appreciated.



Exciting opportunities

Young Voices

The big event for the choir this half term was a trip to Young Voices. On Monday 20th January, children from across KS2 ventured to the O2 in London for their annual Music Concert.



The children were exhausted but happy on the coach on the way back and Mrs Carson beat her record for getting back to the school! A massive thank you to Mrs Carson who planned the whole adventure. Thank you to all the adults who supported the children to make the adventure possible too. Tristan and Elsie, both in Year 3, said, "The best part was when we did the Mexican waves. The whole arena managed to do it and looked amazing!" Both children loved learning the songs and performing them in front of their families and peers.



Come Dine with Me - Year 6

As part of the Year 6 DT curriculum, the children have planned and prepared a three-course meal which they have served to their friends and Head Judge, Mr Soar. They have enjoyed a wide variety of starters such as spring rolls and garlic dough balls; a mouth-watering selection of main courses such as spaghetti bolognese, home-made breaded chicken salad and an assortment of pizzas and, last but not least, the most delicious desserts such as lemon tart, chocolate brownies and strawberry waffles. Well done to all the budding Gordon Ramsays and Nigella Lawsons!



Year 6 – Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat Theatre Trip

After the success of their Christmas crafts evening last term, Year 6 also enjoyed a visit to the theatre in Oxford to see Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat. Most of the children had never seen a real-life musical before, but all absolutely loved the experience! Abbi and Maisie said, “We all enjoyed going to our first ever musical outside school. We all loved Joseph’s amazing coat and the journey from how he was a poor boy to becoming famous once he received his coat.”



KS2 Visiting Author – Nicky Smith-Dale

Thanks to Nicky Smith-Dale who entertained the KS2 children earlier this term with her new book ‘Betty Steady and the Queen’s Orb’. The children loved her talk and enjoyed coming up with new characters for Nicky like ‘Mac Donald’s’. Thank you to everyone who purchased a signed book! From Our Bookshop, Tring.



Writing Workshops & GLD Reception Class meeting

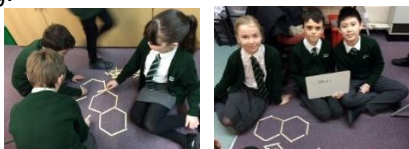
Thank you to those parents who attended the Writing workshops from Years 1 to Year 6 last week. They were really well attended and we know the children enjoyed impressing their parents with their Punctuation and Grammar knowledge! All the presentations and the resources used by your child’s class teacher can be found on the School Website at this link: <https://www.whitchurchcombined.co.uk/gps-information-for-parents/>

Our Reception Class parents also attended their children’s Good Level of Development (GLD) meeting held by Mrs Lawson. The resources are located on the Reception area of the website: <https://www.whitchurchcombined.co.uk/reception-class/>

We now hope you as parents have a better understanding of what we teach the children in class and how you can support both these areas at home.

NSPCC Number Day

Last Friday the children celebrated NSPCC Number Day in School. The children did lots of Maths related activities and games linked to Number! Benny, Eliza and Henryk in Year 5 loved doing Algebra with Mrs Atkinson. Here they are solving some tricky number problems. Thank you to Miss Sisk, our Maths Lead, for organising.



Great Fire of London Day – Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed learning all about the Great Fire of London on Tuesday this week! Noah and Ayria said, “We loved catching the rats because we had to grab their tails and put them in the bags as they carried the diseases in London at the time! It was so much fun!” The children also enjoyed doing different activities like hammering nails into leather to make book marks. It sounds like Year 2 all had a fantastic day! We would like to thank the parent helpers we really appreciated your time and hope you enjoyed the day too!



Safer Internet Day

On Wednesday 12th February the School celebrated **Safer Internet Day**. This year’s theme was ‘**Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and other from online scams.**’ The children had an assembly in the morning, led by Mrs Fowler, had a session in class with their teachers. Unfortunately, due to illness we were unable to run the planned Internet Safety sessions for parents online, however, we will have a new date for your diary after the half term break.



Reception Class Visitors

Many thanks to the parent visitors we have had into Reception class this term. We have been so lucky to have had visitors talking about Islam, Pakistan, China, Brazil and the Middle East. It is always such a treat for the children to hear about anything first hand, as it makes everything so real. The children have learned so many things! The children were able to see pictures, hold objects and even try food! Thank you so much!



Sporting Activities

Despite the chilly weather this time of year, it doesn’t us at Whitchurch from competing in various different competitions!

Handball Festival

Some of our Year 5 & 6 children attended a Handball Festival at Kingsbrook School this month. The team had two afternoon trips with Mrs Hunt! James and Jessie said, “We played lots of handball games against other schools. We won one game, drew one but lost the rest. We didn’t mind because we learnt a new skill and we had lots of fun. Scott did some really great saves in goal too.”



Year 3 and 4 Football at The Royal Latin School

A group of Year 3 and 4 footballers were taken by Mrs Hunt and Mrs Spring on Thursday to play at The Royal Latin School in a small tournament against some other teams. The team played with great spirit and passion and finished 3rd out of 6 teams with two wins and a narrow loss to the eventual winners!

Year 5 Football

Mrs Hunt and the Year 5 boys played another game this half term. They played Cuddington & Dinton School last week, narrowly losing. A big thank you to Mrs Hunt and all the parents that have made football happen for all the Year 5 children this year! Great preparation for when they play next year in Year 6.



Year 6 Football

The Year 6s have another game against Swanbourne this evening and have two further games against Newton Longville and High Ash next term. Fingers crossed for a few victories.



Year 3 Energize

The children have enjoyed learning and practising a dance which was led by the dance teacher Mrs Gutteridge, who also has an older child in school. Mrs Carson has then worked hard with the children to practise the dance ready for the performance in a few weeks at the Wycombe Swan.

Cross-Country

A big thankyou to Mrs Hunt and Mr Lamb who are expertly training our Cross-Country runners ready for Ascott House, Wing on **Saturday 15th March**. Here they are in training on Saturday mornings at Hardwick Manor Farm! A big thankyou to Cassidy (Y3) and Felix's (Y1) parents for letting us use their property to train!



PTA Events

The PTA have had a really busy half term and have been working hard to raise vital monies for our children. Thank you to those people who have either helped or supported these events.

Movie Nights

The children in school all enjoyed Movie Night a couple of weeks ago. The EYFS/KS1 children watched 'Despicable Me 4' and the KS2 children watched 'IF'. The children loved the films and enjoyed a drink and popcorn treat whilst watching the films.

Bingo Night

The PTA held its first ever Bingo night on **Friday 31st January**. Mr Evans was the Bingo caller and over 30 local people from the community enjoyed the evening! The PTA hope to do another bingo night later this year!

Dare to be Different Day

The children have loved their 'Dare to be Different Day' today. Wacky hairstyles, silly shoes and crazy socks were the order of the day! We would like to thank parents for your contribution.



Golden tickets

Well done to the following children who were pulled from the Lunchtime Golden Ticket box today: Winnie (R), Layla, Advik, Sienna W, Finnian (Y1), George, Isaac T, Zara, Eliza, Sienna, Alfie (Y2), Cassidy, Ava (Y3), Lilly K, (Y5), Daniel, Louis, Rebecca, Imogen R, Harvey & George T (Y6). They will enjoy an afternoon tea treat with Mr Soar after half term!



Summer Dress Sale

We will be selling our thrift shop summer dresses after school on Thursday 3rd April.

Easter Egg Raffle

Our annual Easter Egg Raffle to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society will take place on the 4th April. We would really appreciate your donations. These can be taken into the school office for display.

Have a brilliant half term and we'll see you all **Monday 24th February!**

Mrs Mobbs and Mr Soar

Here is a reminder of the dates for when we come back.

DATE	EVENT
24 th Feb	BACK TO SCHOOL
	Girls football vs Swanbourne
25 th Feb	Wycombe Wanderers After School Football
26 th Feb	Year 5 Football. Quainton (H)
27 th Feb	Year 5 Football. Oakley (H)
28 th Feb	Year 6 Football High Ash (H)
4 th Mar	Book Week (3 rd – 7 th)
6 th Mar	Girls Football. Newton Longville (H)
7th Mar	Dress Up Book Character Day
10 th Mar	Science Week (10 th – 14 th)
11 th Mar	Year 3 Energize Rehearsal in Wycombe
12 th Mar	Year 4 – River and Rowing Museum
14 th Mar	Year 1 – British Motor Museum
Sat	
15th Mar	Cross Country Event – Ascott House, Wing
18 th Mar	KS2 House Games
20 th Mar	Year 3 & 4 Girls Football at St Michael's School
20 th Mar	Year 3 Energize Practise in Wycombe
	Year 3 Energize Performance at Wycombe Swan
22 nd Mar	
27 th Mar	Year 3 - Roald Dahl Museum
25 th Mar	Year 6 - Bletchley Park
28 th Mar	Year 2 and Year 5 Cake Sale
31st Mar	Parents Evening 1
2nd Apr	Parents Evening 2
3 rd Apr	Year 5 Anglo-Saxon/Viking Day
3 rd Apr	Summer Dress Sale 3:20pm
4 th Apr	Easter Egg Raffle
4th Apr	BREAK UP FOR EASTER

