



Proud to be part of The White Horse Federation Multi-Academy Trust THE WHITE HORSE FEDERATION

# Newsletter | 4

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## A Celebration of Forest School!

Thank you to Mrs Batson for her fantastic Forest School! This provision is something that we feel really enriches our school curriculum and develops the children's values. Last week Mr Williams spoke to children in Years 1, 3 and 5 to find out what they had been up to. All children he spoke to love Forest School. Here are a few highlights from what the children said:

*"All human lives matter but so does nature; nature actually gives something to us but we can't just take from it."* Year 5

*"We learn more about creatures and being outside like where food and berries come from. I've learnt how to put my wellies on too."* Year 1

*"Not everyone has forests and outside space at home. You can get smart from knowing about nature and plants."* Year 3

*"We can explore and have our own experience of nature – we learn and have fun at the same time!"* Year 5.

## Parents' Evenings

This term, our parents' evenings will be done via phone call. Teachers will be calling parents between 3.30pm and 6.30pm from Tuesday to Thursday next week. There is no need to make an appointment – please see separate letter for details.

## National Poetry Day

Yesterday was National Poetry Day and this year's theme is "Vision". Any child who would like to write a short poem at home based on this theme is invited to. If you would like to do this, please bring it into school next Friday to share.



## Class Learning – Recovery Curriculum

This term, all of the children are learning a whole-school theme called 'Being Me in My World'. This is part of our Jigsaw PSHE programme and looks at children's understanding of themselves in the world around them. The theme covers ideas from feeling safe and special in the lower school to community rights and citizenship in Years 5 and 6. This theme was chosen to form part of our Recovery Curriculum. The idea of this is to ensure that children feel safe, happy and settled in their new classes – particularly after the long school-closure. Secondly, the Recovery Curriculum aims to fill the gaps of lost learning created by lockdown. This term, children have covered lots of mini chunks of learning to catch-up from last year, particularly on their basic skills in maths, phonics, spelling and reading. This will continue throughout the term, to ensure children do not fall behind. Where we identify gaps for small groups and individuals, we provide sessions for these pupils to accelerate their learning.

Outside of school, depending on your child's age, you can help their learning in many ways:

- Discuss their day and their current learning
- Listen to them read and read to them
- Practise phonics and/or spellings
- Support them with weekly homework
- Practise number bonds and multiplication tables

## Colder Weather

As the weather begins to get colder and wetter, please remember to send your child into school with a suitable coat every day. Please ensure all uniform, including coats, is labelled. On PE days, a coat can be worn over the PE kit and school jumper. **Only school jumpers should be worn on PE day.**

## Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed a donation for our non-uniform day in support of Jordan Wylie's Great British Paddle. Find out more at [www.thegreatbritishpaddle.com/](http://www.thegreatbritishpaddle.com/)



## Contact Details

We have recently reviewed our contingency plan in case of a second partial or whole-school closure. With this in mind, it is important that all contact details (including phone number, email and address) are up to date. If you know that yours are not up to date, please let the school office know.

## Early Finish – 21<sup>st</sup> October

On the last day of each term, we traditionally finish at 1pm. This term, we will need to maintain our staggered finish times on the last day for social distancing. These are all 2 hours earlier than normal collection and from the same gates:

- 12.30 – Wrens
- 12.40 – Robins and Ducklings
- 12.50 – Skylarks, Kingfishers, Woodpeckers
- 1.00 – Nightingales, Eagles, Merlins
- 1.05 – Kestrels, Snowy Owls, Peregrines
- 1.10 – Sparrowhawks, Ospreys, Tawny Owls

## PE and Forest Schools

A reminder of PE and Forest School Days this term:

### PE

- Monday: Year 5
- Tuesday: Year 2
- Wednesday: Year 6
- Thursday: Year 3 and Year 4
- Friday: Year 1



### Forest School

- Tuesday: Nursery and Reception
- Wednesday: Year 5
- Thursday: Year 1
- Friday: Year 3

## Illness

A reminder that if your child is not well enough to attend school, they should be kept at home. **If your child has any Covid-19 symptoms (see guidance) it is very important that you keep the child and any siblings at home until a negative Covid test has been returned.** If you are in any doubt about the nature of the symptoms, please keep all of your children off school, notify the office and someone will call you back to discuss whether they can come into school.

## Water Bottles

We have been made aware of several instances where children have not been able to fill their water bottles. We would like to clarify to all parents that children are encouraged to fill their water bottles when they need to. There is sometimes an issue when they cannot put their bottles under the sink. A jug of water will now be put in the classrooms where this has been a problem.

## New Collection / Drop Times

Please look out for a letter being sent out next week on e-mail regarding new collection and drop off times for **after half term**.

## Breakfast and After School Clubs

A letter has gone out to our parents who have contacted us about Breakfast and After School clubs yesterday. Please do not hesitate to contact the office for any queries you may have. Our e-mail address is [admin@zouch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@zouch.wilts.sch.uk)

## Cool Milk

If you wish to register your child for cool milk, please see follow the like below:

<https://customers.coolmilk.com/V2/register/>

This is free for children under 5!

## Book Bags

We have several book bags for sale in school. If you would like your child to have one, please pay on Parent Pay and e-mail the school office to arrange collection.



## Dates for Your Diary

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Individual School Photos **NO PE Y2**

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct**- Finish at around **1PM** for Half Term

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Deadline for Secondary School Applications

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – Flu Immunisation Rec to Year 6

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Deadline for Primary School Applications

### Guidance on Symptoms

If your child develops any symptoms of Covid-19, he/she and any siblings must not come into school for 10 days from the first day of the symptoms.

#### Symptoms are:

**High temperature; New/Continuous Cough; Loss of Smell or Taste**

You must arrange for your child to be **tested** as soon as possible.

If your child receives a **negative test**, he/she and any siblings may return to school.

If your child receives a **positive test**, he/she and any siblings should remain off school for 14 days from **the date of the positive test and school must be notified.**

If it is known that your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, your child must isolate for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms.