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WHITEGATE C/E PRIMARY

# Newsletter

Many thanks to all of you who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' evenings so far; I am sure that you found them very informative. Next week we are holding our final two for Beech Class (Monday) and Acorns (Thursday).

This is a really busy half term so please ensure that you make a note of the key dates on the 2nd page of this newsletter so that you do not miss out on important events. (A reminder that dates for the whole year can be found on our school website.)

## **NSPCC Workshop for parents**

Can I encourage you all to attend this important workshop after school in the hall on TUESDAY 25th straight after school. This will be about internet safety and how our children use technology—in an ever advancing technological world, this meeting is key for all of our parents. (Juice and biscuits will be provided for the children—and adults!)

## **Family Worship**

It was wonderful to worship again in St Mary's on Tuesday. Oak class did a fantastic job reminding us of the importance of the school's core Christian values: compassion, love, kindness and responsibility. The focus was 'charity' and they reminded us of the forthcoming coffee morning.

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

This takes place on FRIDAY (28th) morning in the school hall starting at 10am and finishing at 11:30am—all are welcome to join us. The children in Oak are organising this event to raise money for this charity that has touched many people in our school community. Please could you support this event, not only by attending, but by donating cakes. If you are unable to attend, then it would be lovely if you could send a small amount of money in with your child so that s/he is able to buy a cake. (Each class will be visiting the coffee morning for twenty minutes: Acorns 10-10:20; Elm 10:20-10:40; Beech 10:40-11am and Willow 11-11:20am.)

## **Uniform**

We already have a growing pile of lost property within school—mainly cardigans and jumpers. The majority of them are not named so we are unable to return them to their owners. Please, please, please can you spend some time over the weekend labeling your child's clothing, including PE kits (and shoes in KS1) if you have not done so already.

Can I remind you that our school uniform policy is to wear grey trousers or skirts; there are a number of children, particularly in Oak Class, who are wearing black, which is not our school colour.

## **PE Kits**

There are a number of children who have not yet brought their PE kits back to school since we return at the beginning of the month. PE is very much part of the curriculum, and each class have at least two hours of PE each week. Please ensure that your child has a kit in school everyday so that they are receiving their curriculum entitlement.

## **FOWS**

Friends of Whitegate School (FOWS, which is the main fundraising body for the school) will be holding their Annual General Meeting on TUESDAY 25th September 2017 at 7.30pm in the school hall. To make it as sociable and as much fun as possible, there will be cheese and wine for everyone that attends! We'd love to see as many of you there as possible to discuss this year's events, fundraising targets and objectives.

## Open Mornings

Our Open Mornings begin week beginning the 1st October. These mornings start at 9am (as soon as the class teacher has done the register). Time with your child in class finishes at 10:25am when you are warmly invited to join us in the hall for Collective Worship. After feedback from last year, we have decided to run two mornings per class (apart from Oak who are few in number) so that half of parents can visit on each morning so that the room isn't as busy. A paper letter will be sent out shortly so that you can sign up for the morning you would prefer and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

## Piano/keyboard Lessons

Piano lessons will be starting next Wednesday morning. Lessons are £10 for 30 minutes and are taught one-to-one. If you would like your child to have a lesson, please inform the office and inform Mrs Shephard whether it is piano or keyboard that you would like your child to learn. Places are limited.

## School Dinners

Thank you to those parents who are pre-ordering school dinners at home, which is the preferred option. If you have not set your account up yet, please do so—a link has been sent to everybody's email. If you haven't received it, then check your junk mail!

## Countryfile Ramble

Mrs Hough, an Acorns' mum, has organized a Countryfile Ramble on the 6th of October for Children In Need. A route has been planned just short of 4 miles which is pushchair/wheelchair friendly starting at 10am from the Village Green. The link below takes you to a group fundraising page where anyone that will be joining the walk can make their donation.

<https://countryfile-ramble-for-bbc-children-in-need-2018.everydayhero.com/uk/whitegate-cheshire>

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## Dates

Monday 24th September	6pm	BEECH Meet the Teacher Evening in the classroom
Tuesday 25th September	3:30pm	Parent meeting led by the NSPCC in the school hall about internet safety
Tuesday 25th September	7:30pm	FOWS AGM in the school hall
Thursday 27th September	6pm	ACORNS Meet the Teacher Evening in the classroom
Friday 28th September	10am	Macmillan Coffee Morning in the hall—all invited
Monday 1st October	9am	WILLOW Open Morning
Tuesday 2nd October	9am	ELM Open Morning
Wednesday 3rd October	9am	BEECH Open Morning
Thursday 4th October	9am	WILLOW Open Morning
Friday 5th October	9am	BEECH Open Morning
Saturday 6th October	10am	Countryfile Ramble for Children In Need
Saturday 6th October	12:45pm	WILLOW dancing in NOW Northwich Festival
Tuesday 9th October	9am	ELM Open Morning
Wednesday 10th October	9am	OAK Open Morning
Friday 12th October	All day	Elm, Beech and Willow to attend 'A Taste of Harvest' at St John's, Hartford
Monday 15th October	10am	Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church—all welcome (Donations for the Foodbank please)
Wednesday 17th October	9am	ACORNS Open Morning
Thursday 18th October	9am	ACORNS Open Morning