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WHITEGATE C/E PRIMARY

Newsletter

How lovely it has been to welcome so many of our parents into school this week for our open mornings. I hope that you have enjoyed being in the classroom with your children exploring one of the story books which are part of the work that we are doing about 'No Outsiders', teaching the children about diversity, equality and acceptance. We look forward to welcoming the rest of Elm Class and Oak Class next week along with Acorns the week after.

Harvest

St Mary's Harvest Festival takes place on Sunday 14th at 9:30am. Please remember to bring your fresh fruits and vegetables to church on the morning of the 13th so that the Flower Group can decorate the church with all of 'God's Gifts'.

On Saturday 13th October there is apple pressing and tea on the Village Green and in The Mews 2pm to 4pm. Bring your apples (grapes too) in buckets and bring a clean screw-top bottles to be made into super juice. (£2.50 to press a bucket full.) You can join us for tea, coffee, scones and cakes in The Mews whether you have apples or not!

Our school Harvest Festival takes place on Monday 15th in St Mary's starting at 10am. Each class will be presenting as part of our service and parents, grandparents and friends are very welcome to join us. This year, as well as donating to the Foodbank, we are collecting items for our Autumn Fair which is taking place on Wednesday 24th October. Can each class donate the following items:

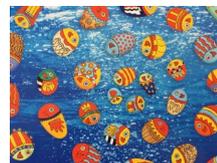
Acorns	Tinned food for the Autumn Fair.
Elm	Long life milk and coffee for the Foodbank.
Beech	Cakes and chocolate for the Foodbank.
Willow	Packet food for the Autumn Fair.
Oak	Biscuits to serve with tea & coffee at the Au-

Autumn Fair

We are holding a fair to raise money for our link school in Nyakabungo, Uganda. We would like to raise enough money to pay for at least one child to go to our link school. The Fair will be organized and run by the children in Oak Class. Can the following items be donated please: toys, raffle prizes, bric-a-brac. Many thanks for your support.

Pebbles

This morning in Collective Worship we shared the story again, 'Only One You'. We would like to create a display about the fact that we are all different and unique by every child in school painting a pebble that represents themselves. Please can each child bring a pebble into school so that we can paint them. We are aiming to do this just after half-term. Many thanks.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning. After this morning's cake sale, we have raised a staggering £446.72 For this worthy cause. Amazing!

NOW Northwich Dance Festival

Many thanks to the children in Willow Class who are representing our school tomorrow in this festival. They have prepared a beautiful piece to 'Here Comes the Sun'. The children will be dancing at 1:30pm outside RED Bar.

Countryfile Ramble

A reminder that our Countyfile Ramble is taking place tomorrow 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>

Uniform

Many thanks to all of the parents who have now ensured that their child is wearing the correct school colour of grey. There are still a few children who are still wearing black trousers or skirts—please ensure that grey is worn. Can I remind you that our school uniform policy is to wear black school shoes. There are a number of children who are wearing black trainers or boots, which are not appropriate.

Lunch times

Our new active lunch times are working well and it is wonderful to see the children engaging in a range of sporting activities throughout the week. As this is a new routine we are having a few ‘teething problems’. Please bear with us as we sort arrangements.

FOWS News

The FOWS team is very excited to be planning a range of great events this year, including some completely new events and we hope you will be able to support our activities. We have had a great start to the new school year with a lively AGM and we have welcomed some new members to the team.

FOWS have arranged the first school disco of the year for Friday 19th October from 5pm until 7pm in the school hall. This will be a ‘drop and go’ event for all years except Reception. The price of entry is £3.50 on the door. There will be a range of food, drinks and also glow sticks to purchase for a small additional cost. Our discos are usually very popular events and are enjoyed very much by the children; we hope your children are able to come and join the fun! FOWS would be very grateful for cakes, sweets, biscuits and crisp donations on the morning of the disco. Please note that children will not be allowed to bring mobile phones.

This year our Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 7th December between 3:30pm and 5:30pm. We hope that you can come and join us for festive activities, stalls, games, a visit from Santa and plenty of festive food and drink. FOWS is arranging a non-uniform day on Thursday 29th November; in order to participate the children need to bring in a donation of chocolate for the tombola at the fair.

FOWS have also arranged a Bag2School collection on Thursday 18th October between 7:45am and 9am. Bags2School is a company that collects unwanted clothing and will pay school for every kilo collected. Please save up your unwanted clothing ready to bring into school. Bags will be sent out nearer the time. On the day, please leave your filled bags by the side of The Mews. Thank you.

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— Please pay £3.60 to cover transport
Saturday 13th October	2-4pm	Harvest Apple-Pressing and Tea on the village green
Sunday 14th October	9:30am	Harvest Festival in St Mary’s Church
Monday 15th October	10am	Harvest Festival in St Mary’s Church—all welcome
Wednesday 17th October	9am	ACORNS Open Morning
Thursday 18th October	9am	ACORNS Open Morning
Thursday 18th October	7:45am	FOWS Bags2School
Friday 19th October	5pm	FOWS Disco
Tuesday 23rd October	6pm	Open Meeting for parents in the school hall
Wednesday 24th October	1:30pm	Autumn Fair in the school hall
Thursday 25th October	From 8:30am	Individual/sibling school photographs being taken
Thursday 25th October	3:15pm	Break up for half-term