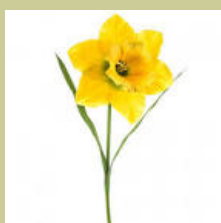


April 2025
04.04.25



What a fitting end to another great term this morning as the school gathered together as a community in church to think about the events of the very first Easter. As a Church school, Easter marks the most important festival in the calendar. Christians believe that, through his resurrection, Jesus overcame death and sin, offering us the promise of eternal life if we follow his teachings. I was so sorry to have missed such a special occasion, but I have been able to watch some film footage of the service that Mr Mackenzie took. Well done to all of the children who sang beautifully and to the children in Oak who narrated and read so well. What a great way to see our school vision in action as we 'live our faith'!

Northwich Sings

On Thursday 1st May all of the children in Y4 and Y5 will be travelling to Brio, Northwich to take part in the annual Northwich Sings event. They will be rehearsing and singing as a massed choir with several other primary schools who are part of the Northwich Education Partnership. This year, we are performing songs from the musical 'Al-la-la-la-laddin' written by Tom Kirkham and Matthew Mossey. The children are very much enjoying preparing for this event which will become the basis of our KS2 production in the autumn term. For those who have children performing at Northwich Sings, do not forget to buy your tickets.

My Fertility Matters

On the 28th and 29th April, the children in Y5 will take part in workshops designed to teach the children in an interactive and imaginative way about growing up and puberty. These sessions form part of 'Relationships and Sex Education' curriculum. Information about this curriculum can be found on our school website under the 'Curriculum' tab. A meeting for parents has been arranged for Tuesday 22nd April, straight after school, in Oak's classroom. Childcare can be provided free of charge in The Ark.



VE Day Celebrations - 8th May

This year marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day and we will be honouring this at school with a special 1940s tea party. Miss Byrne will be creating a very special and tasty lunchtime menu and the Parish Council have kindly offered to provide tableware and decorations for the event. We will spend the day taking part in 1940s activities and to make this as authentic as possible, **we are asking for everyone to dress up in attire from the war years.** (Unfortunately, Elder will not be taking part as they are on their residential on this day.)

An Act of Kindness

Last weekend, Marcus transformed his long locks into a much shorter hairstyle donating his hair to a charity who makes wigs for those who are suffering from cancer. What an amazing selfless act. We are all so proud of you!

Whitegate Family PTA News

Please join us for our first event as the newly-formed PTA on Friday 2nd May. Come along to enjoy a curry (hotdogs and chips also available), a family quiz and a few drinks. I am sure that this will be a fun-filled evening suitable for the whole family. Please book via ParentMail.

After paying £20K towards the first instalment of the 10% towards The Grove, we now have £2,615.18 left in the account. We are now hoping for a total of £12,350.76 by April 2026 which will be the second, and final, payment for our wonderful new-build. Thank you for your continuing support in raising such an incredible amount of money.

Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday 22nd April, straight after school in Elder classroom. Free child care will be available in The Ark.

Family Curry & Quiz Night



Join us on Friday 2nd May for a fun event for all the family!
Curry and Quiz Night at Whitegate CE Primary School.



6.30pm - The Fun Begins

Make a start on the picture round over a curry* and some drinks from the bar.

7pm-8pm - The Quiz

Hosted by Mr Heathcote, there will be rounds for all ages and exciting prizes to be won.

8pm-9pm - The Fun Continues

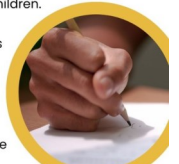
For those wanting to carry on the fun, there will be music, games and more prizes on offer.

*Choose between mild or spicy. Vegetarian options will also be available. Hot dogs and chips offered as an alternative for children.

Curry and rice or chips / Hot dogs and chips are included in the ticket price. Snacks and side dishes will also be available to purchase.

Beer, wine, spirits and soft drinks will be available to buy from the bar.

The maximum quiz team size is 8 people. If you don't have 8 people, don't worry - you can be matched up with others on the night.



Friday 2nd May - 6.30pm
£6 ADULTS / £3 CHILDREN

Book your tickets via parentmail or from the school office

Registered Charity Number: 1096545

The Trust Appeal Fund

Thank you to all who pay into this fund. We recently have had to replace the interactive board in Rowan classroom as it stopped working without any warning! As we did not have the funds within the school budget to do this, we have taken it from the account. We are now left with £5,106.45. It is likely that funds in this account will go towards putting astroturf on the grounds surrounding The Grove. The best quote that we have had for this is £21,450. If you wish to set up a direct debit to regularly contribute to this - some families pay in just £5 each month - or you would like to make a one-off contribution, please speak to the school office.

Residential Meetings

For parents of children in Elder, please join us straight after school on Thursday 24th April in Elder's classroom to find out all about the upcoming residential and to ask any questions that you may have. For those in Birch, your meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th April, again, straight after school in Birch's classroom.

Parent Conduct

I have been made aware that recently a parent approached another parent and their child, to complain about the child's behaviour towards their own child. This is not an acceptable way of dealing with issues: not only did the parent feel intimidated, the child was very upset. A reminder please to let school deal with any issues that arise between children.

Zig-Zags

It has been reported to me that a parent is continually stopping on the yellow zig-zag to drop their children off. This is happening near to the junction with Grange Lane where children are crossing, so it does create a hazard for other pedestrians. A reminder, as per the Parking Charter, yellow markings are a no stopping zone from 8.00am to 5.00pm.

Toast

Please ensure that toast is ordered by 9am on Tuesday 22nd April. This has been set up on ParentMail and is £5.75 for next half term.

Clubs

The following clubs will be running after the Easter break starting on 28th April.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS2 Mindfulness with Mrs Feast	KS1 sports with Mr Parrish	Choir with Mrs Rowland	KS2 sport with Mr Parrish	Why not join The Ark for their weekly film night?
Gardening with Mrs Morris	KS1 craft with Mrs Finney		KS1 construction with Miss Daniels	

Tuesday 22nd April	8:45am	School re-opens
Tuesday 22nd April	3:15pm	Whitegate Family PTA Meeting in Elder classroom
Tuesday 22nd April	3:15pm	My Fertility Matters Meeting for Parents in Oak classroom
Thursday 24th April	3:15pm	Residential Meeting for Parents in Elder
Monday 28th April	All day	My Fertility Matters Workshop for Y5 boys
Tuesday 29th April	All day	My Fertility Matter Workshop for Y5 girls
Tuesday 29th April	3:15pm	Residential Meeting for Parents in Birch
Thursday 1st May	1:30pm - 7:30pm	Y4 and Y5 children at Northwich Sings
Friday 2nd May	6:30pm	PTA Family Quiz and Curry Night

May the joy of the risen Christ fill our hearts and homes this Easter.

Have a wonderful break,

C Mackenzie

