



# Newsletter 11

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**INFANT NATIVITY** - At present parents/carers will be able to attend our nativity performance, which is fantastic news! In order to manage this we must ask that only 2 parents/carers attend per child, and that parent/carers wear masks whilst onsite.

Parents/carers will be asked to sit in class groups (one class on one side of the hall, and the other class on the opposite side of the hall). Whilst this means you will be in the same bubble as other parents/carers in your child's class, we cannot give you 2 metres distance, so if you feel uncomfortable with this please do not attend. As usual the production will be filmed and distributed through our secure YouTube channel.

Please attend the following performance:

**Robins and Penguins: Wednesday 8th December AM**

**Parrots and Puffins: Thursday 9th December PM**

Tickets may be purchased on Parentpay for £1.50, maximum of 2 per child.

Paper tickets will be issued in book bags before the performance.



**CHOIR** - Village light switch on. On Friday 3rd December Whitchurch school choir will be singing at the Whitchurch Village Christmas Light Switch On! Please join Miss Knight and Mr Hornsby in the Toby Carvery carpark at 6:30pm. We will enjoy the festivities, before the choir perform outside the church as in previous years. Please could we ask that each child is accompanied by a parent/carer, who will be responsible for their child both before and after the performance. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER** - Our school Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and children may wear Christmas jumpers to school with school trousers and shoes. If your child would like to have Christmas dinner, please ensure you have credit on your Parentpay dinner money account. Children in R, 1 and 2 will receive Christmas dinner free of charge as part of the Government scheme. Menu attached.

**CHILDREN IN NEED** - The children looked fantastic in their spotty clothing on Monday and raised over £85 for Children in Need. Thank you again for your generosity in supporting this worthy cause.

**YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL CAMP** – Please note, the next instalment of £57 is due on 26<sup>th</sup> November. Please pay on Parentpay.

**SATS and NATIONAL TESTS** - Please be aware that in the new calendar year there will be numerous tests and examinations for various year groups for which it is essential your children attend. By being in school your child will be able to demonstrate all the great learning they do at Whitchurch Primary. Dates to ensure attendance for are:

**Year 1: Phonics testing week begins on Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please be in every day this week.**

**Year 2: Year 2 SATS in May. Please be in every day this month.**

**Year 6: Year 6 SATS week begins Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Please be in every day this week.**

**RECEPTION** – Children receive a carton of milk free until they are 5 years old. After that, if you would like to pay for milk for your child, please collect a form from the office.

**YEAR 3 AND 6** – Children in Years 3 and 6 will be visiting Clifton Cathedral for the Christmas carol service on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. There is no charge for this trip but we do require consent forms to be returned to the office please.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – TERM 3** – PH Sports who run the alternative sports clubs on Wednesdays for Years 1, 2 and 3, and Fridays for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, have opened their booking system early for Term 3, starting week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like your child to attend one of these clubs, please book via <https://phsports.co.uk/online-bookings>, or telephone 01225 701830.

**THERAPY READING** – Children in Reception enjoyed sharing books with 'Bumpy the Reading Dog' last week!



# WHITCHURCH PRIMARY WALKS TO LAPLAND!



This year we are asking all children to take part in an extra special challenge, a sponsored walk from school to Lapland. We have worked out that it is 2125 miles!

Each child will need to walk 11 miles - 8 of these will be completed in school, so every child will get a chance to take part. Miles will be charted in each class, and attached are 'Miles Slips' for any miles achieved at home. The home miles can be achieved at any time, including the walk to school. Any extra miles are encouraged and can also be charted in class!

We have until 14th December to complete our journey. The last part of the journey will be made in school, with a special visitor to congratulate the children. Sponsors can be per mile, or a fixed amount, the form has been sent home. Please can all sponsorship be in by 16th December. All of the money raised goes back into the school providing extra school supplies, play equipment and special visits.

We're excited to see how far we can all walk! Whitchurch Primary School PTA

**TESCO CHARITY BOOK SALE** - Thank you and well done to everyone who purchased a book in the Tesco Charity Book Sale! The PTA raised over £300 through organising this!



**CINEMA TRIP** – Our annual whole school cinema trip returned this week and all children thoroughly enjoyed the coach ride and movie!

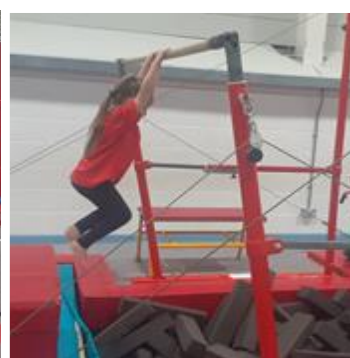


**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - Thank you for your kind donations of filled shoe boxes for this charity. This year we collected 25 shoe boxes for needy children.



**OPEN DAYS FOR RECEPTION 2022** – Our open days for the new Reception intake next year are:  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 - 5.30pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 – 9.30am

**PARROTS** – Children in Parrots class have really enjoyed going to the gymnastics centre for their PE lessons for the last 5 weeks. The children listened carefully to the gymnastic coaches and used equipment safely whilst learning a variety of positions and jumps.



**FREE WEBINAR - Top Tips On Motivation and Goal Setting with your Child**

*15th December at 7:30pm*

With the New Year approaching, setting goals is important as it helps to give students motivation and vision. It focuses their mind, and helps them to organise their time and resources so that they can achieve great things.

In the session, hot topics will be discussed such as intrinsic motivation, whether we should use rewards and sanctions, habit stacking and the dreaded question “When will I ever need this in real life...”

The session will be jam-packed with useful takeaways for you to try out at home and hopefully start the New Year with a bang!

Please use this link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_L6uBw4QkQ7uUsWAGC2X0Ew](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_L6uBw4QkQ7uUsWAGC2X0Ew)

**PROPOSED INSET DAYS 2022/23** – The following dates are our proposed inset days for the next academic year. Please note, these may be subject to change.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**BRISTOL HARLEQUINS** – The under 7's rugby club are looking for children that would like to join the team and have fun playing rugby. Rohan and Esme in Parrots and Leo in Penguins are pictured here. Well done Rohan for winning 'Man of the Match'!



### **PRAISE AND SHOWCASE!**

Each week the school rewards children from each class with special certificates!

One will be awarded for excellent behaviour, the other for superb work. Photos may be viewed on the website shortly!

Last week's children are:

**ROBINS** – David has been praised – Frankie has received the showcase award

**PUFFINS:** Max has been praised – Cole has received the showcase award

**PARROTS:** Charlotte has been praised – Jacob G has received the showcase award

**PENGUINS:** Logan G has been praised – Palk has received the showcase award

**SWANS:** Ethan has been praised – Antonio has received the showcase award

**SWALLOWS:** Tyler has been praised – Archie has received the showcase award

**KESTRELS:** Tallulah has been praised – Jess has received the showcase award

**KINGFISHERS:** Chloe has been praised – Kian has received the showcase award