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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

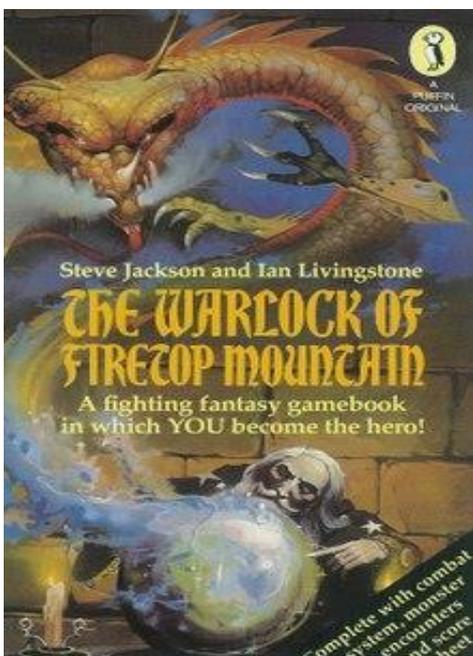
Welcome back to Whitchurch Primary School as we return to another term of enjoyment, education and excellence! Having enjoyed so many great events last term, such as our Christmas events, VR masks and cinema visits, we hope to look forward to many more exciting occurrences this term! We also would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that Covid is still unfortunately with us, therefore a number of previous safeguards have returned:

COVID SAFEGUARDS - In order to keep everyone safe, happy, healthy and learning, please could we ask that all adults wear masks whilst on site. We would like to place the responsibility of this in your hands, but please do not feel offended if a staff member needs to remind you!

In school, we have returned to children dining in class specific areas of the hall, as well as each class having their own play area. These measure will be reviewed later in the term, but in the meantime thank you to all for following them.

HOMEWORK ON TEAMS - In order to make homework more accessible and ensuring it gets home, we have started to place all homework on Teams. By logging on to your Teams account as you did for home learning, homework can be clearly found under the 'assignments' tab. We hope this will not only aid families when homework has been lost, or children can't recall what was set, whilst also helping the environment as we cut down even more on our paper use.

BOOK OF THE WEEK! As part of our drive to make reading even more popular at Whitchurch Primary School, each week a staff member of our school will host their book of the week! This may be a book that a staff member is currently reading, one they enjoyed as a child, or one of particular relevance to them! This week sees Mr Hornsby present: The Warlock of Firetop Mountain by Steve Jackson and Ian Livingstone!



I remember reading this book when I was in upper Primary School, so I'd have been in Year 4, 5 or 6, and about 8-11 years old. I really liked the book because you could choose your own adventure in it. You'd make a decision on what you wanted to do (Turn left into a spooky woods for instance, or right into a dungeon) and then find the page it told you to go to. It would either be the right decision, in which you got to continue reading, or the wrong one, and you'd have to go back to the start!

It was also a good book because you could pick it up and put it down whenever you wanted to, so it didn't take a long time to get engrossed in the story, and the actual plot was about wizards and goblins etc, which got me into the Hobbit, and then Lord of the Rings, which are great books!

In order to find a picture of the cover I looked the book up on Wikipedia and have just found out it spawned board games, TV shows and video games, which I'll certainly be looking into!

STAFF CHANGES - Throughout this term we will see a number of staff changes, one of which has already happened, in that Mrs James will be acting deputy Head Teacher for 2 days a week. During these two days Mr Hughes, our regular stand in teacher, will be taking up the reins in Year 6.

The end of January sees Miss Morris begin her maternity leave in Year 4, which will see a supply teacher take over for the remaining 3 weeks of Term 3. Following this, Mr Hughes will move from Year 6 to Year 4 until the end of the academic year, whilst Mrs Oldfield, our previous, highly experienced Year 6 teacher will take over in Year 6, working alongside Mrs James throughout Term 4. The diagram below offers extra explanation:

	Term 3	Term 4
Year 4	Miss Morris (first 4 weeks) Supply Teacher (last 4 weeks)	Mr Hughes →
Year 6	Mrs James (MTW) Mr Hughes (ThF)	Mrs Oldfield (MTW) Mrs James (ThF) →

ONLINE LEARNING - To find our online learning, please go to the parents tab of whitchurchprimary.co.uk, then click on the large text at the top of the page. Navigate to your class, week and lesson.

RECEPTION 2022/2023 – The deadline for Reception applications for 2022/23 is 15th January. Please apply online through your local council's website.

Banes - <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-primary-school-place-reception>

Bristol - <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/primary-apply>

MENU – The menu is attached with new term dates.

ALTERNATIVE SPORTS – There are still spaces available for the after school sports club, please see flyer attached for booking information.

FRIENDS OF WHITCHURCH PRIMARY – The PTA are still collecting the final sponsorship money from our walk to Lapland. You have raised an amazing £1,123 for the school. Please drop any last minute sponsorship money to the office.

A gift amnesty box has been placed in the office foyer. Please donate any unwanted bottles, chocolates or gifts that the PTA could use for fundraising later in the year.

The PTA have a good quality used clothing collection booked for Thursday 27th January. Please bring usable clothes, shoes, bags, belts to school that morning in a bag marked with WPS. Thank you.



WHITCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jewellery and Accessories
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paired Shoes and Footwear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belts and Handbags
<small>A full list of reusable items is listed on our website www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk</small>	
WE DO NOT ACCEPT	POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES. PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

PENGUINS – Children in Penguins class will be taking part in gymnastics lessons from 20th January at Bristol Gymnastics Centre. Please pay on Parentpay, thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – Reminder - school uniform can be ordered direct from the supplier at www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/whitchurchsomerset.