

# White Court School Newsletter Spring Term 2019

## Issue 3

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### World Book Day

It was great to see the characters from books walk into school on World Book Day! Thank you for all the support parents and carers gave in coming up with such great costumes for the children.

During the day the children enjoyed undertaking a range of book related activities and also a story share with a teacher from a different year group. It was a great day that highlighted our love of books and further encouraged our children to read for pleasure.



### Tag Rugby

Having progressed from the previous round, the Year 6 tag-rugby team went to Witham Rugby Club for the next round on the 12th February. The team put into practice all they had learned from their lunchtime training sessions and performed exceptionally while representing the school brilliantly. Three wins and three losses were not quite enough to see us through, but I am very proud of how the children worked as a team with each of them getting at least one try!

Well done everyone.  
Mr Pruce



### **Football**

White Court continued their impressive football run at the end of November by winning the County Finals in Chelmsford. The team had to play and battle against some incredibly difficult teams but showed great determination and ability to win the tournament. A fantastic achievement, especially as this is the first time White Court has ever reached this stage of a competition. The team will now travel to London at the end of March to represent Essex at the ESPA Danone England Finals. Well done White Court and we wish them all the best in the next round.



### **RED NOSE DAY**

Comic Relief's red nose day will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Children are welcome to wear non-uniform on this day, preferably with something RED. Please can the children bring in a donation, all proceeds go to Comic Relief.

**Easter Egg Decorating Competition** – Please ensure that your entries for the competition are in school on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** and not before. Further information to follow.

### **Voter ID in Braintree:**

This year, all residents in the Braintree District will need to bring ID with them to vote at the local elections on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Residents will need to bring one piece of photo ID or two pieces of non-photo ID (there is a list of options to choose from).

The change is not a permanent one – it is a trial being undertaken by the Cabinet Office to give further insight into how best to strengthen and secure the voting process.

For more information, please visit [www.braintree.gov.uk/VoterID](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/VoterID)



### **Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair by buying books. This event has raised £200 worth of free books for the school, which will be used to help update book boxes in classrooms. We hope you are all enjoying reading your new books!

### **Amazon Smile**

Please remember to use Amazon Smile when you shop on Amazon! For the quarter up to January we raised £37.43 from online purchases.

To shop at Amazon Smile, simply go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. On your first visit to [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) you need to select Friends of White Court School to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) will result in a donation. You will need to shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) each time, not [Amazon.co.uk](http://Amazon.co.uk)! FoWCS will not see any personal details about your account or your purchases.

## **Bags2School**

Thank you to everyone who cleared out their cupboards and brought in donations for Bags2School. The total raised for this collection was £128. The next collection is scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> April.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Term dates for this year: **2018 – 2019**

Autumn Term:	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 <i>Half Term 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 26<sup>th</sup> October</i>	72 days
Spring Term:	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019 – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 <i>Half Term 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February</i>	62 days
Summer Term:	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019 – Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 <i>Half Term 27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May, and May Bank Holiday 6<sup>th</sup> May</i> <b>Non-pupil days: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b> <b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b> <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b> <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019</b>	<u>61 days</u> 195 days

Term dates for next year: **2019 – 2020**

Autumn Term:	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019 – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 <i>Half Term 28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November</i>	73 days
Spring Term:	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020 <i>Half Term 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February</i>	60 days
Summer Term:	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020 <i>Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May, and May Bank Holiday 4<sup>th</sup> May</i> <b>Non-pupil days: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019</b> <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b> <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020</b>	<u>62 days</u> 195 days

## **Residential Trips 2018/2019**

Flatford (Year 5): Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Kingswood (Year 6): Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## **Letters Sent Home to Parents Recently**

25 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 'Phonics Screening Meeting/Phonics Workshop' letter
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Online Safety Information
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 1 'Out of this World' letter
8 <sup>th</sup> March	FoWCS Mother's Day Secret Shopper Room letter
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Parent Event letter
11 <sup>th</sup> March	FoWCS Spring 2019 Newsletter

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **March**

Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Consultation Evening – <b>No Football Club (Premier Sport)</b>
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Red Nose Day Non-Uniform Day</b> – wear something red
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 'Space' Parents Event 9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. – Main Hall
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Nursery Class Spring Craft Event 9.20 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 'Phonics Screening Meeting/Phonics Workshop' – 9.15 a.m. Main Hall
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Fire Safety – further information to follow
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	FoWCS Mother's Day Secret Shopper Event – further details to follow
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Last KS2 Extra Curricular Activities
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Stage Parent Event 9.15 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.

### **April**

Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 1 Boydells Farm Visit
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	FoWCS Easter Egg Hunt – further details to follow
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 1 Boydells Farm Visit
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Parent Event – 1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Main Hall

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Competition – further information to follow  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Last day of Spring Term

**Easter Break 8<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Non-pupil day – No school for children**  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> FoWCS **Bags2School** Collection - drop off before 9.00 a.m. Main Entrance  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Flatford Residential

**May**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATs  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> FoWCS Inflatables Day/Non Uniform Day – further information to follow  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Class/Team Photographs

**Half Term 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**June**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Visit to Jimmy's Farm – further information to follow  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Kingswood Residential  
  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Performance – Dress Rehearsal – further information to follow  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Performance – Afternoon & Evening – further information to follow  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Notley High PSL Day  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Notley High PSL Day

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