

# White Court School Newsletter

## Spring Term 2019

### Issue 4



**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Welcome Back!**

We would like to welcome back Mrs Curtis to White Court, in her new job share role in 2G.

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#### **Inservice Day**

Please note that Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April is an Inservice Day. The children return to school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

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#### **Easter Egg Competition**

A very big thank you and well done to all the children who took part in the Easter Egg competition. We were eggstremely impressed with all of the entries and found it very difficult to choose a winner in each class! An extra special well done goes to our winners of the competition:

Foundation stage: Freya G, Archie P and Teegan H, Year 1: Sienna S, Jorja L and Jude B, Year 2: Riley S, Harry M and Jake H, Year 3: Taylor J, Archie M and Lily-Mai B, Year 4: Brooke R, Zachary A and Florence A, Year 5: Poppy M, Billy S and Ellessia M, Year 6: Kate O'D, Rose T and Thomas T.

Here are the winners:



### **Friendship Cup**

In memory of Miss Cordwell, we present The Friendship Cup each term to a KS1 and KS2 child who has demonstrated exceptional kindness. In the Spring term the Friendship Cup was awarded to:



Eva in 5W



Elliott in FSS

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### **Safe Parking Poster Competition**

In our continued efforts to improve the safety of parking around school, the children were all invited to take part and design a poster to raise awareness. Our Pupil Task Force narrowed the entries down, then the staff judged the winning entries.

There were so many posters with a powerful message that it was hard to choose, so 7 overall winning designs will be featured around school. Look out for these posters after Easter!

Well done to everyone who took part!



Cole, Katie, Charlie, Kaelyn, Orin

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### **Enhanced Healthy Schools**

We have recently achieved 'Enhanced Healthy Schools' Status as a result of our focus on children adopting a healthy lifestyle and being able to cycle and scoot to school.

On Tuesday 19th March, Mrs Deans, Mrs Pickering and 2 children were invited to attend the Healthy Schools awards at Chelmsford City Racecourse. Our pupil representatives were Spencer from Year 5 and Orin from Year 6, both of whom cycle regularly to school. During the morning we heard from other schools who are also focusing on encouraging a healthy lifestyle, watched demonstrations of active assemblies and heard some inspirational speakers. Perhaps most importantly, we also stayed for lunch! Spencer and Orin were an absolute credit to our school, showing exemplary behaviour throughout the morning. Well done!

Mrs Gill Pickering - Healthy Schools Coordinator



### **Bags 2School**

The next collection of bags2school will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. If you have a Spring Clean over the Easter holiday, please bear this in mind.

Please bring bags into school at morning drop off.

### **Red Nose Day**

Thank you to everyone who donated to our non-uniform day in aid of Comic Relief. The total raised was £561.68!

### **Essex County Council SEND Strategy**

Dear parent/carer,

Essex County Council have launched an engagement with the parents and carers of children and young people who require additional support on the future of special educational needs in Essex. We are sharing information about the work we have undertaken to date, the continued challenges we face and seeking your views on our vision and future strategy. The survey will run from 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 and the engagement document and survey can be accessed via <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/send-strategy-and-innovation/send-public-engagement>. We have asked schools and education settings to help us by sharing the details but all responses should be via the survey.

To request a paper copy of this survey or an easy read version please email [senstrategy@essex.gov.uk](mailto:senstrategy@essex.gov.uk). Unfortunately it is not possible to respond to individual comments and questions.

SEND Strategy & Innovation | Essex County Council

### **Community Music Centre's – Free Open Day / Evening**

Essex Music Services is holding two free open evenings where young people aged 5-18 years are invited to take part in some of the group events on offer. All abilities are welcome to participate – beginners to grade 8. The open evenings are being held at:

- Colchester Community Music Centre – Saturday 27 April 2019
- Chelmsford Community Music Centre – Wednesday 1 May 2019

<https://www.essexmusicclub.org.uk/site/events/colchester-community-music-centre-open-day/>

<https://www.essexmusicclub.org.uk/site/events/chelmsford-community-music-centre-open-evening/>

### **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**

18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 'Applying for Secondary Education' leaflet
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 2G - Changes to Teaching Arrangements
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Egg Competition letter
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 3 – Designing a 3D poster about Stone Age letter
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 – Use of Photographs letter for Flatford
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 – Flatford Clothing and Equipment list
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Choir – Summer Concert letter
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Early Years Nursery Newsletter
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Foundation Stage MiBootcamp lunchtime Club letter
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 Visit to Colchester Castle letter

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **April**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Last day of Spring Term

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

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Non-pupil day – No school for children</b>
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	FoWCS <b>Bag2School</b> Collection - drop off before 9.00 a.m. Main Entrance
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Flatford Residential
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Colchester Castle Visit

### **May**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Menu starts
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Choir Summer Concert 6.00 p.m. Main Hall
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
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	FoWCS 'Father's Day Secret Shopper Event' – further information to follow
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Colchester Zoo Visit – further information to follow
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
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup>	FoWCS Summer Fair – 12.00 – 3.00 p.m.

### **Communicate with us by e-mail on:**

- [admin@whitecourt.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whitecourt.essex.sch.uk) for the main school.
- [EYadmin@whitecourt.essex.sch.uk](mailto:EYadmin@whitecourt.essex.sch.uk) for our Early Years Nursery



# Internships

Are you looking for a paid internship for June/July 2019?

Would you like to earn £1,200 over four weeks?



Have you considered working within education?

For an application pack or for more information, please contact:

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