

White Court School Newsletter

Summer Term 2019



Issue 1

Monday 20th May

SATs

Last week, our Year 2 and Year 6 children completed their statutory end of key stage tests. We are very proud of the mature way the children approached their tests, displaying focus and determination to work to the best of their ability.

Well done everyone!



Flatford Week - 29th-3rd April 2019

Year 5 have recently returned from their residential trip to Flatford Mill in Suffolk. Although it was the first time staying away from home for many of the children, they had a brilliant time and created lots of new memories! As staff, we were very proud of their independence and behaviour. It was wonderful to see so many of our children immerse themselves into the outdoor environment, learning new skills and making new friends. For more information, check out the daily blog which was updated throughout our stay. This can be found on the school website. We are already busy preparing for next year's trip!

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Brewster



The Big Stitch

Year 2 have taken part in 'The Big Stitch'. A visitor from Braintree Museum taught the children some sewing skills, which they could then put into practise. The children looked at a range of examples and used these as inspiration to colour and sew their own design.



Year 5 Production

Coming soon - Pirates Vs Mermaids!

Year 5 are excited to begin preparations for their annual Summer Production. Letters will be sent out this week with more information, but the dates and times of the performances are as follows:

Monday 24th June at 9:30am (Dress rehearsal, limited number of spaces)

Tuesday 25th June at 1:45pm

Tuesday 25th June at 6:00pm

Children have been given scripts and costume letters. We hope to see lots of you there!

Mrs Wilson and the Year 5 Team



Maths Competition

On Friday 26th April, a team of four Year Six pupils visited Great Bradfords to participate in a KS2 Maths competition. Katie, Rose, Isabel and Theo showed great mathematical thinking and exceptional teamwork to finish in a commendable third place.

Well done!

Mr Pruce



Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Bag2School collection on the first day back after Easter. The donations raised £152 which is a fantastic amount of money. Thank you to FoWCS for organising the collection.



School Grounds

We would like to remind you that at the end of the day the field and adventure playground are not open to the children or their siblings. You may see the After School Club children use these facilities, but they are insured in the event of an accident. Please also be mindful when collecting children at the end of the day or after a club, scooters and bicycles are not permitted to be ridden on school grounds.



Water Bottles

As the warmer days approach it is very important that we encourage children to drink water regularly throughout the day. Please ensure that your child brings a NAMED water bottle with fresh water in to school each day. We discourage shared cups in the classroom as they are unhygienic.

Teachers will give the children opportunities to drink from their bottles throughout the day to keep them hydrated, including directly after break and lunchtimes.



Lost Property

We would like to plead with all our families to name everything that comes into school with your child: water bottles, lunchboxes, coats, jumpers, P.E. kits, pencil cases to name just a few!

At the end of each day we have so many lost items which we cannot reunite with children unless they are named. Our staff hate to dispose of unclaimed items each half term! Thank you for your help!



After School Club

If you have any old duvets, duvet covers, pillows or pillow cases (in good condition), After School Club would be very interested in rehoming them. They would like to make some large comfy nests for quiet activities. Please send any donations in via the office.



IMPORTANT DATES

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

Summer Term:	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019 – Wednesday 24 th July 2019 <i>Half Term 27th May – 31st May, and May Bank Holiday 6th May</i>	61 days
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Term dates for next year: **2019 – 2020**

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

Residential Trips 2018/2019

Flatford (Year 5): Week beginning 29th April 2019

Kingswood (Year 6): Week beginning 10th June 2019

Letters Sent Home to Parents Recently

29 th April	Year 2 Jimmy's Farm Trip letter
29 th April	Year 1 Magic Maths letter
1 st May	Summer Menu
1 st May	Summer Term Curriculum Newsletter
3 rd May	FoWCS Plant Sale letter
9 th May	FoWCS 5p Challenge letter
10 th May	Year 2 letter regarding mixing classes
10 th May	Letter to class FS/D
10 th May	Letter to class 4PS
13 th May	Year 4 letter regarding mixing classes
13 th May	Headlice letter
14 th May	Year 4 Colchester Zoo letter – via ParentPay
15 th May	Year 4 Design Technology Parent Event letter
16 th May	Letter regarding Appointment of Headteacher
20 th May	Year 5 Pirates verses Mermaids ticket letter

Dates for your Diary

May

Tuesday	21 st	Class/Team Photographs
Wednesday	22 nd	Year 1 Magic Maths Parent Event – 9.10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Half Term 27th – 31st May

June

Tuesday	4 th	Year 2 Visit to Jimmy's Farm
Monday	10 th	Kingswood Residential
Wednesday	12 th	FoWCS 'Father's Day Secret Shopper Event' – further information to follow
Tuesday	18 th	Year 4 Colchester Zoo Visit
Monday	24 th	Year 5 Performance – Dress Rehearsal – 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday	25 th	Year 5 Performance – Afternoon & Evening – 1.45 p.m. & 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday	26 th	Year 4 Design Technology Parent Event – 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
Thursday	27 th	Notley High PSL Day
Friday	28 th	Notley High PSL Day
Friday	28 th	Non-uniform day for FoWCS Summer Fair
Saturday	29 th	FoWCS Summer Fair – 12.00 – 3.00 p.m.

July

Tuesday	2 nd	Sports Day – KS1 9.15 a.m. KS2 2.15 p.m.
Thursday	11 th	Year 3 Parent Event – further information to follow
Monday	15 th	Class Change Around – Children to meet their new teachers
Monday	15 th	End of Year Reports to Parents
Tuesday	16 th	Open Evening – 5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday	17 th	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – further details to follow
Thursday	18 th	Year 6 Leavers' Trip – further details to follow
Wednesday	24 th	Last Day of summer Term

Communicate with us by e-mail on:

- admin@whitecourt.essex.sch.uk for the main school.
- EYadmin@whitecourt.essex.sch.uk for our Early Years Nursery

Local Half Term Events

Wyevale garden centres

Little Diggers

Half Term Craft Events

Join us for brilliant kids' activities!

27th – 31st May

Don't forget to add a kids' meal!

Half Term Craft Events

Craft sessions just £2.50

Make a Bird Home Monday 27th May Decorate a cosy bird box for your garden birds.	Flower Power Pot Thursday 30th May Plant your own flower and decorate a pot and plant marker.
Create a Bird Buddy Tuesday 28th May Decorate and plant your own bird pot for your home.	Feed The Birds Friday 31st May Make and decorate your own feeder to entice more birds into your garden.

Grow Your Own Mini Garden
Wednesday 29th May
Plant your own mini garden with giant flowers, bee hives and wild friends.

All craft sessions last for 20 minutes and include an activity sheet.

Don't forget to add a kids' meal!

All events must be pre-booked online at wyevalegardencentres.co.uk/events

Session dates and times vary by centre, so please check online or in your local centre for more details. Events are subject to change and cancellation. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. All activities are suitable for children aged 3+.

Wyevale garden centres



First Service Half Term Tennis Camps

May Half Term Tennis Camps

Tuesday 28th May 10AM-3PM
Wednesday 29th May 10AM-3PM
Thursday 30th May 10AM-3PM

With the option of early drop off from 9am (£5 extra per day) and late pick up at 4pm (£5 extra per day) if required.

Maltings Academy, Spinks Lane, Witham, Essex, CM8 1EP
AGE 4 - 16 YEAR OLDS

Members
£25 per day or £70 for all 3 days!
Go to login.btatennis.co.uk to sign up!

Non Members
£30 per day or £85 for all 3 days!
Go to register.btatennis.co.uk to sign up!

Tennis Camp will include

COACHING • GAMES • DRILLS • SKILLS • MATCH PLAY

Learn Basic Tennis skills and techniques, keep fit while learning and having fun, enjoy our many different tennis games!

Children will need to bring a packed lunch and wear suitable clothing and footwear.

In case of bad weather indoor activities will be available.

Rackets will be provided if needed. Tuck shop available.

Call Us
0759 275 457

Email Us
info@btatennis.co.uk

Get Social
  



9AM - 4PM

AGES 4-11

£20 PER CHILD

MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

28TH, 29TH & 30TH OF MAY

£5 Sibling discount!

Limited spaces - be quick!



Mr Mills will be leading Multi Sports Camps to keep your children active throughout the day which will involve Football, Dodgeball, Soft Archery, Cricket, Hockey, Table Tennis and many more!

@ John Ray Infant School, Notley Road, Braintree, Essex, CM7 1HL - All schools welcome

To book a place please call JRI on - **01376 323071**