



# Whiteknights Primary School

## Growing Greatness

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### Dear Parents,

We celebrated World Book Day yesterday with plenty of red and white stripe dress-up outfits running around the school! Teachers read their favourite book to a different class and during lunch time Wally figures were hidden around the school which children were encouraged to find. Have a look at our detailed write up on page 2 and our photo.

Thank you for helping us to celebrate 'Where's Wally's' 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and World Book Day's 20<sup>th</sup> and donating towards this.

Thank you

Mr Walker, Headteacher

### Reminders and notes to parents

#### School Jackets still available!

Now £10 each

Burgundy

Weatherproof

Payable on Scopay accounts



#### School uniform

A reminder that official school uniform information is available on our website. Please ensure that all our children adhere to this policy and dress appropriately, including stud earrings only, no make-up to be worn to school and PE kits to be provided every week.

Please also remember to label any items of clothing brought into the school. If clothing is named it is much easier to reunite with its owner!

#### On-line payments

The on-line payment system is working well so thank you for your support towards helping us become a cashless school! Please remember to ensure that your respective accounts are paid up. This is especially important for our Scopay Dinner Money accounts. If your child is ordering a school meal, please ensure that there is sufficient credit on their account. If not, we will be unable to provide a school lunch and you will be contacted to arrange a packed lunch to be brought in. If you have debt on these accounts, please ensure that these accounts are cleared as soon as possible.

## WHERE'S WALLY COMES TO WHITEKNIGHTS



Children and staff celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March by dressing in a 'Where's Wally' theme. It was lovely to see so many striped jumpers, glasses and bobble hats in assemblies and on the playground. Over £180 was raised to go towards the fundraising for our KS2 outdoor equipment.

Children brought in their favourite books to read, and teachers in turn read the children some of their favourite books. The Key Stage 1 SPLAT afternoon also celebrated reading.

A 'Where's Wally' search was conducted in the corridors and on the playground, and 10 lucky and very observant children won prizes of books, or vouchers for our Book Fair next week.

### BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair will be in school next week; this is an opportunity for you to buy books for your children at reasonable prices and raise money to enable the school to purchase more resources for your children. Every £1 you spend at our Book Fair provides us with 40p to buy books for your children. In addition, you can use the £1 World Book Day vouchers that you were given last week to put towards the cost of your books.

We look forward to seeing you after school next week – the Fair will be here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3pm to 4pm, and the last day is Monday afternoon from 3pm to 4pm.

## Diary dates



### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Y5/6 SPLAT 2:00pm – 3:15pm

April Nursery Starters to see Little Gems class and meet with Mrs Rolfe 2:30pm

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Football Boys Match Y5/6 at Woodley CoE at 3:00 – 4:30pm

Football Tournament Y3/4 at Willowbank 3:00 – 5:00pm

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Y3/4 SPLAT at 1:30pm

## Sporting activities update

### Football

Our Y5/6 footballers played against Hatch Ride recently and results were excellent

We won the game 4 – 2.

The star player was Joe Clifford in Ruby class who scored a hat-trick!

Carrick Best from Tigers Eye class scored the 4th goal.

Well done boys! We are proud of you and keep up the good work for the matches taking place next week.



### Netball

Y5/6 Netball girls took part in a tournament at Beechwood School this week and although we lost 5 games and drew 1, the team worked well together! Well done girls.

It's all about participation and having fun while we are exercising too!



### Possible sponsorship of a school team

We are looking for a company or an individual to sponsor one or more of our sports teams.

Sponsorship would include branded kits to make our children look smart on the field!

We do hope that this is something you might be willing to consider. We can provide you with further details and a break down of the likely costs. Mr Garstang, our Coach, would welcome the opportunity to speak with you further about this. Please contact the Admin Office on 0118 987 2588 or send us an email on [admin@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk) if this is of interest.



## School crossing and pedestrian crossings

Wokingham Borough Council continually reviews the value of its non-statutory services, and in this context has been considering the effectiveness of pedestrian crossings as a proven, efficient and safe way of crossing a road.

There are currently eight school crossing patrollers on pedestrian crossings in the Wokingham Borough. These pedestrian crossings at these sites already give children and others a safe point to cross.

It is therefore proposed the school crossing patrol service at these eight locations should cease at the end of this academic year (July 2017):

- Emmbrook Infant & Junior School, Emmbrook Road, Wokingham
- Highwood Primary School, Fairwater Drive, Woodley
- Coombes Primary School, School Road, Arborfield
- St Peters Primary School, Church Road, Earley
- Whiteknights Primary School, Elm Road, Earley
- Beechwood Primary, Headley Road
- Hawthorns Primary School, Northway, Woosehill
- Sonning Primary School, Pound Lane, Sonning

The seven sites (not listed above) with school crossing patrols but no formal crossings are exempt from the proposed changes this year, but it is proposed they be reviewed to assess the best ways to ensure children continue to get to school safely.

Should you have any queries please contact the Executive Member for Highways and Transport, Cllr Malcolm Richards, at [Malcolm.Richards@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:Malcolm.Richards@wokingham.gov.uk) or on (0118) 979 2148.

Alternatively, we invite you to comment on these proposals by the end of Wednesday 19 April, by emailing: [communityengagement@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:communityengagement@wokingham.gov.uk)

We also ask that you invite your parents/ guardians to comment on these proposals directly to the email listed above.



## Temporary library closures in March 2017

	Library closes	Library re-opens
Lower Earley Library	Wednesday 1st March	Thursday 9th March
Woodley Library	Wednesday 8th March	Wednesday 15th March
Wokingham Library	Wednesday 15th March	Wednesday 22nd March

For details about library opening hours from April 3 go to [www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries)

## What's On in Wokingham Borough Libraries for Children

### Shakespeare Activity Session for Children

Just drop in and try some fun Shakespeare themed activities.

Saturday March 25 11am to 11.30am

At Lower Earley Library, Maiden Erlegh Library, Wokingham Library and Woodley Library

Just drop in, for children aged 7 and over.

### Little Explorers Book Club Activities

The Little Explorers book club library challenge is for children aged 7 and under.

Children collect a stamp each time they visit the library and borrow books.

When they have collected 6 stamps they receive a certificate.

We also run the following activities for the under 5's.

**Little Explorers Storytime** Stories and rhymes for parents and children to enjoy together, for children aged 5 and under. Free!

Arborfield Pop-up Library	Monday March 13	4pm to 4.30pm
Finchampstead Library	Friday March 3	11am to 11.30am
Lower Earley Library	Thursday March 9	11.15am to 11.45am
Maiden Erlegh Library	Saturday March 18	10.15am to 10.45am
Twyford Library	Tuesday March 21	4pm to 4.30pm
Wargrave Library	Monday March 6, 13, 20, 27	4pm to 4.30pm
Winnersh Library	Wednesday March 1	4pm to 4.30pm
Wokingham Library	Tuesday March 7, 28	4pm to 4.30pm

### Little Explorers Rhymetime

Nursery rhymes and songs for children aged 5 and under. Free!

Spencers Wood Library	Thursday March 2, 10.15am to 10.45am
Wokingham Library Dads	Saturday March 4, 10am to 10.30am
Wokingham Library Babies	Tuesday March 7, 10.30am to 11am
Wokingham Library Toddlers	Tuesday March 7, 11.30am to 12noon
Finchampstead Library	Friday March 10, 17, 24, 31 11am to 11.30am
Maiden Erlegh Library	Tuesday March 14, 2.15pm to 2.45pm
Winnersh Library	Wednesday March 22, 10.15am to 10.45am
Lower Earley Library	Tuesday March 28, 10.30am to 11am



# All parents invited to take part in our Healthier Lives Study!

**The University of Reading has teamed up with Netmums to develop two online programmes to help parents and kids get more healthy and active**

One is focused on kids' wellbeing and the other on healthy eating. Now we're looking for parents to help us see if they work

Not only will you get free access to a three-week course - packed with tips and ideas - you'll also be entered into a prize draw to win one of two £250 prizes

**To find out more or take part, follow this link:**

**<http://www.uoropen.org/LabGroups/Snuggs/>**

