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WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
17 MAR	18 MAR	19 MAR	20 MAR	21 MAR
Chick Hatching Programme Arrives into EYFS		Year 1 Visit to Didcot Railway Centre (within school hours)	Jasper Class Final Swimming Lesson	Lara's Drama Final Show (Y3-6) Last Session Before Easter Break 16:00
Final Day of Book Fair 15:20—16:00		Lara's Drama Final Show (Rec—Y2) Last Session Before Easter Break 16:00	Reception SPLAT 13:45 in the School Hall	Red Nose Day Wear a Red Top for a £1 Donation
		After School Club to be Held in Obsidian Classroom		After School Club to be Held in Obsidian Classroom
		Reception Height and Weight Measurement Programme		

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.0%

REC—Crystal	94.7%	Y4—Amethyst	98.7%
REC—Pearl	99.7%	Y4—Jasper	96.7%
Y1—Amber	97.3%	Y5—Emerald	98.0%
Y1—Jade	96.3%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	93.0%	Y5—Sapphire	98.7%
Y2—Topaz	95.0%	Y6—Obsidian	XX%
Y3—Diamond	98.0%	Y6—Ruby	96.7%
Y3—Garnet	96.0%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	91.9%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Spring 2 Term 2025

Mon 24th—Fri 28th March	Staff car park closed due to installation of solar panels on the school hall roof
Thursday, 27th March	Guardian Consultation Bookings Close on Arbor at 12:00
Friday, 28th March	Chicks Leave EYFS Deadline for Returning Science Posters for Science Week Competition Forest of Imagination—Y1 and Y2 Invited Pupils Only
Monday, 31st March	Year 3 and 4 Dress Rehearsal for the Spring Production Little Gems Parent Meetings 08:30—10:30
Tuesday, 1st April	Year 3 and 4 Spring Production to Parents (2 Performances) 09:30 and 13:45
Wednesday, 2nd April	Year 3 SPLAT 14:00 in the School Hall Parent Meetings 15:40—18:10
Thursday, 3rd April	Egg Rolling Competition (Pupils Only) Parent Meetings 16:00—18:30
Friday, 4th April	Easter Bonnet Parade (Pupils Only)
Friday, 4th April	Last Day of Term. School Closes Promptly at 13:00 No After School Club
Tuesday, 22nd April	Staff and Pupils Return to School

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING
Red Nose Day
FRIDAY, 21ST MARCH
WEAR A RED TOP
£1 DONATION



- COLLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL PROPOSED CHANGES:** The Governors of The Colleton Primary School are consulting on proposed changes to extend the age range being educated at the school to 2-11 year olds. Please find attached details of the consultation and send any comments regarding the proposed changes by emailing: admin@colleton.wokingham.sch.uk

The consultation takes place between 10th March 2025 and 7th April 2025. [CONSULTATION DOCUMENT](#)

- SCIENCE WEEK POSTER DEADLINE:**

Posters to be submitted to Mrs Neville by Friday 28th March. Please include your name, class and age on your entry.

Competition:
Create a British Science Week poster




WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- LAST CHANCE TO VISIT THE BOOK FAIR:** "A massive *Thank You* to all our families who have visited the Book Fair this week, and for your patience waiting to pay. We have far exceeded previous sales so far, and we still have Monday after school left for anyone who has not been able to visit this week. If books are sold out, they can be ordered and paid for and delivered after the Fair has been collected.



FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

When: Tue 11th Mar, Wed 12th Mar, Thu 13th Mar and Mon 17th March 3pm to 4pm

Where: Outside the school hall, under the covering

Scan the QR code to pay online!

- NET ZERO WORK COMMENCING:** Exciting news! Solar panels are being installed onto the school hall roof from Saturday, March 22nd until Saturday 29th, March. Due to scaffolding being in place, the staff car park will **NOT** be accessible that week.

Breakfast club and After School club attendees will need to be dropped off/collected via the school office for the duration. Please be mindful of the increased traffic in and around the surrounding area and the car park directly outside school during this time.

LET'S GO ZERO 2030

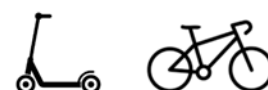
Schools working together to be zero carbon

WE'RE IN, JOIN US!

WHITEKNIGHTS HAS JOINED THE NET ZERO ACCELERATOR PATHFINDER PROGRAMME!

[Read more](#) about this exciting new initiative in school.

- RIDING BIKES AND SCOOTERS:** We have noticed that children are arriving to school on their bikes and scooters not wearing helmets! Can you ensure that they wear the correct protective headgear, and remind them to take due care and consideration to parked cars and other pedestrians.





What's on the menu?

Monday 17th March—Friday 21st March 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Next Week	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic & Herb Bread Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges Carrots & Green Beans Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with New Potatoes Chickpea & Vegetable Korma with Rice Sweetcorn & Carrots Vanilla Cake & Custard	Chicken Sausages with Roast Potatoes & Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding Vegetable Sausages with Roast Potatoes & Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding Broccoli & Green Beans Apple Flapjack & Custard	Beef Keema Curry with Basmati Rice Vegetable Bean Chilli with Soft Taco, Rice & Salsa Sweetcorn & Carrots Chocolate Krispy Cake	Battered Fish Fillet with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cornish Style Vegetable Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce Peas & Baked Beans Lemon Sponge Cake with Custard
WEEK TWO Wed 14 Jan Thu 3 Feb Wed 3 Mar Wed 21 Apr	Tomato & Basil Pasta Cheese Pinwheel with Potato Wedges Sweetcorn & Green Beans Berry Sponge & Custard	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges Broccoli & Sweetcorn Oat Cookie & Fresh Fruit Slices	Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes & Gravy Quorn Roast with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans & Carrots Ice Cream with Fruit Slices	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread Lentil & Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread Carrots & Sweetcorn Chocolate Mousse	Battered Fish Fillet with Tomato Sauce & Chips Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Tomato Sauce & Chips Peas & Baked Beans Marble Cake & Custard
WEEK THREE Wed 20 Jan Thu 11 Feb Wed 19 Mar Wed 3 H Mar	Pepperoni Pizza with Steamed New Potatoes Margherita Pizza with Steamed New Potatoes Carrots & Sweetcorn Apple Crumble & Custard	Chicken Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Spring Vegetable Cottage Pie & Gravy Green Beans & Broccoli Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices	Roast Gammon, Roast New Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding Vegetable Loaf with Roast New Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding Carrots & Peas Chocolate Cake & Custard	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread Quorn Bolognese with Garlic Bread Green Beans & Sweetcorn Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit Slices	Breaded Fish Fillet with Tomato Sauce & Chips Quorn Nuggets with Tomato Sauce & Chips Peas & Baked Beans Chocolate & Oranges Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

Available daily: Freshly Prepared Salad Selection • Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings • Selection of Freshly Made Bread • Fresh Fruit Platter • Yoghurt

TRAIN TO BECOME A TEACHER AT OUR SCHOOL

Do you want to make a difference to children's lives? Our School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) programme is the perfect opportunity to do so: you'll be based in the classroom, gaining your qualification at the same time.

Benefits

- Post-graduate qualification awarded by Sheffield Hallam University
- Career progression opportunities
- Hands-on experience from day 1
- Mentorship and support
- Minimum starting salary of £31,650
- A 23.6% contribution towards your pension

How to apply

- Scan the QR code to learn more
- Apply on the Department for Education's website: search for 'Bellevue Place SCITT'



Guardian Consultations – April 2nd and April 3rd 2025 – in the School Hall

Bookings for April's Guardian Consultations are now open on Arbor. This will close at 1200 on 27.03.2025.

Please book before then for ease of booking.

Once the bookings have closed on Arbor, you will need to contact the class teacher directly. The school office will forward any email requests but cannot make any adjustments without the class teacher's involvement.

Please refer to last weeks newsletter for further details.



WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)



Bookings are now open for the summer term. There will be limited spaces and will be filled on a first come first served basis. To ensure you secure a place, please complete the [booking form](#) with payment to the school office by Friday, 28th March 2025.

Mobile: 07894070551

Facebook: Lara Collins

Twitter: @laraschooldrama

Instagram: laraschoolofdrama1

Email: laraschoolofdrama@outlook.com



After school tennis sessions for children in Years 1 and 2. Fun filled sessions for all levels. Learning and developing sending and receiving and racket control, in a games based way. All equipment is provided.



[BOOK HERE](#)

- **CONSIDERATE DRIVING:** A further plea for considerate driving and parking, especially as the staff car park will be closed from 24th—28th March 2025. This is due to solar panels being installed on the school hall roof. Please be mindful of the increased traffic in and around the surrounding area and the car park directly outside school during this time. We implore you to drive with due care and consideration to pedestrians, local residents and other road users. Might we draw your attention to the [highway code, rule 243](#), which states that you should not park near a school entrance, anywhere preventing access for emergency services or on a bend.



- **COMMON WINTER ILLNESSES—PARENT GUIDANCE:** The Brookside Group Practice has provided Whiteknights with useful guidance to help you manage common childhood illnesses at home wherever possible, as well as advice on when and where to seek further help if needed. This brief guide covers coughs, colds, earaches, sore throats, and fevers. [READ THE GUIDE](#)


Please also refer to the NHS Guidance: [Is my child too ill for school?](#) which also gives useful guidelines as to whether or not to keep your child off school.
- **LOST LIBRARY BOOKS/HOME LEARNING DIARIES/KNIGHTHOOD FOLDERS:** A fee of £5.00 will be charged to replace any library books/home learning diaries or Knighthood Folders. This can be paid through Scopay before requesting a replacement.
- **BOLLARD IN OPERATION:** Just a reminder that the bollard at the school driveway entrance is in operation on weekdays during term time between
8:15am–9:00am and
3:00pm–3:45pm.

If these times pose an issue, please ensure you park with due consideration on Fairlawn Green.

WHITEKNIGHTS EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SUMMER TERM 2025

Whiteknights offers a variety of exciting After School Clubs, run by both external providers and our dedicated staff. **Just look what's on offer for our clubs this Summer Term!**

Please note: Bookings open Friday 21st March, 10am

	<p>11+ : Y4-5</p> <p>Designed for pupils preparing for the 11+ entrance exams, this club develops skills in Maths, English, verbal, and non-verbal reasoning using Century.tech. Build confidence and get ready for success!</p>	<p>WHEN: MONDAYS</p>	<p>28/04/2025- 30/06/2025 NOT running 05/05 (BH)</p>	<p>BOOKINGS VIA SCOPAY</p>
	<p>COLOURING CLUB : R-Y2</p> <p>Colouring Club is a calming, creative space for pupils to practise fine motor skills using a variety of materials. With mindfulness colouring and soothing music in the background, children can relax, chat about their interests, and unwind.</p>	<p>WHEN: MONDAYS</p>	<p>28/04/2025- 30/06/2025 NOT running 05/05 (BH)</p>	<p>BOOKINGS VIA SCOPAY</p>
	<p>FUNKY FINGERS & FEET CLUB : R</p> <p>Funky Fingers and Feet helps pupils in Reception develop fine and gross motor skills in a creative and fun way. Through exciting games and hands-on activities, they build strength, coordination, and control, supporting their physical development in an engaging and playful environment.</p>	<p>WHEN: TUESDAYS</p>	<p>29/04/2025- 01/07/2025</p>	<p>BOOKINGS VIA SCOPAY</p>
	<p>ARTS & CRAFTS : Y1-6</p> <p>This creative club offers children the chance to explore drawing, painting, sewing, and modelling. Every session is different, providing endless opportunities to express creativity and learn new skills.</p>	<p>WHEN: Y1-2 TUESDAYS Y3-4 WEDNESDAYS Y5-6 THURSDAYS</p>	<p>Y1-2 29/04/2025- 01/07/2025 Y3-4 30/04/2025- 02/07/2025 Y5-6 01/05/2025- 03/07/2025</p>	<p>BOOKINGS VIA SCOPAY</p>
	<p>CHESS : Y3-6</p> <p>Learn to play and enjoy chess. Starting from the basics, participants will progress to advanced strategies, enhancing their problem-solving, concentration, and logical thinking skills. This club is fun, inclusive and suitable for all skill levels.</p>	<p>WHEN: TUESDAYS</p>	<p>29/04/2025- 01/07/2025</p>	<p>BOOKINGS VIA SCOPAY</p>
	<p>DRAMA : R-Y6</p> <p>Explore the magic of theatre at Whiteknights! In this fun and creative club, pupils will explore acting, and stage production, building confidence and teamwork along the way. Whether they love performing or just want to try something new, it's a great space to develop skills and have fun.</p>	<p>WHEN: R-Y2 WEDNESDAYS Y3-6 FRIDAYS</p>	<p>R-Y2 23/04/2025- 25/06/2025 Y3-6 25/04/2025- 20/06/2025 INSET DAY 04/07/2025</p>	<p>DRAMA CLUB LETTER</p>
	<p>FRENCH : R-Y6</p> <p>Learn French through fun games, songs, stories, and role-play! Designed for primary-aged pupils, French Club helps children build a strong foundation in grammar and vocabulary while developing confidence in speaking and understanding French.</p>	<p>WHEN: Y2-6 MONDAYS R-Y2 TUESDAYS</p>	<p>Y3-6 28/04/25- 07/07/25 (NOT running 05/05 & 02/06) R-Y2 29/04/2025- 08/07/2025</p>	<p>FRENCH CLUB LETTER</p>



WHITEKNIGHTS EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SUMMER TERM 2025

	<p>TAG RUGBY CLUB : Y1-4 Tag Rugby club focuses on core skills—catching, passing, evading, and tagging. Open to all, pupils can experience rugby, regardless of their skills. Develop abilities, make new friends, and grow on and off the field — following the TREDs values: teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline, and sportsmanship.</p>	<p>WHEN: Y1-2 WEDNESDAYS Y3-4 FRIDAYS</p>	<p>Y1-2 23/04/2025- 14/05/2025 Y3-4 25/04/2025- 16/05/2025</p>	<p>BOOKINGS VIA SCOPAY</p>
	<p>GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB : Y3-6 Our Girls' Football Club is a fantastic opportunity for girls of all abilities to develop their skills, build confidence, and enjoy the game in a supportive and fun environment. Girls are encouraged to join to improve their technique, make new friends, and grow their love for football.</p>	<p>WHEN: WEDNESDAYS</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>BOOKINGS VIA SCOPAY</p>
	<p>OUTDOOR ADVENTURES CLUB : R-Y2 Embark on thrilling journeys with our Outdoor Adventures Club, where children explore nature, develop useful skills, and engage in team-building activities that foster confidence and a love for the great outdoors.</p>	<p>WHEN: MONDAYS</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>BOOKINGS VIA SPORT4KIDS</p>
	<p>FOOTBALL CLUB : R-Y6 Join our dynamic Football Club where young athletes develop their skills through age-appropriate training, progressing through levels with the support of dedicated coaches.</p>	<p>WHEN: R-Y2 TUESDAYS Y3-6 THURSDAYS</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>BOOKINGS VIA SPORT4KIDS</p>
	<p>BASKETBALL CLUB : Y3-6 Dribble, shoot, and score in our Basketball Club, where children learn the fundamentals of the game, improve their coordination, and enjoy friendly competition in a supportive environment.</p>	<p>WHEN: WEDNESDAYS</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>BOOKINGS VIA SPORT4KIDS</p>
	<p>MULTI SKILLS CLUB : R-Y2 Our Multi-Skills Club offers a diverse range of sports and activities, allowing children to develop various physical abilities, enhance teamwork, and discover new interests in a fun and inclusive setting.</p>	<p>WHEN: FRIDAYS</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>BOOKINGS VIA SPORT4KIDS</p>
	<p>TENNIS : Y1-2 Join these fun filled sessions for all levels. Learning and developing sending and receiving and racket control, in a games based way. All equipment is provided however if your child wishes to bring their own racket this is also fine.</p>	<p>WHEN: THURSDAYS</p>	<p>01/05/2025- 11/07/2025</p>	<p>BOOKINGS VIA MATT REID PROCOACHING</p>

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- [NURSERY TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [NURSERY TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- [RECEPTION TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [RECEPTION TERMLY OVERVIEW](#) [KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER](#)

Next week Crystal class will be attending the school library.

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Blue house (Bedevere)	Yellow house (Galahad)	Red house (Lancelot)	Green house (Melion)

Please can your child bring their library book back to school on the day their house is due to visit the library. Then, they can return their book and take out a new one.



YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- [YEAR 1 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 1 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)
- [YEAR 1 HOMEWORK SCHEDULE:](#)
- [YEAR 2 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 2 OVERVIEW](#)

Homework due date	Pages to complete
4 th March	61-63
11 th March	64-67
18 th March	68-70
25 th March	71-74
1 st April	75-77

YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- [YEAR 3 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 3 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)
- [YEAR 4 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 4 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)

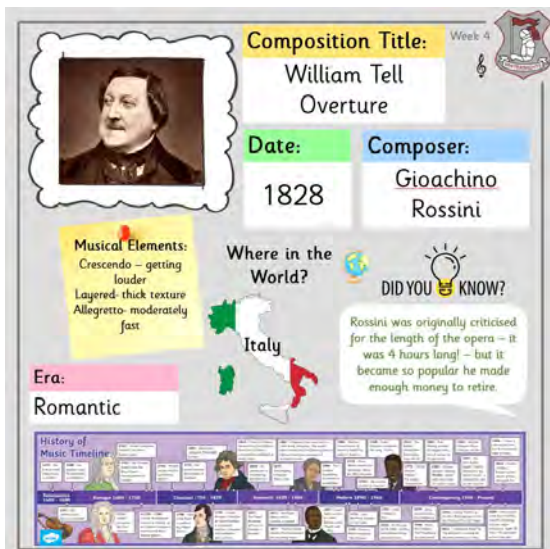
YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- [YEAR 5 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 5 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)
- [YEAR 6 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 6 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)
- **YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS:** Please ensure you email the school office with date/s that your child will be attending their secondary school transition day.

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



Week 4

Composition Title: William Tell Overture

Date: 1828

Composer: Gioachino Rossini

Musical Elements: Crescendo – getting louder
Layered-thick texture
Allegretto-moderately fast

Where in the World? Italy

DID YOU KNOW? Rossini was originally criticised for the length of the opera – it was 4 hours long! – but it became so popular he made enough money to retire.

Era: Romantic

History of Music Timeline

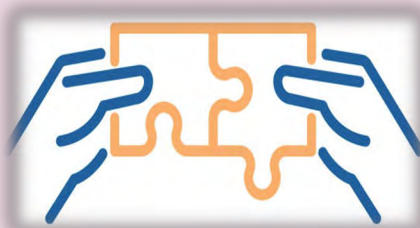
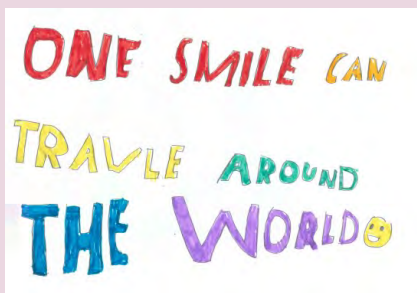
This week we have moved to the Romantic era with a composition by Gioachino Rossini. *William Tell Overture* was the final opera composed by Rossini before he went into retirement.



PSHE CONNECT

This half term we are working on:
'Connecting to Others'

"Kindness is the language everyone understands."



LEARNER SHOWCASE : SCHOOL LIFE , NEWS AND LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

Discover the latest school news, including classroom highlights, sporting events, school trips and more, click on the links below:-

- **NO NEWS THIS WEEK**

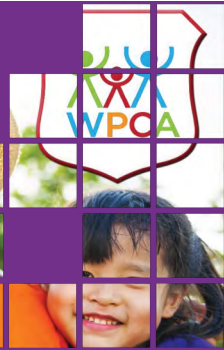
USEFUL LINKS

[SCHOOL FORMS](#)

[SCHOOL MEALS](#)

[TERM DATES](#)

WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



We can't wait to collect your textiles donations to help raise money for your school. Here's a reminder of what we can and can't accept.

We accept good quality, reusable:

Ladieswear	Menswear	Trainers	Old menswear	Babywear	Coats/Jackets	Hats/Scarves/Gloves	Washes/Baths/Smelly	Handbags/Purses	Towels	Socks
Footwear (paired & tied)	Sportswear	Highwear	Summer/Shorts	Underwear/Lingerie	Sleeping Bags	Knitting Wool	Bedding (clean/unused)	Curtains	Original CDs/DVDs	Soft Toys

We do not accept:

Diapers (liner)	Pillows (liner)	Cushions (liner)	Personalised Clothing	Dressing Gowns	Carpets/Furniture	International Suits/Coats	Books
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Nor do we accept items that are damaged by:

Animal Hair	Worm/Fraging	Make-up Staining	Deodorant/Deodorant Staining	Stained Materials	Dry/Damp Mold	Stains/Oil	Broken Zips	Ripped/Torn	Missing Buttons
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Many thanks and happy recycling!

You can now donate unwanted textiles in our recycled clothing bank at:

KIDS JUST RECYCLE

School: Whiteknights Primary School

Please donate pre-loved wearable clothing, paired shoes (tied together) and household textiles to raise much-needed funds for your school.

Thank you!

Tel: 020 3903 9933 email: enquiries@kidsjustrecycle.co.uk

Our Clothing Bank has Arrived!



We still have some outstanding prizes from the World Book Day Chocolate Bar Sale last Friday!

If not claimed from the school office by next Friday, 21st March, the prizes will be returned to the WPCA.