



WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 11TH JANUARY 2019

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DIARY DATES

All [clubs](#) are on next week!





	Parents Lunch	Class Assembly
	23 Jan	25 June
	30 Jan	14 May
	6 Mar	5 Feb
	13 Feb	19 Mar
	27 Feb	22 Jan
	6 Feb	5 Mar

[Dates are also published on our website.](#)

SCHOOL LUNCH

The menu for next week will be [Week 2 – click for details.](#)

SHOOTING STARS!

- RAVEN** for starting the New Year with enthusiasm and a big smile! 
- BONNIE** for a fantastic effort with independent writing!
- CARTER** for trying really hard with his neat handwriting! 
- CONNOR** for trying really hard in Dance and for having great concentration!
- DEMI** for excellent listening in all lessons! 
- VINNIE** for super handwriting!
- ELISSA** for writing detailed facts about Alexander Graham Bell! 
- MASON** for working hard to write on the line!

MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

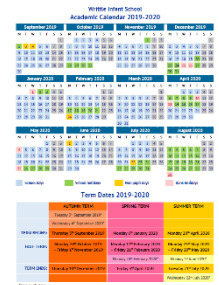
Welcome back and a belated Happy New Year to you all! It is lovely to see the children settle in so well after the break. We must begin our newsletter with a final reminder that the application deadline for admission to primary school and Year 3 at the Junior School is next Tuesday, 15th January. Please do not submit your application any later than this date, or it will only be considered once all other school places have been filled.

We had a New Year boost with a grant of £3,000 towards our Health & Happiness Hub from Ann Johnson's Educational Foundation. Together with the proceeds from ticket sales to our Christmas performances, this brings the total raised so far to around £14,000. If parents know of any other funds we can apply to, please let us know. We plan to see how much we raise this term and then take a view on the size of the project based on what we can afford.

A reminder that in our Friday celebration assemblies we love to share medals, certificates, badges etc. that the children have achieved in their activities outside of school. Teagan raised an amazing £123 for Water Aid by giving up sweets in November – what a FANTASTIC achievement! We have also introduced a Reader of the Week award for each class (see left).

In the last full week before Christmas, only one class had attendance in line with our school target and our younger classes appear to have had better attendance than our older children. While we appreciate that lots of children had the dreaded sickness bug last term, there have been a number of holiday requests and you are reminded that we can only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances.

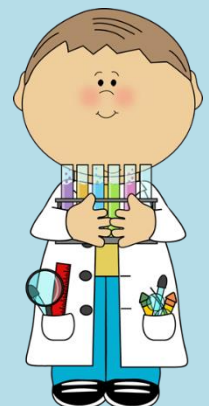
Please ensure you check our diary on the left for dates of upcoming class assemblies and parents' lunches. Dates in red are different from those previously published, to avoid parents having to take time off work twice in one week. Class assemblies take place from 9.10 – 9.45am and parents or other family members of that class are very welcome to attend. Lunch with the children starts at 11.45am for Foundation Stage and 12.05pm for Years 1 & 2. It lasts around half an hour and you can either order a meal from our school menu or bring a packed lunch with you. Further details will follow in due course. We have also published our [academic calendar for 2019-20](#), for those of you booking your summer holidays!




YEAR 2 NEWS


Happy New Year! We hope you all had a fun and relaxing Christmas break. We have launched our new topic 'Cracking Ideas' which will involve learning and finding out about inventors, explorers, artists, scientists, composers and authors. We have asked the children what they would like to learn too. The children started the week by writing about their Christmas holiday and setting goals for the New Year. We have also started a new maths unit looking at division and making the links with multiplication. Our PE sessions are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, please make sure that your children have a full PE kit in school. Next Tuesday, we have a visit from Warburtons – we'll tell you all about it next week. Just a reminder that Sharks Class Assembly will take place on Tuesday 22nd January.

[Home learning and spellings for this week](#) are published on our website.




JAMIE for being able to tell the time to o'clock! 

HUGO for trying really hard to write "I" & really enjoying our gross motor skills activities!

NATHAN for helping to make an exciting outside track for us all to play on! 

ETHAN for wonderful use of phonics sounding out & writing "Happy New Year" for the whole class to read!

READERS OF THE WEEK!



MACI, NATHAN W, JACOB, EMILIA, ROSIE F-S & ISLA NI!


COMMUNITY LINKS



3RD WRITTLE BROWNIES has moved from Saturday mornings to Monday nights. If you'd like to join a fun, friendly unit, we have spaces for the New Year. Girls aged 7-10 enjoy a range of creative, challenging and adventurous activities, which build confidence and independence. Take a look at the [Girlguiding website](#) to find out more, or to arrange a free trial session please contact Ellen Auty on 07501 221794. We look forward hearing from you!

YEAR 1 NEWS

It's lovely to see the children refreshed after the Christmas break! We have been busy this week starting a new history based topic all about inventors and inventions. The children have learned about Alexander Graham Bell and the invention of the telephone. In Maths they used the part whole model to help solve subtraction calculations and the children explored fact families. Drama was the focus of English and the children acted out the story of Little Red Riding Hood and read a play in guided reading. They also wrote facts about Alexander Graham Bell linked to history and did a story board of his life. Our PE days have changed and are now on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school. Trainers are essential this term as the children now have football lessons. [Home learning and spellings for this week](#) are published on our website.



FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

Happy New Year! It's been so lovely to have all the little Foxes and Squirrels back ready to start the new term with such enthusiasm and energy. We started the week looking at clocks and learning how to tell the time to the hour. We used lots of songs and games to consolidate our learning and even made our own little clocks. We are also very proud of how well we are doing recognising sounds and blending new words in our reading. We didn't get changed for PE this week as we are still waiting for everyone's PE kits to come into school but next week all of us will be changing into our shorts and T-shirts. [This week's Tapestry Challenge](#) is published on our website.



NOTICES

- ★ Given the wintry weather, please ensure you are aware of the [procedures we follow in the unlikely event of the school not being able to open](#), either due to severe weather conditions or other exceptional reasons such as boiler failure etc.
- ★ We support the campaign to keep Writtle Library open and have sent home a questionnaire about your use of the library which we'd be very grateful if you could return. There is an after school drop in on Mondays from 3.30-5pm and a Book Group for adults on Tuesdays from 1.45 - 2.45pm. [Opening hours are on the Library's website.](#)
- ★ We would love to equip our playground and Forest Schools area with any of the following, if you have them at home. Thank you!
 - ★ Gardening equipment (rakes, trowels, brooms, gloves etc.)
 - ★ Any spare plants, seeds, bulbs
 - ★ Any wooden storage, large trunks, planks, boards etc.
 - ★ Hammocks, tarpaulins, tents
 - ★ Sand

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)



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