

# WHITE HORSE CUBS

# NEWSLETTER

## SECOND TERM 2016

Dear All

A belated welcome back to the second term!

As mentioned previously, this year is very special to us Cubbing people as it is the Centenary year for Cubs – Cubbing has been around for the past 100 years and in celebration of this, there are a lot of fun and exciting activities planned throughout the whole year. We really encourage the Cubs to take part in as many of these as possible as it is all part of what Cubs is about and adds to the fun and adventure of the Cubbing program. One of the projects we started last term was for each Six to collect 100 x R10 notes – all proceeds to go towards saving the rhinos! The official handover of money as well as a presentation on rhinos will take place during our pack meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please can you ensure your son attends on this day. We would like the Cubs to see where the money that they raised is going.

Our theme for this term is 'It's All About the Skill' which will incorporate all different stories and movies .... Lots of fun and games ahead! Since we will be focusing on Cubbing skills, please can you try and get your son to attend as many meetings as possible as we will focus on the advancement work which is where they earn the advancement badges.



Herewith the dates for the upcoming term - please note and diarise them. These are more or less set in stone – if anything changes we will give you notice well in advance. Further details will be available once finalized.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April:** District Fun Athletics morning. This is taking place from 8:30 to 12:30 at Blairgowrie Primary School. Separate notices have been sent out.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May:** Sixers and Seconds council.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** Rhino talk – to take place during our pack meeting.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May:** Beaver Challenge - Kontiki Weekend.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** Cycle Rally at Delta.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June:** Refilwe Community Service.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Possible Family Hike – if this date does not suit then we will hold it on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Last pack meeting of the term. We will be holding our usual end of term party and details will be given closer to the time.

Otherwise that is it as far as planned events go. It is a busy term and although we don't expect the Cubs to attend all outings, we do encourage them to attend as many as possible. If anything further comes up, we will let you know in due course.



### GENERAL

- **COLLECTION OF OLD WARM CLOTHES AND BLANKETS.** As noted in the diary of events, we will be visiting Refilwe again this term. We held a district event there last year which was successful and this year we have decided to tone it down to two packs visiting at a time. So we will be partnering with the Randpark Ridge Pack. **To keep in line with the 100 years of Cubs, we would like White Horse Cubs to collect (as a pack) 100 items of warm clothing and blankets** which we can take along with us on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. Please can you have a look around the house and see if there is anything you have which can be donated towards this worthy cause.
- **RECRUITMENT** We are still looking for Cubs to join us. Although our numbers have increased a bit we still have some space for additional boys so if anyone knows of any boy wanting to join, please get the parents to give me a call. Please remember that girls are also welcome in the Scouting movement. If you know of any girls wanting to join, let me know and I will put you in touch with the mixed packs.
- **INTEREST BADGES** If your son has completed all the requirements for an interest badge, please send a letter/email outlining what he has done. If any evidence is required, he needs to bring it along to Cubs. We will then test him (just go over the requirements to ensure there is understanding on the subject). It is not always possible to test the boys on the same day as they bring everything and if we know in advance, then we can plan accordingly. Please ensure that all the 'evidence' is clearly marked with his name so that there is no confusion. The badge will be awarded as soon as possible after the testing has been done – this is not usually on the same day as we cannot keep stock of the badges and will need to get the badge from the scout shop.

And that is it for now. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call or drop me an email.

Yours in Cubbing

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