

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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December 2021

Welcome to our December edition of the newsletter. It has been a challenge but we have made it to the end of the term without having to close any classes, and we thank everyone for wearing masks, getting tests and everything you do to help us keep everyone safe and the school open. We wish everyone a really lovely Christmas, with lots of fun, and lots of rest and relaxation time too – you all deserve it.

Christmas Lunch and Winter jumper day last Wednesday were a great success – we raised nearly £200 for Save the Children and everyone looked fabulous. Lots of classes made their own hats or crackers.



Nativity Plays

Well done to EYFS and KS1 who managed to perform their nativity plays so well and a big

Diary Dates

January 2022

Thursday 6th First day of spring term

Tuesday 11th Swift class first swimming session

February 2022

Friday 18th Last day of school

19th – 27th Half term holiday

Monday 28th School starts

thank you to the staff who have managed to film and edit them – they are now available to watch on the class pages of the school website.

Happy birthday to the children (and staff) who celebrated birthdays this month: Dewi, Alyssa, Harry, George, Isaac, Ellis, Lacey, Jenson, Ryan, Lola, Connor, Darcy, Alexander, Skye, Vibisha, Tommy, Willow-Rose, Shaun & Mrs Earthrowl.

Gloucester Rugby Trip

The children who visited Kingsholme had a fabulous time on Friday 3rd December – they had a coaching session from professional players, and then formed a guard of honour for the players as they came onto the pitch! There are lots of pictures and a video on the PE page on the website. It was an amazing opportunity – thanks to Mr Jones and Miss Blake for organising it all!



PTFA News

Congratulations to the raffle prize winners and thanks to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets. Also thank you to everyone who

had a guess at the number of snowballs in the snowman, there were 283 and Freddie from Kingfisher Class was the closest and won a jar of sweets. Our PTFA is always looking to recruit parents to join the team and help come up with exciting fundraising ideas. If you are interested or would like to know more, come along to their next meeting on Wednesday 19th January at 2.30pm.

Forest Schools in the Autumn

Skylark and Nightingale classes had their last forest school sessions last week, and because of storm Barra, Nightingale had to have their last session in the classroom – but we made sure they got to have their marshmallows!



Skylark had lots of adventures during the term including den building!



Football tournament – we did report in the last newsletter but didn't have a photograph to share with you! On Friday 26th November years 3/4/5 and 6 entered in the next round of Pro Stars football tournament. The years 3 and 4 came out on top after winning 5 games and only losing 1. They brought home the trophy and will work hard to retain it in February.

Year 5 and 6 topped their group winning 3 and drawing 1 to make it to the final. It was a close match where Steam Mills came out on top 2-0. We will be back to try and win back the trophy in February. Well done everyone!



Plans for January School starts for children on Thursday 6th January 2022 – we look forward to seeing everyone then. The Department for Education have told us to expect an update in the week after Christmas and to make sure we have our plans ready for any eventuality including online learning. We know that closing schools will be a last resort, but we will be ready. Please look out for emails after Christmas.

We are hoping to run clubs and morning boosters next term, but the plans for these will be finalised in January so they will not start before 17th January 2022.

Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on Friday 28th January.

If there are any achievements or any other celebrations you want to share with everyone, we will be very pleased to feature your child in the next newsletter. Please email admin@st-whites.glos.sch.uk by Monday 24th January 2022.

