

# St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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## October 2020

Welcome to our October edition of the newsletter. We would like to thank all our parents again for keeping 'COVID safe' when dropping off and picking up at school.

### Harvest Festival

It was a shame that we could not have parents in school for our annual harvest festival assembly last week. However, thank you to everyone who brought in donations of tinned food for the food bank. The children have been creating special artwork which has been uploaded onto their class padlets; there are some beautiful and creative pieces so please do go on and have a look.



### School Council

Congratulations to our new school council members. They were elected by their classmates, and we look forward to their contribution to the school over the next year.

Sparrow – Lily-Hanna & Harry  
Skylark – Amber & Oakley  
Jay – Chanse & Luka  
Swift – Sophia & Kyler  
Woodpecker – Freya & Sammy  
Heron – Evelyn & Chloe G  
Peregrine – Holly, Keenan & Freddie

## Diary Dates

### October

23<sup>rd</sup> October – Last Day of School  
26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term Week & Progressive Sport Active Camp

### November

2<sup>nd</sup> November - School Starts  
6<sup>th</sup> November – Deadline for Xmas4Schools Artwork to be returned.  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November – Flu immunisations  
11<sup>th</sup> November – Armistice Day  
20<sup>th</sup> November – Shoe Box Appeal collection day

### Star of the Week Awards

Every week during our virtual assembly, there is a 'star of the week' pupil in each class. Well done to the children who have been awarded this month.

#### Star of the Week – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Robin - Katie  
Wren - Sara  
Kingfisher - Darcie  
Nightingale - Poppy  
Sparrow - Keith  
Skylark – Declan & Keely  
Jay – Luka & Rosie  
Swift – Kaycie-Jay  
Woodpecker – Evie-May  
Heron - Amie  
Peregrine - Alicia

#### Star of the Week – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Robin - Oscar  
Wren – Jacob T  
Kingfisher - Jackson  
Nightingale - Josh  
Sparrow – Isla-Faith  
Skylark – Daniel  
Jay – Noah  
Swift – Evelyn  
Woodpecker – Emily  
Heron - Jackson  
Peregrine – Holly & Tegan

Star of the Week – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Robin - Rory  
Wren - Niall  
Kingfisher - Tia  
Nightingale - Kacie  
Sparrow - Jonah  
Skylark – Freddie  
Jay – Miles  
Swift – Alex J  
Woodpecker – Scarlett  
Heron – Chloe B  
Peregrine – Lucas

Star of the Week – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Robin - Charlie  
Wren - Nayfeh  
Kingfisher - Ruby  
Nightingale - James  
Sparrow – Tobylee  
Skylark – Ollie  
Jay – Lily  
Swift – Aleksandar  
Woodpecker – Summer

### Class Padlets

Remember to keep checking the class padlets on the website for photos of the learning that is going on!

### Blue Peter Badges

Congratulations to Willow-Rose who also received her Blue Peter Badge. Willow created a poem about her walks in the forest during lockdown. Well done to you and everyone else who has received one!



Owning a Blue Peter Badge can gain you free entry into over 200 attractions around the country such as theme parks, zoos and castles.

To find out about how you can receive a Blue Peter badge, follow the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>.

### Shoe Box Appeal - Teams4U

We know that many parents like to complete the shoe box appeal so we are collecting boxes here for Teams4U. Boxes will need to be brought to school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November and left at top or bottom door and they will be collected on the same day. All the information about what to include etc. is on their website:

<https://teams4u.com/shoobox-appeal/>

### Christmas Cards

We want to ensure that children can send Christmas (or seasonal) Cards to each other, so we will set up post boxes at both entrances to the school which will be there from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December. We will then move the boxes indoors and quarantine them for a week. Then we will distribute cards to classes for children to take home. Please get the children to put their cards in here and not take them to class as this is far safer for everyone.



### Competition Time!

Go Ape are running a Christmas card competition this year. They are asking children from 5-10 years to take part to win some fabulous prizes. To join in with this seasonal challenge, you will need to submit a 'Christmas Outdoors' style design. All details on how to take part are below



and also featured on our art competitions page on the school website.

**Happy birthday** to the children (and staff) who have celebrated birthdays or will be celebrating during October:

Keenan, Evelyn, Emily, Chloe, Charlie, Veronica, Jacob, Todd, Myles, Harry, Lydia, William, Tobylee, Junior, Tyler-James, Evie-May, Violet, Onira, Oscar, Kleo, Dexter, Josephine., Miss Cartwright, Miss Cinderey and Ms Osborne



### Adult Education Courses

Adult Education are continuing to offer courses for parents through Zoom next term. They are offering the following courses:

- Happier and Calmer: Wellbeing at Home
- Keeping Up with The Kids Maths
- Crafting for Christmas

**Adult Education in Gloucestershire**

**Keeping Up with the Kids Maths**

A free\*online course for parents with children in Junior School. Do you find your children's maths homework challenging? Daniel can take the mystery out of maths. As a primary teacher he can work with you to explain the terms used in school.

Find out how to:

- ✓ Give your child a boost in their maths
- ✓ Get tips to help your children learn their tables and more
- ✓ Find out about fractions
- ✓ And much more

Thursdays 10:30am-11:30am from 12<sup>th</sup> November

This course is being delivered via Zoom. You can access this through your smartphone, tablet or computer. We can help you use it! To book a place please email [fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

\*free subject to eligibility

**Adult Education in Gloucestershire**

**Happier and Calmer: Wellbeing at Home**

A \*free online course for parents

We will be guiding you through the latest science on how to build a happier and calmer home

- Find ways to settle yourself in these uncertain times
- Discuss ways to make your family calmer
- Get tips to make you feel happier
- Develop yoga and mindfulness skills

Courses are running on Wednesdays and Fridays starting on 4<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 - 11.00am

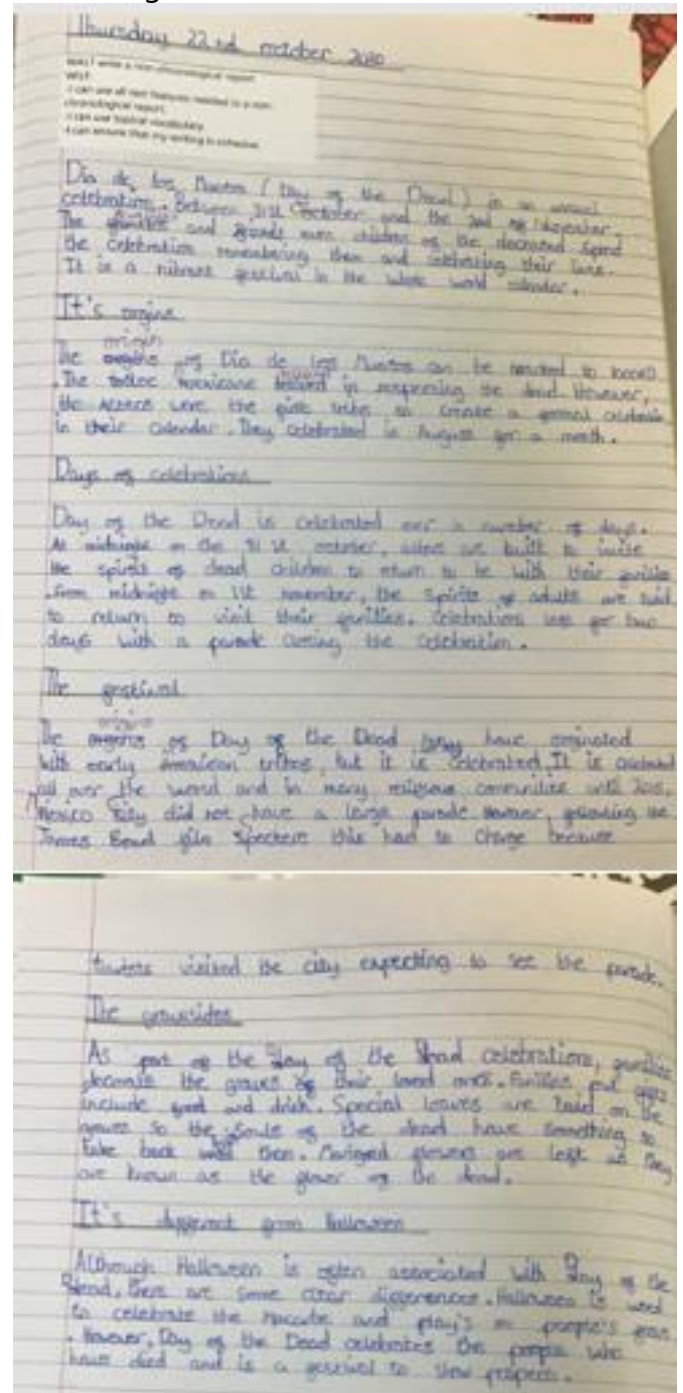
The course is being delivered via Zoom. You can access this through your smartphone, tablet or computer. We can help you to use it. To book a place, please email [fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk) or \*free subject to eligibility

Spaces are limited so contact [fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk) as soon as possible to book your space.

### Learning

It is such a privilege to be able to go and see learning in all the classes, socially distanced of course! The Y5s have been working hard and have produced some amazing writing while their classmates from Heron and Peregrine have been off having their non-

residential. Well done Jenson – your writing is amazing:



### Poppy Appeal

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November, we will be celebrating Armistice Day in school. There will be packs of poppy appeal merchandise in each classroom along with a donations pot. Suggested donation is usually £1 to £2, this can be brought in with them to class. School staff will not be handling cash, so we will not be able to give any change. Merchandise will be available from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Please understand that stock is limited this year.



## Parking

Now that the cold weather is arriving, we understand that more parents may be driving their children to school instead of walking. If you do bring or collect your child by car, please drive safely and park so that you are not blocking driveways or creating a danger for other road users and pedestrians.

## Year 6 Residential Week

What a fabulous local adventure our pupils (and staff) had this week. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 our year 6s were unable to experience the full Outward Bound Aberdovey residential. However, we are super lucky to live in such a beautiful area and we made our own "residential" for them to experience.

Our pupils took part in a range of adventurous activities to improve their team building skills and resilience. We would like to say a huge thank you to our year 6s for their bravery, sense of adventure and excellent behaviour.

All photos of the week can be found on Heron and Peregrine's class padlet.

Information for next year's Aberdovey residential will be coming out next term.

**Next Newsletter** – Our November newsletter edition will be published on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

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.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk) by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.



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