

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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We would like to welcome all our wonderful children and families back to school - it is absolutely lovely to see all of you again and to greet our new families too.

As we start a new academic year, we are trying not to overload you all with lots of pieces of information every day so we are sending out weekly information updates every Friday. Our newsletter will be a monthly edition of celebrations and events.

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. They, and their parents, have already started having an impact on the school by feeding back on policies and we are very grateful for all their hard work.

Nightingale – Savannah & Violet-Belle
Skylark – Skyla & Evie-May
Jay – Orla & William
Swift – Freddie & Lucy
Woodpecker – Evelyn, Tommy & Alex
Heron – Trinity & Soraia
Peregrine – Max & Keiva

Happy birthday to the children (and staff) who celebrated birthdays this month:

Athena, Evie, Kacie, Tiana, Marley, Mckenzie, Fae, Darcie, Levi, Melody-Dawn, Oscar, Skyla, Charlie, Lily, Max J, Leo, Drew, Max L, James, Grace, Antony, Sara, Jacob, Lacey, Callen, Edmee, Harley, Billy, Poppy, Alexa, Ryan, Sophia, Eva, Mrs Kibble and Mrs Williams.

We completely understand that your child would like to celebrate their birthday in school but please



Diary Dates

October

4th October: Individual School Photos
5th October: Parent Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
6th October: Peregrine Allotment Session
7th October: Parent Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
11th October: KS2 Cheltenham Literature Festival
13th October: Kingfisher Allotment Session
11th – 21st October: SEN Meetings
15th October: LKS2 Archaeology Trip
15th October: PTFA Bingo Night 6pm – 7pm
20th October: Swift Allotment Session
22nd October: Harvest Festival & Last Day of Term

remember that bringing sweet treats into class is not allowed due to potential allergies within their group.

HERON PROJECT GROUP ARE BACK!

Hello, we are the Heron project group and we are wanting to help the school and the local community. As a small team we require your help to come up ideas on what can be changed about the school and the local community. We are ready for a challenge and are extremely committed hardworking pupils.

Last year, Heron project group raised enough money to buy a defibrillator and we are hoping to achieve something just as important. Please follow the link below to fill out a survey on what ideas you have. Every response will be valued and considered. We would like you to complete this at your earliest convenience to help us achieve something special.

[Heron Project Survey](#)

Yours sincerely, Soraia, Edmée, Trinity, Evie and Emily.

Achievements

Well done to Lola, Bradley, Ryan W, Keith, Jayden, Ryan, James, Samuel, Clark and Lilly-Hanna in Skylark who all reached their 5m certificate in swimming. You should all be super proud of yourselves.

During the lockdowns, Skyla came up with a beautiful idea and made reading videos which

she shared with her family and friends. It really helped them through the tough times and she wanted to share them with everyone. Skyla's videos have been posted on our Bedtime Stories padlet which can be found on our school website. We encourage everyone to have a look because who doesn't love a bedtime story? If you have a video of your child reading a book and would like them to feature on our bedtime stories padlet please email miablake@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange this.

Athena completed a 5 kilometre inflatable run with her family on Saturday which is an amazing effort! She received a badge and a certificate for taking part, well done Athena!



Dewi in Heron Class has been a Cub for a couple of years with 1st Cinderford Cubs. He has been working hard to achieve the Chief Scouts silver award which is the highest award a cub can receive. Even though Dewi lost a lot of time to work on this due to covid he finally managed to achieve his silver award, just in time before he moves up to Scouts. Look at the badges he has received, well done Dewi!



Star of the Week Awards

Every week there is a 'star of the week' and a 'sports star of the week' pupil in each class. Currently we are particularly celebrating 'commitment' to both work and sport. Well done to the children who have received awards this month.

Week commencing 13th September 2021		
	Star of the Week	Sports Star of the Week
Robin	Teegan	Max
Wren	Spencer B	Milo
Kingfisher	Ava	Dexter
Nightingale	Tiana	Izzy
Sparrow	Oliver	Tobias
Skylark	Piper	Jayden
Jay	Georgia	Millie
Swift	Belle	Oakley
Woodpecker	Tommy	Evelyn
Heron	Eva	Harry F
Peregrine	Ellie	Keaton

Week commencing 24 th September 2021		
	Star of the Week	Sports Star of the Week
Robin	Eli	Marley
Wren	Rueben	Keali
Kingfisher	Freddie	Keela
Nightingale	Lawrence	Sara
Sparrow	Ruby	Leiah
Skylark	Bradley	Isla-Faith
Jay	Luis	Owen
Swift	Freddie	Ada
Woodpecker	Alex	Lacey
Heron	Trinity	Gene
Peregrine	Summer	Charlie

Week commencing 27th September 2021		
	Star of the Week	Sports Star of the Week
Robin	Jack	Eva
Wren	Mia	Rudy
Kingfisher	Daniel	Jacob T
Nightingale	Charlie	Elsie
Sparrow	Josh	Leo S
Skylark	James	Evie-May
Jay	Millie	Lowri
Swift	Angelina	Harry H
Woodpecker	Neiva	Todd
Heron	Dexter	Darcie
Peregrine	Scarlet	Darcie

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancies open for midday supervisor contracts and for a wraparound care assistant. If you would like more information about the positions, please go onto the school website or speak to the office staff. The application form and all the documents are on our vacancy page on the school website. We are always looking for volunteers to help support our children with their reading skills, please contact the school to register your interest.

Week commencing 6 th September 2021		
	Star of the Week	Sports Star of the Week
Robin	Oscar	Henry
Wren	Lyra	Nate
Kingfisher	Finley	Emily T
Nightingale	Scarlett	Rory
Sparrow	Fae	Josephine
Skylark	Samuel	Lola
Jay	Jimmy	Ben
Swift	Chanse	Skye
Woodpecker	Sam	Lucas
Heron	Soraia	Harry H
Peregrine	Heidi W	Max J

Reading Evening

Thank you to everyone who came along to our reading evening; it a great success! It was so lovely to see parents become so involved in the stories. We look forward to welcoming you all in again soon.



Climbing Fun

Earlier this week all classes had the opportunity to try out their climbing skills on a mobile climbing wall, provided by The Warehouse Climbing Centre who are based in Gloucester. It looked like everyone had lots of fun, including the staff and parents. We hope to offer more opportunities like this again.



PTFA Bingo Night

The PTFA is holding a bingo night on Friday 15th October. Tickets must be purchased in advance so that numbers can be monitored. Entry is £5 for 4 players (£1.00 for additional players) which includes 5 games, complimentary soft/hot drink and snacks. Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase on the night. Please go to the school office where you can purchase your entry ticket.

All proceeds will be given to the school PTFA to help purchase school equipment.

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 13th October at 2.30pm.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Friday 15th October 2021
6.00 PM - 7.00 PM

St White's School Hall, Sneyd Wood Entrance

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Advice and Support from Kerry

As you are all aware Erica is currently off on maternity leave and welcomed her beautiful baby girl, Indie in July. Congratulations to the family and welcome to the St White's family Indie!

During the summer we appointed the lovely Kerry to help support our families and children whilst Erica is away. Some of you may have already spoken and met with Kerry but for those of you who haven't, please see below:

Hello! Some of you have met me already, I am Miss Dixon although I don't mind if you would like to call me Kerry. I am really enjoying my new role as the Family Support Worker at St



White's and am looking forward to getting to know more of you and supporting you in any way that I can. I am a qualified Primary teacher and have recently returned from teaching for four years in Dubai. I am looking forward to spending my first winter back in the U.K and going on some walks in the woods with my gorgeous dog Monty. I love spending time with

my family, friends and pets as I am a huge animal lover! I enjoy creative activities including painting and resin art work, I love reading and am proud of my growing book collection. Please do let me know if you would like to arrange a meeting if you feel that you need a little extra support or if you would like to come and have a cuppa and a chat ☺

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Summer update from the School Allotment.

Over the Summer holidays the vegetables and wild flowers sown after the last frosts put on steady growth, despite the average summer, and so the first half of Autumn Term has been spent taste testing and enjoying the fruits of our labours.

Skylark had the treat of the picking the first of the tomatoes that were sown back in March by Sparrow. We inspected the ever growing Pumpkins, chased some very



fast grasshoppers and saved calendula seeds for drying and sowing next spring.

Heron tasted the tomatoes and Mrs Self organised the harvest of them before blight



ruined them all. The pea tee-pee needed dismantling and we saved seeds from the dry pods to use again next year. The mashed potato squash produced a few summer squash which I took home and



saved the seeds so hopefully we may have some young plants for sale next spring. I baked them for 50 minutes. I have to say they were delicious and really do taste just like mashed

potato (but a quarter of the calories and carbs!).

Nightingale took great care measuring out the sowing depth and distance of the autumn broad bean seeds – and as the tassels on the sweet corn were starting to turn we all had good look at the cobs and decided there were definitely a few ready for picking and eating raw.



The rest of the Autumn Term we are going to be busy planting garlic cloves and sowing green manure seeds (a cover crop) to overwinter and improve the soil structure ready for when we return

to the allotment in the second half of the Spring Term.

Thank you to everyone who had been so kind and helped with the Allotment as it brings the natural cycle of seed from plot to plate full circle for the



children in a very 'hands on' way. I look forward to sharing it with you all again in 2022.

Nicky the Gardener

Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter edition of the year will be published on Friday 22nd October 2021

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 by Monday 18th October 2021.



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