

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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This is our last newsletter of 2019/20 and today we have said a sad farewell to our Year 6 pupils who are going on to their next adventures!

It has been such a strange year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all. You have worked so hard to support your children with their home learning and this is an amazing achievement! They will reap the rewards in September and you should feel very proud of yourselves! Thank you. Also, thank you to all the parents who were able to bring their children back to school this term. You have done a great job of teaching your children about the needs to socially distance, which has made our lives much easier. You have also been very understanding about the new routines around dropping off and collecting the children. This has made the whole school run smoothly. It is because of your engagement that we are able to suggest shorter windows of time in September – you are now experts!

The children have been so good about the transition to their new classes despite not being able to have their usual transition time with their new teachers. We are very proud of their resilience and would like to say a big, 'Thank you,' to them too.

As we say a sad goodbye to our year 6 children, we welcome a new cohort into our reception classes. We are looking forward to September when we will all reset for the new academic year and see what 2020-2021 brings us! Have a lovely summer.

Mrs Clare Tilling

On behalf of the governing board:

We are finally at the end of a rather strange academic year! I know times have been difficult for children, their families and the staff at St White's but we can see a glimmer of light at the

Diary Dates

16th July – Last day of term.

17th July – Inset day & September new starter visits (Pre-booked appointments only).

September

1st September – Inset day

2nd September – School starts

end of the tunnel. Ordinarily, the governing board would request that I send an end of year report to parents, but as with most things this year, we have had to change tack in some areas and so this year there will be no report. However, I am confident that because of the hard work put in by staff and parents/carers that our children will have done the best they possibly can before the end of the year. On behalf of the governing board, I would like to wish all our Y6 leavers a successful transition to their next stage in education. Next year will, I am sure, continue to be strange and maybe sometimes even a struggle, but by working together we are stronger and I am sure we will make the best out of any situation we have. The safety of us all is paramount and you can be assured that when we all return in September; we will continue to do our utmost in limiting the risks to all of us while continuing to provide the best education we can to all our children. Finally, on behalf of the governing board, I would like to wish all the children and their families a happy summer break and hope you make the best of what is available.

Virtual Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Today was the Year 6's last day at St White's. They will be sadly missed by all the staff. Although they did not get the usual farewell, we were able to put together a virtual assembly with all classes and year 6 parents. It was lovely to look back on their memories during their time here. A video of the assembly has been uploaded to the school website and will be available to

watch until the end of the month. Thank you to Miss Cinderey for all of her hard work on this!

Lockdown Sketching Challenge

Well done to all those children who participated in the Sketching Challenge over lock down. It was wonderful to see so many of you getting artistic at home. Emmy made a wonderful effort with all of her drawings and has received a Commitment to Art certificate. Well done!

Remember, if you have been getting creative at home send some pictures in to Miss Evans on art@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk and then you may see them featured on the school website Art Gallery!

Competitions during lockdown

Congratulations to Poppy Smith who was awarded a commendation in the 11 and under age group at this years 'storytellers competition'. Her story was entitled 'Daisy Sparkle Glitter Dreams Day with Fashion'.

Congratulations to Evelyn who won second prize in the 500-word story competition for Mitcheldean young writers.

Congratulations to Marley, Bella and Emily who took part in the Hands on Art competition organised by Forest of Dean Rotary Club. Emily came 2nd place in the upper school category, Bella was a finalist in the lower school category and Marley's artwork was highly commended by the panel. Have a look at their entries below.



Let's take our hands for a walk in the woods and listen to the magical whispers of the forest.



You should all be so proud of your accomplishments during lock down!

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

Dexter, Toby, Chloe, Mya, Samantha, Ayrton, Taylor, Olivia, Alyssa, Alice, Kingsley, Lucy, Cohen, Belle, Grace, Piper, Freddie, Jayden, Daniel, Alicia, Coby, Tylan-James, Amber, Albie, Elsie, Ava, Holly, Kosay, Miss Hyndman, Mrs Jones and Mr Jones.



Life in Lockdown – Gloucester Museum

The Museum of Gloucester is inviting everyone in the county to capture their memories of Gloucestershire during the period of lockdown, for an exhibition titled 'A Life in Lockdown'. They are hoping to display as many memories as possible in an exhibition at the museum in Autumn 2020. If you wish to get involved, please submit

your entries by Friday 31st July 2020.

For more information go to the Museum of Gloucester

website: <https://www.gloucester.gov.uk/museum-of-gloucester/latest-news/a-life-in-lockdown-exhibition/>:

AUTUMN 2020...

'A LIFE IN LOCKDOWN' EXHIBITION



MUSEUM OF GLOUCESTER
#ALifeInLockdown

Summer reading challenge

Gloucestershire Libraries reopened on the 13th July therefore you will be able to get started on the summer reading challenge. You will only be able to take out books on an appointment basis. Please contact them for more information. Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge online

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> We will celebrate those who do complete this in the autumn term.

Stormbreak Summer Challenge

Stormbreak is a children's mental health and movement charity, based in the South West. Over the summer, they will be organising

a summer challenge which all families can take part in. This challenge will be starting on 1st August so if you wish to be involved please head over to www.stormbreak.org.uk to sign up.

For all information on competitions and challenges during the summer please head over to our competitions page on the school website.

Rags to Riches

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Rags to Riches collection. We have managed to raise £115.90 for our school. Thank you to the PTFA for organising this collection.

Highlights of this year

Stonehenge Trip

Last September, year 3 and 4 had the amazing opportunity to visit Stonehenge as part of their topic on the Stone Age and Iron Age. They experienced some aspects of Neolithic life and learnt about the myths and legends of Stonehenge.



Cheltenham Literature Festival Trips

All the classes from Year 1 upwards visited the Cheltenham Literature Festival in October and had a wonderful time! KS1 saw a live performance and KS2 went to see the authors of the books they were reading in class. Year 6s met the author and got their books signed!

Year 6 Residential trip to Aberdovey



What a fabulous adventure our year 6s had last October! Well done to all the children for their bravery, sense of adventure and excellent behaviour. We hope you take the lessons learnt at Aberdovey on with you into Year 7!

PTFA Pantomime Trip to Bristol Hippodrome

Back in December we went to the Bristol Hippodrome to see Dick Whittington. What an amazing time we had (Oh yes we did)! A really big thank you to the PTFA and all the staff and helpers! The pantomime was an amazing experience for the children – so bright and colourful and wickedly funny!



Let's go Worcester, Let's go!

Before we all went into lockdown in March, a group of children went to Worcester University Arena to watch Worcester Wolves play basketball against Sheffield Sharks. We are hoping to run this trip again because it was so much fun!



Next Newsletter – The first Newsletter of the school year will be published on Friday, 11th September 2020.



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