

St White's Primary School

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We hope everyone had a good Easter and just wanted to thank all the children and parents who are staying at home to keep themselves and everyone else safe! Also, a huge thank you to our parents who are key workers who we know are working hard to help care for everyone and to make sure that essential services keep running. As you know, staff are working on a rota in school to be here to support the children of key workers who are unable to be supported at home.

Learning is still at the heart of all we do. As you know, the teachers are working hard to plan and share daily lessons for the children and are keeping in touch with their classes through the class emails, both when they are in school, and when working from home. We are hugely grateful for all the support that you are giving your children with their learning at home in these very difficult circumstances. We know how difficult it is for you to balance home learning with all the other demands on your time, and are very grateful for all you are doing.

Teachers are putting examples of the pictures they receive onto the padlets. Please do have a look as the pictures are fabulous. If your children are missing their friends, please encourage them to have a look too so that they can see what everyone is up to. We have spoken to several parents who have used the class pages on the website in this way and they say it is really helping their children feel connected to their friends. Here are just a few of the pictures to give you a taste!

Diary Dates

We will let you know as soon as we know !!





Messages from your teachers:

Sparrow Class

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the many parents who have engaged in the home learning for this week. I have been absolutely delighted to receive so many emails of the children's work and it is clear to see that you and your children have been working incredibly hard. I really loved seeing pictures of all of the exotic animals that turned up at your houses on Monday and enjoyed reading your letters about all of the exciting things you got up to with your animals. Keep up the hard work and I look forward to receiving lots more emails in the coming weeks, Miss Lewis.

Nightingale Class

Hello Nightingales. We hope you are all well and are keeping safe. We wanted to thank all of you who have been in contact to share your learning and pictures of the wonderful things you have been getting up to over the last few weeks. Please do keep sending them through. We love seeing them all and we know your friends are enjoying looking at the photos on the class padlet too. If you have not sent us an email yet, please do so to nightingale@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk. Please feel free to send pictures of your learning, pictures of the other things you have been doing (baking, walking, etc) or even just to say hello. We hope to see you all very soon. Mrs Hewitt and Mrs Conlin.

Kingfisher Class

Hello everybody! As we approach the end of the first week of the summer term, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you all. I have been amazed by your continued commitment to supporting your children with their learning at home. You have adapted so quickly to taking on this additional role, which I'm sure is not what you were expecting for this term! Kingfishers, I hope you are all enjoying learning at home with your families. I know that this is a strange situation and that you are missing your friends and our school routine, I am too! Despite all of this, you have continued to be enthusiastic about your learning and I have been really impressed with all of the work that I am seeing you do every day. Keep up the great work. I am looking forward to seeing you all (hopefully) very soon. Mrs Morgan

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

Keith, Madison, Toby, Noah, Georgia-Rose, Ruby, Maiya, Lexi-Anne, Adrian, Angelina, Vinnie, Dominic, Zara, Rahn timer, Toby and Miss Blake, Mrs Pendrey and Mrs Sturman-Guest!!



Jay Class

Thank you to everyone who has been in contact on our class email. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading and seeing what you have been doing. Your 'big art rivers' were a huge success this week - it was wonderful seeing all the creative ways you produced them. I can see most of you have been able to access the maths even if there were a few teething problems on Monday. Keep it up everyone - I'm really proud of you all and missing you lots. Mrs Haroun

Robin Class

Hi everyone, I am extremely thankful for all the hard work and dedication being shown to the home learning. I am overwhelmed by the fantastic work being completed at home. You are all doing amazing jobs and I just wanted to say thank you for taking responsibility for your child's learning because you are making a huge difference to their education and their development. Please continue and remember to get in contact if you need support. Stay safe and stay at home. Mr Brown

Wren Class

Hello Wren Class children and parents, I hope you are all well and enjoying being at home with your families. I just want to say I really miss being in school with you and having lots of fun with you all! However, you are doing a super job at doing the activities we set you, so thank you and keep it up! I love seeing the amazing and fun things you have been up to. Remember, storms don't last forever. Stay safe. Miss Hodson

Woodpecker Class

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all parents for all the incredible learning that has been going on at home. Clearly, we are all in an unusual situation but it has been so lovely to see all of the hard work and effort that the children have continued to put into their learning. I hope that the work set has been helpful in giving the children some familiar routines as well as being enjoyable! I hope you have all been enjoying the extra time spent with your families as well as the wonderful weather.

I know I speak for all staff when I say that we are missing our pupils and are very much looking forward to welcoming them back in the future. In the meantime, stay safe and keep up the great commitment to your child's learning. Mr. Thompson.

Swift Class

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers working so incredibly hard over the past few weeks in such difficult circumstances. It has been an absolute joy to be able to share your great learning online and to celebrate it on our padlet and youtube. I hope you're all staying safe and getting to enjoy this glorious sunshine we've been having. Keep up the good work guys and please don't hesitate to email me if there's anything you need at all. Mr Paterson

Peregrine Class

Thank you very much Peregrine for all of the home learning that you have sent me this week. I have loved seeing what you have been up to and I can see that you are all working really hard. Well done. Sorry parents that Monday's English resulted in extra chocolate being eaten! Well done Peregrine for writing such persuasive letters. Please do keep in touch by email or on the Peregrine padlet pages. I am looking forward to hearing what you are getting up to. Miss Cinderey

Heron Class

Hello everybody, I am truly missing teaching you all and I hope you are all safe and well. I have been receiving some fantastic work this week so please keep this up. Well done to your parents and carers for becoming your new teachers and adapting at this difficult time. Please remember to stay active and if there is anything you need please email me. Hopefully see you soon. Mr Jones

Skylark Class

Hello Skylark children and families, we would like to say a great big 'THANK YOU!' to all of you who have been working so hard this week at home. We are so impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm that you have shown in completing the tasks that we have set you. We really miss all of you and it has been lovely receiving your daily emails sharing your learning and keeping us up to date with how you are getting on. We are so proud of the positive way in which you are embracing your home learning and we love hearing about all the fun things you are doing during your time at home too. Please take a look at our Skylark page on the school website to see what your friends have been up to and to see some of the amazing learning that has taken place this week. Take care all of you, Miss Underwood and Mrs King

Allotment News from Nicky

St White's School Allotment has had a makeover since the Gardening Club took over one of the raised beds. Their shallots and radish are showing through and looking very healthy ... and now the rest of the salad bed has been planted with



carrots, spinach and salad leaves. The wigwam has a crop of peas starting to climb the string supports and the new potato crop has just been covered to protect it from late frosts. Garlic and broad bean crops should be ready in June and the strawberry bed has now been weeded so we will need to harvest them in late June. The overwintered green manure has been dug in ready for a three sisters bed of sweetcorn, climbing beans and squash to be planted in May for the autumn. We look forward to the children returning and harvesting with us in months to come. If you visit the "Ruspidgegrows" Facebook & Instagram pages on the Newsletter you can see live video of the school allotment plot activity! Nicky the Gardener



Message from Ginnie:

Hey everybody! I'm still trying to keep busy during lockdown. It means I get lots of long walks and lots of time to snooze... but of course I am still getting up to do PE with Jo every morning, are you? Can't wait to see you all soon, stay safe, Ginnie

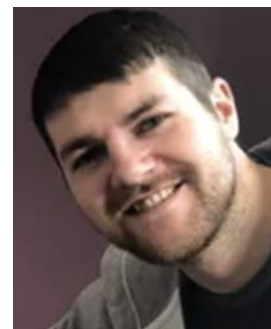


Art Challenge Hi everyone, just want to remind you all that there is an art challenge being posted daily on the art challenge Padlet. I would love to see what art you have been getting up to over the last few weeks, please forward photos of art directly to me at art@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk Also get in touch if you have any ideas or would like help with anything arty! Can't wait to hear from you! Stay safe, Miss Evans.

P.S. There are other competitions and challenges on the school website too – keep looking out for ideas!!

Plans! Even though the school is closed, we are doing our best to carry on with everything we usually do at this time of year. The Year 6 Leavers Hoodies have been ordered and children are working on their Year Book. We are planning the transition for new children who will be joining us in Reception in September and working on plans for classes for next year.

Mr Brown is fundraising for the NHS! Mr Brown and his football club are raising money to support the NHS to buy new equipment, protective clothing and help save lives. Many



people have already donated and we are extremely grateful to them. Mr Brown has decided that he is prepared to shave off his hair to raise even more money for the NHS. All you have to do to support him, is to go onto the link (below) and donate some money. Please remember that you should only donate if you can and what you can. If we, as the St White's Community, can raise some money, Mr Brown will shave his hair! He will post before and after pictures so you can see what he looks like! Finally, please remember to look after your families and stay home and stay safe.

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Ruard-ean-Hill-Rangers-FC/100009735069839>

Messages from home!

Kelsi and Ellis are helping out with looking after some new born lambs at home.



Next Newsletter – We will continue to publish a newsletter every few weeks – so please do send us articles about what you have been up to, along with photographs, drawings or stories that you have written. Also, let us know about your celebrations and special events at home. We will create another newsletter in May and look forward to reading about all your news!

Everyone!!!

I would like to thank every single one of you for your help and support in these very difficult times. In particular, I would like to thank those of you who are getting in touch with us, either here at school, or via the class emails. It is really lovely to be able to keep in touch and offer support if it is necessary. Keep safe.

Mrs Tilling

And Daniel's mum has a fabulous idea for anyone who is struggling to buy liquid hand soap – making soap "petals" using a potato peeler from a bar of soap – they are really pretty and more hygienic as you pick one petal at hand washing time rather than having to handle the whole bar, it makes the soap last longer and it makes the bathroom smell wonderful!



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