

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer Celebrate



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Welcome Back – A very warm welcome back to everyone following the Easter break. The weather wasn't especially kind but hopefully everyone had an enjoyable holiday, and are ready for the term ahead.



Talent Show – Another show and another huge success is probably the best way to describe the evening of the Talent Show.

A wonderful evening was had by all, and the talent that our pupils showcased was just



incredible! Congratulations to everyone who took part in the heats and also the finals.

A very special thank you to Miss Hyndman, the School Council and the PTFA for organising the whole event, and to all our 'Guest' Judges who had an extremely tough job to do!

London Marathon – On behalf of everyone at St White's, we would all like to wish Mr Mitch Griffin the very best of luck this weekend, when he competes in the London Marathon on Sunday to raise money for his chosen charity 'Meningitis Now'.



Diary Dates

April

26th – Maths Challenge, Dene Magna
27th – Tempest Class Photos

May

1st – 31st – **KS1 SAT Testing**
2nd – Learning alongside your child in Class **afternoon from 2.00 pm**
14th – 17th – **KS2 SATS Testing**
22nd – School Council visit to Imperial War Museum and Houses of Parliament

June

5th – Aspirations Day
6th – Cheltenham Science Festival Trip – Yrs 1 & 2
7th – Cheltenham Science Festival Trip – Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6
8th – Cheltenham Science Festival Young Scientists visit
11th – 15th – **Phonics Testing Week**
13th – New Parents Information Evening – Reception intake September 2018 – 6.00 pm
14th – Learning alongside your child in Class – Reading – 9.00 am
14th – Country Dance Festival, Speech House – 6.30 pm
20th – Country Dance Festival (Reserve Date)
28th – Parents information session re new classes September 2018 – 3.30 pm

July

5th – Sports Day – 1.30 pm
9th – Upper KS2 Topic Celebration – 2.45 pm
10th – Lower KS2 Topic Celebration – 2.45 pm
11th – KS1 Topic Celebration – 2.45 pm
11th – Swimming Gala – 1.30 pm
12th – Sports Day (Reserve Date) – 1.30 pm
17th – Yr 6 Leavers Play performances (1.30 pm & 6.00 pm)
20th – Yr 6 Leavers Service (times TBC)

Final figures that have come in for sponsor monies raised for Sports Relief and 'Meningitis Now' have confirmed figures of £658.00 being donated to each charity –

thank you to everyone for your support and generosity!

There will be an update on the next letter, as to how Mr Griffin got.

Parentpay and New School Meal Booking System

– Firstly, sincere apologies for the inconvenience caused this week, following the launch of the new school meal booking system through Parentpay. Unfortunately launch clashed with a price increase for school meals, which caused unforeseen problems. As you can imagine there have been lengthy discussions between all companies involved, and the school, to ensure that all issues were rectified as soon as possible, including reimbursement of any monies that parents were requested to pay in error.



The school has been assured that everything **should** be correct and up and running, ready for next week. ***This means that all parents need to book their menu choices on line by Sunday at the very latest, ready for the week ahead. Please remember that you can book for more than one week at a time, but all lunches must be paid for within the 2 hour time slot, otherwise these choices will be lost.***

IF YOU ARE BOOKING MEALS WEEKS IN ADVANCE – PLEASE CHECK DATES OF ANY FORTHCOMING TRIPS AND REMEMBER NOT TO BOOK FOR THESE DATES!!

The administration team we will be checking on Monday that everything is in place, and that meals for all pupils are provided.

Thank you for your patience – if there are any families with problems logging on still, please do contact the office ASAP.

School Crossing Patrol - A reminder to all parents/carers that from Wednesday next week, due to staff sickness, there will be no School Crossing Patrol on St White's Road for the foreseeable future.



Please can everyone take extra care when crossing this very busy stretch of road, and for those parents with pupils who walk to and from school alone, please reiterate the importance of being extra careful.

If any parent or care is interested in training to take on the role as School Crossing Patrol for St White's, dp please come to the office and staff will put you in touch with the Integrated Transport Unit at GCC.

Wrap Around Care and Minibus – Both of these initiatives are proving to be very successful indeed. As a result, the school is looking for additional relief staff to help with each of



these ventures. If you think you might be interested in joining the team, do come along and speak with Mrs Cross.

News from around the Classrooms – Jay, Swift & Skylark Classes – Lower KS2 brought along various



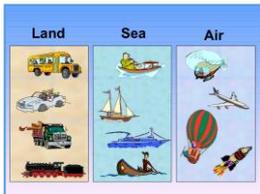
modes of



transport into school on the first day back! The classes spent time outside comparing the various forms of transport, and took part in 'Wacky Races', recording laps and times. Lots of fun was had by all and Mr Thompson even donned his roller-skates!

New Topics – Newsletters from each phase will be coming out soon. The topics are all very exciting!

Upper Key Stage 2



are

studying the

Ancient Greeks,

Lower Key 2 are studying Modes of Transport and

Key Stage 1 are studying Toys. And finally, EYFS

are studying growing.

Learning Alongside Your Child Sessions –

Teachers thought that this term it would be really good for parents to come along to school and join in learning about other aspects of the curriculum. The school is really lucky to have excellent links with the local community police, who are coming in on the 2nd May to support us with an afternoon of learning about online safety. This will replace the learning alongside your



child session that had been calendared for the 10th May. The session will start at 2.00pm and will be followed up by the children supporting a presentation of the learning in an assembly at 2.45. Parents will be very welcome to stay to the assembly too!

Royal British

Legion – Cinderford Branch of the Royal



British Legion joined us for the celebration assembly on the last day of term.

Following on from Armistice Day last November, the Legion came into school to present an award to St White's Primary School for collecting the most donations for this wonderful cause, within the local area. A cup was presented to the school, which has been engraved and is held in the Reception area until the end of the year.

Attendance – This week has been terrific, with only a very small number of pupils absent. Whole school attendance now stands at 96.58%, and for this week whole school attendance overall is 98%.



Congratulations to Sparrow and Swift classes who are winners of the attendance rewards for the best attendance last half term.

Sparrow class will be rewarded with a class trip to Slimbridge Wetland Centre. Swift class had their first reward trip cancelled due to the snow, so the school is 'upgrading' their trip as a prize for both terms. Details of all trips will follow shortly for all pupils involved.

Polite Reminder – Please can I remind parents and carers that the school site is a place all our children and families should feel safe and secure? I would therefore ask that any disputes or quarrels that parents or carers have with each other, do not spill over into school. Children are witnessing heated arguments and this is not acceptable here on the site. Thank you for your cooperation.



Next Newsletter – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 4 May 2018.

