

# St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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## November 2021

Welcome to our November edition of the newsletter. We would like to thank all our parents for supporting the school this term and keeping in regular contact with illness reporting. This has allowed us to report accurately to the DfE. With the increasing level of COVID cases within the local area, we would like parents /carers to continue to wear face coverings during pick up and drop off times. If you are medically exempt from wearing a face covering, we will try our best to remember this.

If you have any concerns or worries, please remember that we are always here to listen and help. You can pop into the office at any time or simply send us an email if the office is not open.

## Poppy Appeal

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November, we celebrated Armistice Day. Reverend Mike Barnsley and Mark Evans, both members of the Royal British Legion attended our virtual assembly and talked to the children about the importance of armistice day.

Although Mrs Cross was not able to attend our assembly, she presented us with a 'Rigby' dog toy that was awarded to the class making the biggest contribution towards the community. This year, it was Skylark class for their endless efforts in organising trees to be planted around the school and their work towards to the eco project.



We would like to thank all parents and children who donated to the Royal British Legion through poppy merchandise and artwork sales. We managed to raise a huge £811.27. This is a record breaking amount! Thank you so much: it was greatly appreciated by everyone at the royal British Legion.

## Diary Dates

### December

**3<sup>rd</sup> December:** PTFA Christmas Stall

**8<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Dinner and Winter Jumper Day

**9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December:** Flu Immunisation sessions

**10<sup>th</sup> December:** PTFA Christmas Stall

**17<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term

### January 2022

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** First day of spring term

## Children in Need

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, we helped raise money for



Children in Need by dressing up in non-school uniform and donating £1. Thank you to everyone who donated, we raised over £245.00!

## Harvest Festival

Last month we held our annual harvest festival which saw us donate an amazing 201.6 Kgs of food to our local food

bank! This means that with our donations we helped provide up to 480 meals for the local people in need, which is incredible so thank you to everyone who made this happen. Through the artwork sales and pumpkin donations, we also raised over £75.00. We look forward to beating this total next year!



## Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Christmas shoe boxes. This year has been a difficult time for most families, so it will be greatly appreciated by all children who receive your kind donations.



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

Jack, Tyler, Rory, Kaycie-Jay, Lilly, Max, Phoebe, Scarlett G, Keali. Alex, Jayden, Freya, Honey, Keiva, Declan, Scarlett G, Evie-May, Katy, Scarlet W, Rocco, Miss Hall, Mrs Hinks, Mrs Milosevic, Miss Powell and Mrs Tilling.

**We completely understand that your child would like to celebrate their birthday in school but please remember that bringing sweet treats into class is not allowed due to potential allergies within their group.**

### 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 'honesty and reflection' in both our work and sport. Well done to the children who have received awards this month.

Week commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021		
	Star of the Week	Sports Star of the Week
Robin		
Wren		
Kingfisher		
Nightingale		
Sparrow		
Skylark	Aiden	Clark
Jay	Keely	Libby
Swift	Ralph	Amber
Woodpecker	Bella	Ayrton
Heron	Phoebe	Harry F
Peregrine	Honey	Poppy T

Week commencing 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2021		
	Star of the Week	Sports Star of the Week
Robin	Marley	Oliver
Wren	Catherine	Luke
Kingfisher	Harley	Katy
Nightingale	Ellis	Hollie
Sparrow	Alex	Leo J
Skylark	Ryan W	
Jay	William	Daniel
Swift	Alice	Miah
Woodpecker	Amy	Kyla
Heron	Darcy R	Dexter
Peregrine	Lacey J	Max E

Week commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2021		
	Star of the Week	Sports Star of the Week
Robin	Emily	Lilian
Wren	Marnie	Jenson
Kingfisher	Rory	Isaac
Nightingale	Chester	Scarlett
Sparrow	Jackson	Tia
Skylark	Albie	Skyla
Jay	Zara	Jimmy
Swift	Ada	Lucy
Woodpecker	Holly	Luka
Heron	Edmee	Lacie
Peregrine	Tom	Jenson

Week commencing 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021		
	Star of the Week	Sports Star of the Week
Robin	Max	Oscar
Wren	Frankie	Phoebe P-L
Kingfisher	Ragul	Oscar
Nightingale	Kingsley	Violet-Belle
Sparrow	Lily	Oliver
Skylark	Connor	Poppy
Jay	Jonah	Lydia
Swift	Thomas	Georgia
Woodpecker	Riley	Drew
Heron	Jack	Rhys
Peregrine	Maddison	Scarlet

### Music Concert

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, we held a fabulous concert for all the children to showcase what they have been learning in Music during the autumn term. We used the whole of the main school building so that each class or phase could perform in the auditorium and the rest of the school could listen from a safe distance. Sadly we could not invite parents in to watch, but each performance was filmed and the video has been uploaded to our YouTube channel. Access is available through our music padlet and a link has been sent along with this email. We would like to say a massive thank you to the Cinderford Brass Band for coming in to perform to our children. They played a few familiar numbers and "Sweet Caroline" went down a storm! It was so lovely to hear our children sing along!

## Science Update from Miss Underwood

Thank you to everyone who contributed to my question on 'What is good science?' I have compiled everyone's thoughts to put together a set of principles explaining what we at St White's think makes good science. I am going to make this into a poster to display in every classroom and share with parents and governors. Before I do this, I am going to run a competition for the children to design the best illustrated border for this principles poster. More information to follow soon... Skylark had fun planting trees!



## Swimming in Skylark

Well done to everyone in Skylark Class for the amazing progress that you all made in your swimming. We are very proud of you all!



## Trips

Earlier this month KS1 had the opportunity to go Linear Park to meet the Herdwick sheep and Kate who is the owner and grazer of the flock. Foresters Forest National Lottery Heritage Fund are working on a project that Kate is part of where the sheep are helping to maintain open areas of land through grazing. The children had a wonderful time asking questions and seeing the sheep. We would like to thank Kate for inviting us over and all our parent helpers too!



Last month The Foresters Forest 'buried heritage' team invited our LKS2 classes to their Broadwell site to learn more about archaeology. This amazing opportunity meant they were able to watch archaeologists at work, learn about the local area and to understand more about artefacts and their significance in understanding different periods of history.



## Sporting News

### Climbing Club

This term we have started a climbing club at Forest Climbing in Cinderford. The lucky 15 pupils enjoyed their first week playing games on the climbing wall and working together in a team to keep each other safe. The children have been having a great time. We are considering running this club again for children in UKS2 after the Christmas holiday. If you would like us to send you some more information please contact the school office or Mr Jones [heron@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:heron@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk). We need 15 keen climbers for the club to run.



### Football tournament – 26<sup>th</sup> November

Well done to our year 3 and 4 team who won the football competition at The Dean Academy today, you played brilliantly! Also a massive well done to our year 5 and 6 team who made it all the way to the final and came runners up to Steam Mills School. We look forward to the next competition!

### Can you help?

Next Friday we are taking a group of year 5 and 6 children to watch Gloucester Rugby and some children do not have the correct footwear. If you have any of the boots below and would be willing to let some children borrow them for the evening please let us know! We will be very, very, very grateful!

### Pitch Footwear Guidelines

Please note anyone taking part in any activity on the pitch at Kingsholm must adhere to the following guidelines:

- No trainers or flat soled shoes to be worn on the pitch at any time
- Only boots from the permitted list can be worn on the pitch (see image below)
- Boots must be clean

Checks will be made prior to activity taking place.

Unfortunately, those who don't meeting the guidelines will not be able to take part.



## Competition Time!

### NEW! Lifebuoy Soaper Hero Competition

Children aged 3-11 are invited to create a brand new member of the Soaper Hero team to help Bish, Bash and Bosh in the fight against hand germs. Someone who will help keep us safe this winter by inspiring everyone to wash their hands and fight winter bugs. Winning entries from the 3-7 and 7-11 age groups will see their character join the Soaper Hero crew in exciting future hand-washing campaigns. The competition closes on Monday 20th December 2021. Prizes will include an art and craft box with colouring pencils/paint, sketchbook and lots more – worth over £50. Plus their character to feature on Lifebuoy Soaper Heroes materials in the future.

School prize: A year's supply of hand-sanitiser and other hand hygiene products from Lifebuoy.

**If you would like to take part in this competition, please come to the school office for an entry form!**

## PTFA News

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 19<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm.

We will be drawing our Christmas Raffle on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets will be available to purchase on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any prizes you would like to donate, please let us know.

## 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.

## Christmas Information

We know it will be a very different Christmas again this year, but we still hope to make it exciting for the children, so teachers will be decorating their classrooms as usual, and children will be doing all the usual classroom activities and art work you would expect.

## Christmas Stall

Unfortunately, due to the high level of COVID cases within the local area, we are restricted to how we run our Christmas fundraising.

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm – 3.30pm, there will be a stall at both entrances where the PTFA will sell raffle tickets, calendars along with a festive challenge. There will be more information coming out early next week!

If you have any prizes you would like to donate for the PTFA raffle please bring them to the school office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.



## Christmas Lunch!

We are so excited to announce that children will be able to enjoy our festive dinner this year. Our annual Christmas dinner day will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The Christmas dinner provided will be: Turkey or Vegetable Wellington, served with vegetables and potatoes. There will be Christmas Rice Krispy Cake as dessert. If you would like to order your child a Christmas dinner, please book a "Red" meal option on parentpay as usual. If you have any issues please let us know by email to [admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk) There is no charge for pupils in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and benefits based Free School Meals. The price is £2.34 for all other children and should be paid through parentpay.



## Winter Jumper Day for Save the Children

Also on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020, we are inviting all pupils to wear winter jumpers along with school uniform in support of Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day



**Save the Children**

Appeal. Please do not feel you have to purchase something special for your child to wear – the idea is to raise funds for Save the Children. Please bring a donation of £1 on the day.

## Reception and KS1 Performances

Due to the current guidance we have from the Local Authority and our own risk assessment we do not feel it is safe to invite parents into the school to watch the nativity plays. With our fabulous camera, we are able to record the performances and these will be shared with you through the school website on the last day of term. We are especially sad that we can't invite everyone in this year. We had a sneak preview of a song from each play at the concert on Wednesday – they are sounding marvelous already!



## Christmas Service

We always make sure the children remember the Christmas message at this time of year. We have the option of streaming a Christmas service from our local church and this is something we are currently looking into. The reception and KS1 children will be learning all about the Christmas story from the open the book performances.

**Next Newsletter** – Our next newsletter will be published on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

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 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.



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