

St White's Primary School

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December 2020

Welcome to our December edition of the newsletter, the last one of 2020. Thank you to everyone for observing all our guidance about keeping everyone safe on the school site. These arrangements will continue unchanged when we return in January.

We hope you have a lovely festive break and looking forward to seeing you all in the new year

The DFE and Public Health have asked schools in the Christmas holidays to continue to assist with tracing and contacting anyone who may have been in close proximity to a confirmed covid case. So far, we have been very lucky that we have not had to close any bubbles because of positive cases. **If your child displays symptoms of covid during the holidays, please arrange to get a test, and if the test result is positive, please let the school know immediately** by email to admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk

Goodbye and Good Luck

At the end of this term, sadly the school will be losing Mr Thompson as the Woodpecker Class teacher. He has been a really valued member of the team here at St White's and we will be very sad to see him go. Mr Thompson is leaving us to take up a new role at another school. Everyone here at St White's wishes him well for the future; we will really miss him.

We are also saying thank you and goodbye to Dan Beard who is finishing his term as a parent governor this week. He has served on the governing board for 7 years and has been Vice-Chairman, Chair of the Assessment & Curriculum Committee and Pupil Premium Governor. His help and support have been invaluable and we wish him all the best.

Attendance

This week we have handed out "Fabulous

Diary Dates

December

18th December: Last day of term

January 2021

4th January: INSET day

5th January: School starts

7th January: Reception & Yr 6 height & weight checks by school nurses

12th January: Swimming sessions start Peregrine

19th & 21st January: Virtual Parent Evening

February

2nd February: Young Voice's Biggest Virtual Sing

9th February: Swimming sessions end

12th February: Last day of term

15th-19th February: February Half Term

22nd February: School starts

Attendance" certificates to 240 children – that is 80% of our pupils! To earn a certificate, pupils had an attendance percentage of over 96% with no unauthorised absence or punctuality issues. Children who have been required to isolate due to potential contact with covid cases have not missed out because absence for self-isolation does not count in the attendance percentages!

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

Keira, Nat, Ethan, Dewi, Alyssa, Lacey, Harry, Jenson, Willow-Rose, Kegan, Shaun, Trinity, Ajinth, Skye, George, Vibisha, Ryan, Lola, Connor, Ellis, Darcy, Alex, Isaac and Mrs Earthrowl.



Class Padlets

Remember to keep checking the class padlets on the website for photos of the learning that is going on!

Swimming Lessons

We have had the wonderful news that the leisure centre is now back open and running swimming sessions. Peregrine will be the first class to attend in the new year, the sessions will be held every Tuesday afternoon from Tuesday 12th January to Tuesday 9th February. Letters have gone out via parentmail.

School Website

The school website has under gone a mini makeover. We have looked into the website and made some minor changes to allow you to find our information more easily. You will notice that we have added two extra pages for wellbeing and family support so please familiarise yourself with these. If you have any questions or do not know where to find the answer to your question, please contact the school office.

Star of the Week Awards

Every week during our virtual assembly, there is a 'star of the week' pupil in each class. There was no assembly this week because all classes watched the pantomime and nativity video. Well done to the children who have been awarded this month.

Star of the Week – 30th November 2020

Robin - Harriet
Wren – Freddie
Kingfisher - Harrison
Nightingale – Poppy
Sparrow - Megan
Skylark – Vibisha
Jay – Maya
Swift – Mckenzie
Woodpecker – Lacy H
Heron - Finley
Peregrine – Veronica

Star of the Week – 7th December 2020

Robin – Oscar T
Wren – Emily S
Kingfisher – Fae
Nightingale – Jayden
Sparrow - Ben
Skylark – Alice
Jay – Poppy
Swift – Ayrton
Woodpecker – Lacey
Heron – Alex B
Peregrine – Kelsi-Rae

Reception and KS1 Performances

The reception and KS1 performances are now available to watch on our school website and will be on there over the Christmas holidays until Monday 4th January. Please head over to the news page on our website where you will find the link to our YouTube channel.

Well done to all the children in KS1 and reception for their beautiful singing.

Christmas Lunch!

On Wednesday we had our Christmas lunch day. Although we were not able to sit all together in the hall, the children still managed to have a wonderful time with music and party hats that they made. Have a look on your child's padlet to see how much fun they had!

(Insert Photo)

Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who made use of the post boxes to send out their Christmas cards. Our office elves worked very hard sorting them all out for each child in each class! It was a huge operation – we think we sorted over four thousand cards! Well done to all the children who practiced their handwriting and wrote their own cards.



Non uniform for Save the Children

Last Friday all pupils were invited to wear non uniform with a winter/ Christmas jumper in support of Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day Appeal. Thank you to everyone who came in dressed up and donated, we raised £251.85 for the charity.



Christmas Service

Thank you to our local church who has given every child a Christmas story book, which went home with children at the start of this week. Included with the booklet are some dates for Christmas services.

St John's Church are holding a Drive Through Nativity on Saturday 19th December from 10am to 3pm.

We are also very grateful to them for sending us a pre-recorded Christmas service which the children have really enjoyed.

Adult Education

Adult education are running lots of courses for parents in the new year. All of their family learning courses are being delivered via Zoom.

The following courses are available:

- Calming the Mind
- Happier and Calmer: Wellbeing at Home
- Yoga and Guided Meditation
- Give Your Kids a Boost in Maths in the Infants
- Keeping Up with the Kids Maths in the Juniors
- Improve Your English and Help Your Child for ESOL parents
- Help Your Child with English in the Early Years

All information on how to book yourself onto these courses can be found on our school website under the 'Family Support' page.

School Application Process for entry to EYFS in September 2021

We can see that lots of parents have already gone online and made their applications. Parents who have children due to start school in September 2021 must apply by 15th January 2021. Remember that our school tour and videos are still on the school website for you to watch.

Well done

During the Autumn Term, the year 5s did some amazing work with Gloucestershire music developing their skills with brass instruments. Mrs Ford has been in contact to say how wonderful they all were and would like to congratulate the following for being musical stars!

Well done especially to Charlie, Edward, Lacey J, Darcy, Lacey H, Harry, Dewi, Nathan, Dexter, Tom, Summer, Briellah, Sam, Amy, Jenson, Lucas, Tylan, Jessie, Rhys, Lucas, Ellie, Veronica, Scarlet, Max and Billy.

Well done to Lucas in Swift Class who has been awarded with his orange belt, medals, a certificate and trophy for his progression in kickboxing this year! Keep up the amazing work Lucas.



This is a special shout out to all the wonderful children who received their Blue Peter Badges so well done to:

Skylark Class

Dexter	Oakley
Ada	Dominic
Skye	Lily
Ralph	Own
Nate	Zara
Cohen	

Jay Class

Lucy	Rocco
Eva	Lily
Rosie	Lacey
Lydia	Poppy

Swift Class

Bella	Ayrton
Max	Todd
Drew	Neiva
McKenzie	Amy
Alex J	Dougie
Edmee	Oliver
Emmy	Trinity
Willow	

Woodpecker Class

Tom	Freya
Maddison R	Alyssa
Madison J	Darcy R
Darcie F	

Heron Class

Rhys	Fearne
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Peregrine Class

Grace W	Erin
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School Lunches

The packed lunches will still continue to be sandwiches made up of the following fillings: Egg, Ham, Cheese, Tuna and Plain. If your child has had a pattern throughout the autumn term we will follow this across to the new year unless you tell us otherwise. Please continue to notify us of any changes by 3pm on Fridays.

Lockdown fitness challenge from Nat in Peregrine

Well done to everyone who has completed the lockdown fitness challenge. We hope all of you enjoyed the challenges. Currently, we are collecting the names of those who completed the challenge and will make sure they are celebrated in assembly next term. Well done to the parents who took part too! If you missed out on the challenges, don't worry because the page is still on our website: https://www.st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk/web/competitions__challeng es/435650

TT rockstars battle

Peregrine and Heron have been battling it out over a week long TT rockstars battle. It was neck and neck all week with a total of around 200,000 questions being answered correctly by the two classes! Well done to the most valuable players: Cassie (35,491); Chloe (22,911); Max (20,860); Nat (16,612); Freddie (12,006) and Alex (9,387). Fortunately, Heron won with the most correct answers and Peregrine won for having more correct answers per person! Miss Cinderey and Mr Jones are looking forward to reaping the rewards of their enthusiasm next term when they are able to use all of their times tables facts in maths!



Wraparound

The wraparound team would like to show you what the children have been doing in wraparound in the lead up to Christmas. They have been making candle holders by reusing old jam jars and decorating them. The children also helped decorate the hall with paper chains and the Christmas tree. They have also been making designs out of hama beads. Have a look at the cool creations they made...



The Music Works

Peregrine class have been working hard with the support of 'The Music Works' to produce a song. They have recorded all the audio and video which is being mixed in the studio right now! We hope to be able to share it with you soon. We are very proud of what we have achieved. If you are interested in what The Music Works are doing, please visit their website at <https://www.themusicworks.org.uk/> then click on 'Young Person?'

Next Newsletter – Our January newsletter edition will be published on Friday, 29th January 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 25th January 2021.



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