

# St White's Primary School

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**Welcome back** – A very warm welcome back to you all, following the half term break, which now seems a very distant memory after such a busy first week!

**GHLL Mental Health Champions Award** – St White's Primary School is celebrating becoming only one of nineteen schools in the County to achieve the Mental Health Champions Award. Staff, pupils and Governors have worked extremely hard over the last 2 years to raise the profile of mental health. Achieving the award is testament to their commitment to this vital element of the school's PHSE curriculum.

The team at St White's have ensured that there is an exceptionally wide and effective range of initiatives to support young people's mental health. The programme of study has been highly effective, contributing to supporting both pupils and staff mental health and wellbeing.



Some of our work has been derived from such activities as the "One act of kindness shared scheme", Belinda Heaven's "Raising Awareness of Mental Health Issues and how to deal with them", and the "Make me a Superhero" resilience resource, as well as many more.

Achieving the Mental Health Champion's Award is one step in our journey to promote

## Diary Dates

### June

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Cheltenham Science Festival Young Scientists visit
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – **Phonics Testing Week**
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Swift Class Attendance Treat Trip to Go Ape
- 13<sup>th</sup> - New Parents Information Evening – Reception intake September 2018 – 6.00 pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Quad Bike finals
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Country Dance Festival, Speech House – 6.30 pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Quad Kids Final Hartpury College
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Country Dance Festival (Reserve Date)
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – Yr 6 Induction Week at Dene Magna
- 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – New EYFS pupils in school
- 28<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Football World Cup Sports event (pm)
- 29<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Football World Cup Sports event

### July

- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sparrow Class Attendance Treat Trip to Slimbridge
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – LKS2 Trip to British Motor Museum
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – New EYFS pupils in school
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Whole school Bump up afternoon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> - Yr 6 Induction at Forest High School (1/2 day on 5<sup>th</sup>)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day – 1.30 pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Summer Fair – from 6.00 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Eastnor Castle Trip – Wren & Robin Classes
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Upper KS2 Topic Celebration – 2.45 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Lower KS2 Topic Celebration – 2.45 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Topic Celebration – 2.45 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Swimming Gala – 1.30 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day (Reserve Date) – 1.30 pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Yr 6 Leavers Play performances (1.30 pm & 6.00 pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Yr 6 Leavers Service (times TBC)

mental health for the young people and staff within our school. We are committed to continuing to empowering our children and equipping them with the resilience to overcome the challenges that they will face throughout their lives.

For more information, please take a look at our Mental Health page on the website.

**Street Wardens** – Year 6 children became Junior Street Wardens during the week before half term. On day one they conducted a litter survey along Buckshaft Road. The following day a litter pick was undertaken with over



12 bin bags full of rubbish being collected.

The final day saw us joined by the local Police who helped us carry out a speed check on St White's Road.

Thank you so much to Two Rivers Housing and Gloucestershire Constabulary for organising this wonderful opportunity for the children.

### **Wheelbarrow Garden competition -**

Reception Class pupils have been very busy building and planting a wheel barrow for the school competition taking place at Highnam Court



Summer Show this weekend (9 and 10 June). We will let you know the results of our entry in due course.

**Cricket Competition Westbury CC** – 16 pupils from Years 5 & 6 took place in a cricket competition this week, held at Westbury CC.

There were lots of other schools competing, but the school is very proud to say that Team A came 2<sup>nd</sup> over all, and Team B 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all those who took part.



**Aspirations Day** – Our children had a truly



wonderful morning on Tuesday when parents, local companies and members of the armed

forces and emergency services joined us to showcase their professions.

There was an array of careers for children to learn about from the Police with the beautiful horses, the Fire Service, School Nurses, sausage making, hairdressing, local banks, the Army, humanitarian response advisor, Guide Dogs for the Blind (Sinclair the labrador was a great hit with all the pupils), the making of teabags, Mr Thompson and his vintage vehicle restoration, Miss Guest talking about her career in professional Womens Rugby, ethical internet safety/hackers, a vehicle recycling expert, humanitarian worker, and a veterinary surgeon. to name but a few.

The children were truly inspired by the morning's activities, and judging from the comments made by the adults that came along, they all thoroughly enjoyed their time with us too.

The school is already planning for next year's



event, with the possibility of running a full day of activities for our children.

A huge thank you to all concerned, who generously gave up

their time, and to Miss Underwood who masterminded the whole event.

**Science Week** – It has been an incredible week in school celebrating the annual Science week that teachers organise. Lots of parents joined us over two days to help conduct various science experiments in class.

Years 1-6 all spent a day at the Cheltenham Science

Festival, and today a small group of Young Scientists visited Cheltenham Prep School, spending the day with Miss Underwood doing lots of exciting activities with a science theme.



**Adult Education** – As you know, the Adult Education sessions this year have been highly successful and are going to run again in

September. Maths Adult Education will be starting again on Wednesday, 12th September 2018. Posters will shortly be displayed around the school, and anyone interested in signing up should contact Caroline Woodhead, our Family Support Worker.

Following on from the Maths, it is



hoped to run another English course, as we have done during this academic year. GCC Adult Education are also offering other courses that may be of interest including ICT, First Aid for Parents, ICT Safety for Parents, Family Learning (Storytime/Reading activities), Keeping Calm Kids (strategies).

This is a brilliant opportunity to upskill and so if you are interested do catch up with Caroline Woodhead as soon as possible so that the school can begin to put together the programme of learning. For our parents and carers.

**Attendance** - Whole school attendance now stands at 96.74%. At the end of last term, the school celebrated a fabulous 172 children who had achieved 100% attendance for the Summer 1 Half Term.

There are currently 45 children on track for 100% attendance for the whole school year. This is a wonderful achievement and will be celebrated at the leavers' service on the 20<sup>th</sup> July.



The efforts that parents are making to keep pupil absence to an absolute minimum is making a huge difference, and the school would like to thank parents for their continued support in this matter.

**Website** - There are lots more photos on the website of the week's events, particularly of our parents showcasing their professions. Do visit the site to take a look at the wonderful curriculum opportunities children have had

this week. <http://www.st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk/web>

**Next Newsletter** – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 22 June 2018.



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