

# St White's Primary School

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**Y6 SATS** – It has been an incredibly busy week for our Year 6 pupils taking their SAT Tests. The staff and Governors are extremely proud of them. They conducted themselves impeccably throughout the week and are a credit to the school. A very big thank you must also go to the upper Key Stage 2 team for their commitment to supporting the Year 6 pupils, helping them to achieve their very best. Well done to you all!



**Attendance** – As you know, the school has a range of attendance awards Kingfisher Class achieved 100% attendance last week, as well as receiving the lining up award. Well done to you all!!



**Class of '58** – It was a real privilege to have a visit from some ex pupils of St White's Primary School earlier this week. John Lewis, Rod Burriss and Jim Beizsley were all leavers in 1958, and are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. They had joined us at the Centenary celebrations at the old school, and were excited to now have a visit in our wonderful new building.



## Diary Dates

### May

**18<sup>th</sup>** – PTFA Royal Tea Party  
**22<sup>nd</sup>** – School Council visit to Imperial War Museum and Houses of Parliament

### June

**5<sup>th</sup>** – Aspirations Day  
**6<sup>th</sup>** – Cheltenham Science Festival Trip – Yrs 1 & 2  
**7<sup>th</sup>** – Cheltenham Science Festival Trip – Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6  
**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>** – New Parents Information Evening – Reception intake September 2018 – 6.00 pm  
**14<sup>th</sup>** – Learning alongside your child in Class – Reading – 9.00 am  
**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  
**28<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 World Sports event (pm)  
**28<sup>th</sup>** – Parents information session re new classes September 2018 – 3.30 pm

### July

**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)

**Quad Kid Champions** – It is absolutely wonderful to share the news with you that our Year 3 and 4 pupils won the Quad Kids competition that recently took place at Dean Academy. The team came 1st out of 14



schools, which is an incredible achievement. The team will be taking part in the finals at Hartpury College on Thursday, 14th June. Everyone at school wishes them all the best of luck!!

**Royal Wedding Tea Party** – The PTFA have been very busy this afternoon hosting a tea party to celebrate the forthcoming wedding this weekend between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. We were very lucky to be joined by our friends from Foxes



Bridge, who were able to join in with the tea party.

Following on from the competition to design a Wedding Cake, 3 designs were finally chosen, and this resulted in the most wonderful cake being created for our tea party this afternoon. Congratulations to our Year 6 pupil for the most wonderful design.



A huge thank you to the PTFA for their hard work and to everyone who came along to join in with the celebrations.

**Cheltenham Science Festivals – 6th & 7th June 2018** – As you are already aware, pupils from Years 1 – 6 will be taking part in trips to the Cheltenham Science Festival. KS1 will be attending on 6th June, and KS2 on 7th June 2018, and class teachers are looking for any willing volunteers



who would be able to come along to help out with the pupils. If you feel you can help on either day (or both), please would you let the School Office know? Many thanks.

**Science Project in School** – The school needs empty plastic bottles for a science project on Monday, 4th June 2018. Any size would be wonderful! Thank you.



**Water Bottles** – As you know, the school is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of all our pupils. One of our initiatives is that children only bring plain water in their bottles to drink. The NHS advises that the best drinks to give children are plain water and milk. They go on to say that squash and other drinks such as fruit juices and smoothies can cause tooth decay, and most contain very few nutrients. They can also be filling, which could reduce children's appetite for foods that contain the nutrients they need.



I would ask that all parents and carers only fill children's bottles with water to bring to school.

Many thanks for your continued co-operation in this matter.

**Grapes** – Could we ask parents to ensure that grapes are chopped up for children to eat if these are sent as a snack?

There is a risk of choking if left whole. More information can be found on

<https://www.google.co.uk/amp/s/www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester->



[news/parents-warned-grapes-danger-choking-12351393.amp](https://www.stwhiteprimaryschool.co.uk/news/parents-warned-grapes-danger-choking-12351393.amp)

**Litter** – Last week some of our children were working outside in different areas around the school. They noticed that there were sweetie wrappers and other bits of rubbish scattered around the school. They very kindly picked them up and put them in the bins by the entrances. What would be very helpful is that you remind children that on their way to and from school to put any rubbish that they have, in the bins that are provided around the school. Thank you.



**Hoorah to the Sun is Shining** – The weather is absolutely gorgeous at the moment and it's really good to see that parents and carers are putting sun block on in readiness for the day. Thank you!



**Stranger Danger** – An incident has been reported this week at Berry Hill Park. Four children (Years 5 and 6) were leaving Berry Hill Park last Friday when a man in a 'small grey car' stopped to speak to them, and tried to engage them in conversation – including trying to find out their names. The Police had been made aware. It would be very helpful to remind your children about stranger danger and we will morror that in school.



**Forest Hills Golf Club** – David Morris will be visiting St White's Primary School after half term, to deliver free



taster sessions for the entire school. He is then hoping that if enough interest is generated that he will be able to run a free, after school golf club from September for current Year 3 pupils. Watch this space for more information!

**Parking & Driving on Access Roads** –

Please could I remind all our parents and carers to be respectful to our neighbours when driving to and from school. It seems that a number of people are putting our children at risk by driving on the paths on Buckshaft Road. It has also been reported that some parents and carers are parking in areas that block access to residents' homes. As a consequence, the school has received a number of complaints and requests to remind people that this is not considerate towards our neighbours.

Please do be mindful of others at all times, especially during busy periods at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Next Newsletter** – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 8 June 2018.



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