

# St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer Celebrate



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## 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Armistice** – St White's paid its respects last Friday as part of the Armistice

commemorations. We were very fortunate to be joined by members of the British Legion, Mark Harper, our local MP, and members of the Marines, members of staff and day care residents from Foxes Bridge, and lots of parents/carers.



Of course this year was particularly poignant, marking 100 years since the end of WW1, which pupils have been studying through their



Class Topic since September.

Some beautiful artwork was created by our pupils and families have had the opportunity to purchase this. Proceeds from this will be passed onto the British Legion. Early indications from the Royal British Legion suggest that to date the school collected a huge £550.00 towards their appeal. Final figures will be issued when proceeds from the artwork are sent through as well.

A huge thank you to all concerned.

**Bell ringing Peregrine Class** – 'On Wednesday, 7 November 2018, Peregrine

## Diary Dates

### November

- 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – Road Safety Awareness Days
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Height & weight checks in school Reception & Yr 6 pupils only
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- 20<sup>th</sup> – Reception and Yr 6 pupils – height and weight measurement
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – CLICK Yr 6 visit to Quedgeley
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5 mtg re Aberdovey Residential visit 2019 – 3.25 pm Woodpecker Class
- 30<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Meeting after school from 3.15 pm

### December

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations in school – Reception – Yr 5 pupils
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime in School organised by PTFA 1.15 pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Christmas Fayre from 5.30 pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Reception Christmas Play – afternoon performance – times TBC
- 17<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Christmas Play – evening performance – times TBC
- 18<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Christmas Play – afternoon performance – times TBC
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Reception Christmas Play – evening performance – times TBC
- 19<sup>th</sup> – **Christmas Lunch**
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Whole school Topic Celebrations from 2.30 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Christmas Discos – 3.30 pm – 4.15 pm Reception & KS1, 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm KS2
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Annual Carol Service St John's Church – 9.30 am – 12.00 noon
- 21<sup>st</sup> – School finishes for Christmas
- 21<sup>st</sup> – **MRS CROSS – LAST DAY** ☹️

### January

- 7<sup>th</sup> – INSET – no pupils in school
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return to school
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Young Voices Concert - Birmingham

visited the church in Mitcheldean. The children found 22 surnames (of people who died in WW1), but they



*were tricked because Father David said there were 29 names – there wasn't! All pupils had a go at pulling the bell in church, and afterwards walked to Father David's garage where he had his own bells with sallies so we could learn to put both movements of ringing the bells together.*

*Finally, we went into his dining room and six of us had one bell each and took it in turns to make patterns. We enjoyed showing each other what we were doing'.*

### **Written by Year 6 pupil**

Thank you to Father David, Steve, Sue, Mike and Mrs Greensmith for teaching Peregrine Class the art of bell ringing. Videos of the visit can be seen on the Peregrine Padlet on the school website.

**Pupdate!** – The process for the School Dog Committee is progressing well, ready for us to welcome our new furry friend to our school in January 2019.

Our puppy was born on 21 October, and is a beautiful Fox red Labrador. She is yet to open her eyes but is doing very well and certainly enjoys milk from her mother!



Our School Dog Committee candidates were interviewed on 7 November and will have the prestigious job of caring for and promoting the benefits of our therapy dog in school.

**Healthy Eating & Water Bottles** - Children need snacks to keep their busy bodies and minds functioning efficiently. Healthy snacking can help



children get important nutrients, make up for skipped meals and provide necessary fuel for learning, sports and other activities. Eating small, well-balanced snacks between meals can also keep children from eating too much at mealtimes.

Many children bring snacks to school, and sometimes school programs, school staff or other parents provide snacks for students to share. Making those snacks as nutritious as possible is important for pupils' performance and the development of healthy eating habits. Recommended healthy snacks include fresh fruit, raw vegetables.

A reminder to parents/carers that water bottles should be filled with **water only** and brought into school for pupils to readily drink from during the school day.



**Attendance** - It was a delight to hand out a total of 166 certificates and badges for pupils with 100%



attendance for the first autumn half term. Congratulations to all of you!

Whole school attendance is slowly improving and now stands at 96.99%.

### **Before and after school care of pupils on school premises**

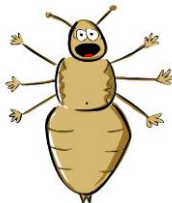
– Can we remind parents/carers that children remain in your care until 8.40 am in the morning and from 3.15 pm when the child is released from class in the afternoon?

We have noticed a growing number of instances lately when parents are not keeping a careful watch over their children, and many

are climbing on walls, attempting to climb trees, charging around dangerously, etc. Please be mindful of other families in and around of the school grounds, as well as your own child's safety during these particular busy times, which in turn hopefully will avoid any unnecessary accidents/incidents occurring. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

### Head Lice – Could we advise

parents/carers that unfortunately we have yet another outbreak of Head Lice in school. Please be vigilant and **regularly** check your child for head lice. *If you find any lice in the hair, it is imperative to treat and continue to treat until the head is completely clear.*

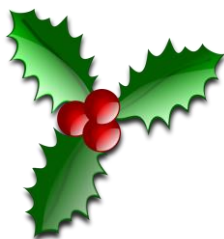


**Crocus Planting** - On the 14th November, all our children went outside to plant crocuses beside the path from the lower gate. It was a lovely warm day and Mr Freeman from the Rotary club came to explain about how this was part of their End Polio Now campaign. He asked that when they start to bloom next March, we will all think about the Rotary Polio Story. If you would like any further information about this, please look at the ROTARYGBI.org web site.



### Dates for your diary –

The Forest High School are holding their annual Christmas Bazaar on Wednesday, 5 December 2018 between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm. All welcome!



annual Forest of Dean Spring Trails Half Marathon will be taking place on 24 March 2019. Anyone interested in taking part should visit the website [www.forestofdean-halfmarathon.co.uk](http://www.forestofdean-halfmarathon.co.uk) for more information.

**Next Newsletter** – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 30th November 2018.



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For those already gearing up for a keep fit/get fit campaign for the new year, the