

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer Celebrate



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School Value Quotation of the Week –

"True courage is in facing danger when you are afraid...." – L

Frank Baum,

'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz'.



Census Day – The first school Census Day for this academic year is fast approaching, 4th October 2018. We actively encourage all pupils to book a hot meal on that day, as figures based on the census have a knock on affect with funding allocated to every school. Don't forget to book by Sunday evening at the very latest! Thank you for your support.



Bumper Harvest – Pupils have been enjoying thoroughly enjoying learning in the great outdoors working on the school allotment. Some wonderful



produce has been grown this season, including tomatoes and pumpkins. There are lots more wonderful photos to be seen on the Class pages



Diary Dates

September

28th – PTFA Meeting from 3.15 pm – all welcome!

October

3rd – Whole School Open Day for Reception intake 2019 and new families to area – 1.30 pm – 2.45 pm and 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

4th – Cross Country event Five Acres High School – 2.00 pm

5th – Yrs 1, 2 & 5 – Trip to Cheltenham Literature Festival

8th – Yrs 3 & 4 Trip to Cheltenham Literature Festival

10th – World Mental Health Day

10th – Yr 6 Trip to Cheltenham Science Festival

11th – Aberdovey Information session – from 3.20 pm – 4.00 pm

12th – Harvest Festival celebrations – times TBC

12th – Learning alongside your child in class – times TBC

15th – 19th – Yr 6 Residential Trip Aberdovey

16th – World Food Day

16th – Parent Consultation Evening – **Reception Classes only** – from 3.30 pm

18th – Parent Consultation Evening – **Reception Classes only** – from 3.30 pm

22nd – 26th – **Half Term**

29th – School reopens

31st – Tempest individual photos

November

9th – Armistice Day – details TBC

20th – Height & weight checks in school Reception & Yr 6 pupils only

20th – Road Safety Awareness

23rd – CLICK Yr 6 visit to Quedgeley

December

4th – Flu Vaccinations in school – Reception – Yr 5 pupils

17th – Reception Christmas Play – afternoon performance – times TBC

17th – KS1 Christmas Play – evening performance – times TBC

18th – KS1 Christmas Play – afternoon performance – times TBC

18th – Reception Christmas Play – evening performance – times TBC

section of the school website.

Attendance – Whole school attendance has dropped to 97.53%. This is partly due to illness but also because of a number of children being taken out of school for unauthorized holidays. It is Reception year who have the best attendance so far at 99.34% which is fantastic! Year one currently have the lowest attendance at 95.36%. We have had a few children going down with a sickness bug, so just a reminder to make sure you take all the precautions you can at home such as making sure children wash their hands before eating! Thank you.

Reading Evening – A big thank you to all the pupils and parents who supported the Reading Evening on 20th September. Pupils



enjoyed finding out all the teacher's favourite books and prizes were given out in assembly. The school was

extremely lucky to have Rich Pitman join us for the evening. Families had great fun with him talking about his books and completing words searches about the characters and story line. The first copies of his brand new book, "Jimmy Threepwood and the Elixir of Light" were also available hot off the press and children were able to get a sneak preview of Jimmy's next adventure. Books for Bugs attended and sold a range of books for only £2.50 each. As a consequence, the school was then able to choose twenty six free books for the school – thank you to everyone who attended. It was a terrific evening.

Summer Reading

Challenge – Well done to all the pupils who completed the Summer Reading Challenge this year! A tea party with over



40 children was held with Mrs Cross and Lisa from Cinderford Library. Lisa brought her iPad to show the children the library's website. There's lots of information about events and thousands of books to choose from online. The library is able to help out with eBooks, books on topics and even run Lego Clubs too! This great FREE resource. cinderfordlibrary@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Workshops KS1 and KS2 Parents and Children-Facts 4 Life - A big thank you too Facts4Life for providing a fantastic engaging workshop for Parents and Children on Wednesday Afternoon. Facts 4 Life have been supporting St. White's for the past few years and have helped educate the important

messages of Mental Health across the school.



Feedback from the children was extremely positive and Facts 4 Life were impressed with the knowledge the children had with regards to Mental Health. There were over 30 parents that attended the workshop and this was fantastic to see! Parents and children positivity engaged in the workshop and this was a pleasure to see!! If you joined us for the afternoon, do let us know what you thought of our learning alongside your child, mental health session.



Facts 4 Life are currently funded by Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group and Public Health, Gloucestershire and are part of an initiative to reduce unnecessary demand on vital health services. Training and resources are currently provided free to Gloucestershire schools. A big thank you for their continued support!

European Languages Day – Peregrine and



Heron Classes celebrated European Languages Day by cooking Serbian food. They had great fun cooking Serbian

Cookies which were absolutely delicious!

Parent Hub – Rising Stars

have created a wonderful resource on line to help support a child's learning in Primary School. To sign up for free worksheets, articles and expertly authored advice, please go to the website at www.risingstars-uk.com/parents-hub



Morale Boxes – As part of our project on WWI, the school would like to show support for serving soldiers who are on tour around the world.



Children will be putting together a small number of morale boxes that will be posted out to the soldiers ready for Christmas. All pupils will be given the opportunity to add items to these boxes. If you would like to make a contribution, a list of suitable items that can be sent will be put on the website after half term.



Our children will be encouraged to write letters explaining that they are studying WWI and that we will also be having a large commemoration day to remember those who sacrificed their lives as well as serving in the forces now.

Tooth Defender – The school is launching a



new strategy to teach pupils the importance of caring for their teeth. KS1 children in particular, will get to use the resource packs for home. How exciting!!

Fortnite - As many of you will be aware, there is an online multiplayer game called Fortnite that has become increasingly popular across the country. We feel it important to



underline the fact that this game has received a PEGI rating of 12, meaning that children under the age of 12 should not be playing it. Earlier in the year, the NSPCC suggested that 25% of children have been contacted online by a stranger, and due to the text and voice chat options present in Fortnite, this is an area of concern for us. For more information, please visit

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-43988210>

We would highly recommend visiting this website (<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>) for advice on how to help children stay safe online.

Next Newsletter – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 12th October 2018.



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