

# St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer Celebrate



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**Cheltenham Literature Festival** – Year groups 1-6 have had an amazing time at the Cheltenham Literature Festival over the past week.



Each year group attended a variety of different workshops during their visit, meeting authors and getting involved in lots of activities.

Year 6 were lucky enough to see Mitch Johnson, who wrote the book Kick. This was a real treat, as some of our children have been reading the novel together at the end of each day. Mitch spoke to them about life in Indonesia (where the book is set) as well as football! Pupils met Mitch afterwards and got his autograph in our school books! They are now looking forward to choosing what their next class book will be.

Sincere thanks as always, to all the parents who assisted on the trips. Without your support, these visits would not be possible – thank you!

**Bonfire Night Special Menu** – On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November there will be a special menu – the red option will be “Burger with Wedges”, green will be “Quorn Chilli with rice” and yellow will be “Jacket Potato with tuna”.



## Diary Dates

### October

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Festival celebrations incl. Art Exhibition from 2.00 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Learning alongside your child in class – 2.15 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Yr 6 Residential Trip Aberdovey
- 16<sup>th</sup> – World Food Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultation Evening – **Reception Classes only** – from 3.30 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultation Evening – **Reception Classes only** – from 3.30 pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – **Half Term**
- 29<sup>th</sup> – School reopens
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Tempest individual photos

### November

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Armistice Day – details TBC
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Bikeability Year 6 pupils
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Height & weight checks in school Reception & Yr 6 pupils only
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Road Safety Awareness
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – CLICK Yr 6 visit to Quedgeley

### December

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations in school – Reception – Yr 5 pupils
- 7<sup>th</sup> – **PTFA** Christmas Fayre
- 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
- 20<sup>th</sup> – **PTFA** Christmas Discos
- 21<sup>st</sup> – School finishes for Christmas

Pudding will be “Catherine Wheel Cookies”.

Please note that the menu on ParentPay cannot be changed for an occasional day – so it will show the options as Pizza, Five Bean Chilli or Jacket Potato. So select “pizza” if you

want burger! The office will put out a reminder the week before.

**Amateur Wildlife Photography** – the school has entered the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's amateur wildlife photography competition, and we are waiting for the results which will be released shortly. The children involved thoroughly enjoyed taking the pictures around the school site, and we will keep you posted if we have any winners!



**Year Six Visit to Forest High School** – On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October our Year six pupils had a good visit for a taster morning at Forest High School where they participated in a range of lessons including English, Science, and Art. The visit helped pupils to see what the school is like so they can compare it to all the schools they have been visiting this term. Big decisions to make!

**Enrichment Clubs** – are up and running now for Years 1 – 6 and the new system for parents to sign up using Parentpay is working well. There are still spaces in some clubs, so if your children are interested, please go onto Parentpay and see what is available. Clubs will run next week and then start again straight after half term and run up to 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Half Term Activities** – A variety of leaflets have been sent home about half term activities.

Progressive Sports Active Camps, held here at school all week – contact 07868183352.

A play scheme for children aged 2 to 5 at the Opportunity Centre on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (telephone 01594 837552)

The John Moore Museum in Tewkesbury are holding two events – on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October is a Craft Event to make your own pumpkin and on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October is "Are we Bats?" with a bat expert explaining about these fascinating creatures and a craft activity to make an origami bat.



Taurus Crafts in Lydney have a range of activities all week – see their website for details.

**Heritage Weekend at Ruspidge Memorial Hall** – Marking the centenary of the ending of WW1, the Hall is hosting a heritage weekend. Photos and memorabilia will be exhibited which reflect the rich history and heritage of Ruspidge over the last century.



You are welcomed to this event and if you have any items which are related to this period of Ruspidge history, please bring them along.

To commemorate The Fallen of the village, a colourful display of poppies, made by members of our community will be on show.

Any children visiting the exhibition are very welcome to come in costumes relating to WW1!

**Parent Governor Election** – we were lucky to have two candidates for the Parent Governor Election, and lots of votes were cast. Richard Jones was successful in being re-elected to the Governors for a further four year term. Many thanks to Martha Taylor who also stood for election.

**Mini-Marines** – One of our Governors Kathryn Goddard came into school on Wednesday to see what goes on with the Mini-Marines on Wednesday mornings and to take some photographs – she will be reporting to Governors at their meeting next week, and we asked her to write a brief report for the newsletter too.

**Watch Out, Watch Out!** – Unfortunately the dreaded head lice are back in school. Head lice and nits are very common in young children. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair and are usually picked up from head-to-head contact. However, they spread very quickly and it's really important to check your child's head regularly and treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and treat them on the same day if you find them.



Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. This method should be tried first. You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. There will be instructions on the pack to follow, but typically you:

- Use the comb on wet or dry hair – although it usually works best on wet hair with conditioner
- Comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends
- Repeat every few days for 2 weeks
- It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

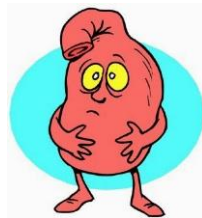
### **Medicated lotions and sprays**

Ask your pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 2 weeks, but your child still has head lice or nits. They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day. Lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them. If lotions or sprays don't work, speak to your pharmacist about other treatments.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Attendance** – There are 183 children on track for 100% attendance this half term, so very well done to them. Many of our poor children have been struck down by an awful sickness bug this term. This has of course had a knock on affect with whole school attendance dipping just below 97%. However, quite a high proportion of this is due to unauthorised absence, including holidays.



### **Year 6 Residential Trip to Aberdovey –**

Happy travels to our Year 6 pupils, who will be on their way to Aberdovey next Monday morning to spend 5 days at the Outward Bound Trust Centre. There will be daily photographs of the children taking part in the most amazing activities, uploaded onto the school's website for everyone to enjoy. Their first activity will be a jog to the beach and a dip in the estuary!!



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### **Admission for Reception pupil intake**

**September 2019** – A reminder to families with children who are due to start Primary School next September (2019) that paperwork

will be posted out by mid-November 2018. If any families have NOT received this paperwork by December, they should contact the Admissions Team at Gloucestershire County Council direct on 01452 425407. Thank you.

**Next Newsletter** – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 2nd November 2018.



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