

# St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer Celebrate



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**Sparrow** – On Monday and Tuesday last week Sparrow Class were lucky enough to visit Slimbridge WWT as part of their attendance award. They had a great time feeding the birds and even saw some otters!



**Sports Day 2018** – Last Thursday all our pupils had a fantastic morning competing for their house in a number of different sporting activities, including throwing, football and hockey dribbling, jumping



and running. All the children put in a tremendous effort and showcased some excellent skills and tactics.

Congratulations to the winning children who are part of Yellow House!!

**Armed Forces Day** – Last week KS1 children took part in an Armed Forces Day led by Mrs Tazmin Morgan. Pupils learnt



## Diary Dates

### July

- 17<sup>th</sup> - Yr 6 Leavers Play performances (1.30 pm & 6.00 pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Yr 6 Leavers trip to Techniquest
- 19<sup>th</sup> – EYFS & KS1 End of Year Disco – 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Disco – End of Year Disco – 4.45 pm – 5.45 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Yr 6 Leavers Service (2.00 pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – School closes for summer holiday

### August

### September

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – School opens to all pupils (staggered starts for Reception classes)

### October

- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – Half Term
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Tempest individual photos

about the many ways people, communities and organisations across the country show their support and get involved, from attending an event or joining the online celebration, to throwing a party or local event. Children tasted food



from a 24 hour ration pack and took part in an obstacle course using cargo nets provided the The First Battalion The Rifles. Dennis Griffiths, our very own Minibus Driver, also came along to



talk to the children about his own career in the armed forces and showed the pupils his medals and photos. KS1 children then shared

what they found out with the whole school in the celebration assembly.

**Year 6** - The Year 6 pupils have been very busy painting the scenery for their play 'Olivia', which they will be performing to parents/carers next Tuesday. Five back drops have been designed and painted by the children for the orphanage, countryside, Sherlock Holmes' study, a Victoria School room and Covent Garden.



Performances will take place on Tuesday, 17 July at 1.30 pm and again at 6.00 pm. Tickets are available now from the school office – maximum tickets 3 per performance. If there are any tickets left over, a text message will go out and these will be offered out on a first come first served basis early next week.

**School Canteen Award** – The School is very pleased to share with you that our wonderful Canteen staff have been awarded Second Place in the category- Certificate of Achievement for Training & Development from Caterlink, Gloucestershire. Congratulations to you all and a very big thank you for all the delicious meals that you provide our staff and children!



**End of Year Discos** – The PTFA have been very busy organising end of year discos for all pupils. EYFS and KS1 will take



place from 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm – children should bring their 'disco outfits' into school and change into in their classroom at the end of the school day. KS2 pupils will have their own disco from 4.45 pm – 5.45 pm. Ticket prices are £2.00 (the price includes refreshments for all pupils attending).

A very big thank you to the PTFA and of course all our families



for organising and coming along to the summer fair. It was a huge success and so much fun! The PTFA will announce the overall funds raised in the next newsletter.

**Attendance** - Whole school attendance has dipped since the last newsletter and is now 96.73%. Although there have been some bouts of illness affecting our children, this is largely due to quite a number of holidays over the last couple of weeks.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> July every single child in the school was fit and healthy, but sadly there were five children absent who were on holiday which meant that we still have not achieved our day of 100% attendance. Please be aware that holidays during school term are not authorised. In some instances, families will receive a penalty notice.

The very...VERY GOOD NEWS is that there are still 35 pupils on track to receive an award for 100% attendance for the whole school year!!! This is a wonderful achievement. Children will receive awards for this achievement and their photographs will be displayed in the attendance gallery.



**Leavers' Service** - This will be the last Newsletter of the year. The leavers' service will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July and will either take place in the amphitheatre or the indoor



auditorium. Do come along to say goodbye to our Year 6s and wish them well as they embark on a new chapter in their lives. The first newsletter of 2018-2019, will report on the assembly and on the Year 6 School Play, which is set to be performed next Tuesday afternoon and evening. However, there will be photographs of these two important events, on the website for everyone to enjoy.

### **And finally....Staff Changes**

This term two members of our staff will be moving. Mrs Kirsty Barrow, from the EYFS team will be embarking on a new role in another school and Mrs Caroline Woodhead, the school's FSW will be leaving us and embarking on a new adventure North Wales.

We wish them both all the very best and I feel sure that they will come back to visit to tell us all their news.



Mrs Natalie King and Mrs Roz Hewitt will be returning from maternity leave and Mrs Tazmin Morgan will be joining the team of staff as a KS1 teacher in September. The staff and Governors would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing you all again from Tuesday, 4 September 2018.

