

St White's Primary School

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Welcome Back – A very warm welcome back to you all after the Christmas break.

Christmas seems a distant memory now and we are all back into the swing of school, with another exciting term ahead of us.



Ginnie, Therapy Dog

Pupdate – I have been in school now for 2 full weeks, and I love my new job! The children have been very patient with me as I learn all about being a School Therapy Dog! Charlotte from the Dog's Trust even came and delivered a workshop to the pupils on how to be safe around me and other dogs!



I am 13 weeks old now, I have had all my jabs at the vets and I'm super brave when out on walks. My teeth are still very sore and I like chewing everything! I really enjoy coming to school to see all my new friends, although I do sleep a lot. Hope to see you all soon, Ginnie xx'.

New Age Curling

Event – A team of Year 3 and 4



Diary Dates

January

23rd – Young Voices Concert – Birmingham
24th – Learning alongside your Child in Class – 9.00 am
29th – Parent Consultation Evenings – 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm (**NOT HERON & PEREGRINE CLASSES**)
31st – Parent Consultation Evenings – 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm

February

5th – Learning alongside your child in class – Online Safety – details TBC
14th – Andy Seed, Author and Bugs for Books visiting school
28th – Gloucestershire Dance Festival, Cheltenham

March

8th – 12th – Scholastics Book Fair – 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm
15th – Red Nose Day
28th – Talent Competition

April

3rd – Years 2 & 6 Information Evening re SATS – 3.30 pm
4th – Topic Celebrations – 2.45 pm
5th – School finishes for Easter

students competed in the first New Age Curling event at Newent School on 10 January 2019. All the children played exceptionally well, growing with confidence all the time! Overall our team came 3rd, which was fantastic! Well done to everyone!

Girls Football Tournament – Earlier this week, Mr Jones took a team of 8 girls to Newent

Community School to compete in the GPJ indoor football competition. Overall the team



came 4th – well done to all who took part!

Young Voices Choir Concert – The school is very excited to be taking members of the choir to Birmingham on 23 January



2019, to take part in the Young Voices Choir Concert. The Young Voices Choir claims to be 'the biggest school choir in the world', and is being held in Birmingham. Lots of choir practice is taking place!

The whole experience will be incredible for all the pupils concerned. We will give you an update on the visit on the next Newsletter!

500 word Story Competition - At the end of last half term, Peregrine Class organised a 500 word story writing competition which they launched on the very first morning back this term with an assembly. All pupils in KS1 and KS2 spent a week writing their stories ready for judging.



Peregrine Class have written to some local authors and teachers as well as some celebrities to be the judges. We are still waiting to hear from David Walliams and Harry Kane! Luckily, local authors Andy Seed and Rich Pitman along with Mr Towler from Dene Magna have agreed to judge for us. The winners will be announced in an assembly on February 14th.

Book Bonanza - On February 14th, we are lucky enough to have a local author, Andy Seed visiting us for the day. He will be sharing some of his books and talking

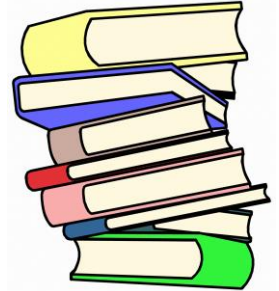


about reading for pleasure.

Book for Bugs will be in school and run a book fair **straight after school** if any parents are interested in visiting that. This will be for one day only. All the books are £2.50.

Parent and Child Book Group - Miss

Cinderey's parent and child book group has started again with a brand new book. We all really enjoyed Nevermoor by Jessica Townsend last term and can't wait to start the new one. It is not too late for anyone in year 5/6 to join with their parents (younger siblings welcome). Activities related to the books are always accompanied by hot chocolate and cake/biscuits! I won't give away the book new book just yet! The groups currently meets fortnightly on Thursday after school. Please speak to Miss Cinderey in Peregrine Class for more details.



Learning alongside your Child in Class – On Thursday 24th of January, parents and carers are cordially invited to another of our 'Learn alongside your child' days.



Next week, we will be spending the day exploring maths in the broader context of our new school topic so please feel free to come along from 9am – 10am to join in some great investigations with your child.

Next Newsletter – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 1st February 2019.

