

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer Celebrate



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Learning alongside your child in Class – As part of our Europe topic, Skylark designed and made our own monopoly boards featuring European countries. The games were fully functioning and pupils had to keep a budget using euros!



Thank you also to parents for joining us in class – we received some lovely comments including this from a KS1 parent, "A big thank you for my invitation to attend the Learn alongside your child session today. As always I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with my child to experience some of the learning within class and so we could take about and share these experiences at home too. The children's faces as they look at/smelt and tried the food samples were an absolute picture. Thank you St White's. I really look forward to attending more".

The next Learning alongside your child in class will take place on Tuesday, 5 February 2019. Please note the time change start which is now 2.15 pm. All parents/carers welcome – the topic will be internet safety.

Attendance - The first week back after the Christmas holidays we had a fabulous week with 97.6% attendance, but sadly the last couple of weeks we have seen



Diary Dates

February

- 5th – Learning alongside your child in class – Online Safety – 2.15 pm
- 14th – Andy Seed, Author visiting school
- 14th – Tag Rugby event, Gloucester
- 15th – Books for Bugs visiting school – parents invited to visit stand from 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm
- 25th – Tai Kwando assembly
- 26th – Gymnastics event Dene Magna School
- 27th – Netball competition
- 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

a lot of illness including stomach bugs, flu and chest infections which has meant attendance in each of these weeks dropped to around 95% and as a result whole school attendance for the year has now dropped to just below 96.5%. The school is reminding children of the importance of hygiene to restrict the spread of germs. Your help with reinforcing this at home is very much appreciated.



Congratulations to the 194 pupils who are still on track for 100% attendance this term – it might be necessary to purchase more badges! Especial congratulations to the 74 pupils who are still on track for 100% attendance for the whole year. Keep it up and let's see if we can beat last year's total of 36!

Books for Bugs – A quick reminder to parents/carers and pupils that there is date change for Books for Bugs visiting school.



They will now be in on Friday, 15 February 2019. All are welcome to view the stands of books available to purchase after school from 3.15pm – 4.00pm. Thank you.

University of Leeds online survey (Food in the Family home) – Researchers from the University of Leeds are conducting a study to find out more about children’s eating habits and food in the family home. In particular they are interested in the view of parents of primary school aged pupils.

If you are interested in taking part in this anonymous and voluntary survey, please visit <https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/food-in-the-family-home-2018> - it will take approximately 8-12 minutes to complete.

Severn Dean Lions Club The Humbug Chase MTB event – The annual Wild Boar Chase will be taking place on Sunday, 12 May 2019 and included will be the Humbug Chase. This is a guided 9 mile mountain bike event in the Forest of Dean for children aged 8-12 years. For more information, please visit the website www.fodmbe.org.uk

Red Nose Day – On Friday 15th March, the school will be supporting Red Nose Day. This year, we will be doing so by inviting children to wear a red nose for the day.



Please ensure that full school uniform is worn alongside the red nose.

School site - As weather continues to get colder, please make sure that you are taking care when walking around the school site. We are aware that some areas of the playgrounds can remain slippery so please make sure you are being vigilant.

Also, the children have an opportunity to use the slide during break times when the weather conditions are suitable. Please ensure that children do not use the slide before or after school as it is unsupervised and therefore unsafe.

Well done to everyone who comes to school on foot or by bike or scooter! It would be really helpful if you could make sure that, to ensure everyone’s safety, bikes and scooters are pushed and not ridden on the school site.

Cinderford War Memorial - As many of you will know, over the autumn term LKS2, alongside the school council, worked hard researching the war memorial, conducted surveys and wrote letters to support our official application to get the war memorial listed. We are thrilled to inform you that our application has been successful – Cinderford war memorial is now a Grade II listed monument.

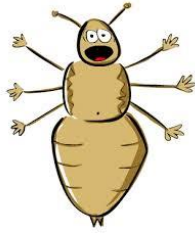


To celebrate this, Mrs Hewitt and four of our pupils were asked to take part in the creation of a short film, focusing on the importance of war memorials. Once completed, the film will be used at Historic England’s promotional events, on their YouTube channel and on their website.

A member of Historic England will also be joining us in a celebration assembly, after half term, to thank the children for all of their hard

work and award them with a certificate to acknowledge what they have done.

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.



School choir visit to Young Voice concert –

The school choir had a very exciting time when they visited the Genting Arena in Birmingham on 23 January 2019. The pupils performed in the most fabulous concert along with over six thousand other children - it claims to be the biggest choir in the world!



There were also a few famous faces entertaining the audience including Spandau Ballet's Tony Hadley.

We had some very tired pupils the next day, but they were all in school – well done! The choir did wonderfully well and we are very proud of them all for singing so enthusiastically. Plans for next year are already underway.

Snow closure



Thank you to all parents who were so understanding about the school closure on Friday 1st February. It is always a really hard decision to make to close the school but the local roads were just too dangerous and safety is always our top priority.

Next Newsletter – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 15th February 2019.



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