

# St White's Primary School

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Welcome back after the Easter break! This is a very short half term but packed with lots of exciting learning opportunities planned. Year 2 children will be taking their informal SATs papers throughout the month, and Year 6 will be taking their SATs between 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May. As we are now in the summer term, hopefully we will be getting some more of the lovely weather we had over the Easter weekend. Just a reminder that if the forecast is for warm and sunny weather, please make sure your children have suitable clothing – especially a hat, and please put sun cream on before they come to school.

**Cricket** - Pupils in KS1 and KS2 were treated to some expert cricket coaching on Wednesday following an assembly by 'Chance to Shine Cricket'. Many pupils tried playing the game for the first time in groups of 15 under the guidance of one of the Chance to Shine coaches. Pupils in LKS2 remarked that they had improved their ability to play competitively while having a great time.



**Aspirations Day** – We have lots of exciting speakers lined up so a really big thank you to everyone who has volunteered – we are now full!

**Secondary School Lessons** - Pupils from Dene Magna came in to teach a history lesson to Swift class and to read with Sparrow class. They gave the pupils a taster of what it is like to learn about history at Dene Magna. We learnt all about Robin Hood! The children from Dene Magna were brilliant teachers and our children were very impressed with them. Thank you to our governor Lynne Adams for organising this!

## Diary Dates

### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – KS1 SATS throughout the month
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATS tests
- 21<sup>st</sup> – London trip – Houses of Parliament and Science Museum
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Year 6 Leavers Book photographs & preparations – school finishes for half term
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday is an inset day

### June

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – School starts - Aspirations Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Science Festival Trip
- 13<sup>th</sup> – New Intake Parent's Evening
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Dene Magna bump up week

### July

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – Forest High Bump Up days
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Summer Fayre
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Reserve Sports Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers Play 6pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers Afternoon (TBC)
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Term Ends Leavers Assembly (Time TBC)

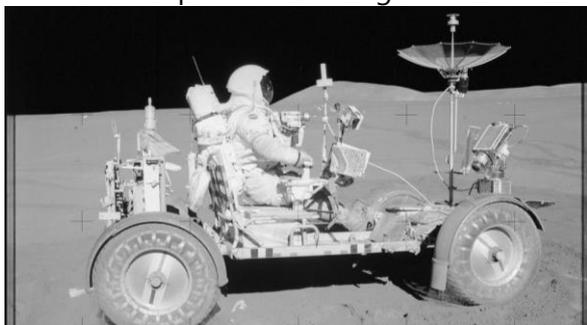


**Events at Cinderford Fire Station** – On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, there is a car wash between 10am and 4pm, and then on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May there is an Open Day and Fete from 12 noon – 3pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Space Dome** – The topic for the summer term is Space, as this year sees the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Neil Armstrong setting foot on the moon. We kicked off the topic with a really exciting activity in



school – a visiting inflatable planetarium in the auditorium! All the classes had a turn, and Robin and Wren thoroughly enjoyed the Space Dome. The children learnt the names of the planets in the Solar System and a few facts about each of them. The Space Dome has created lots of interest and questions amongst the children.



**Attendance** – so far this term attendance has been really good, and whole school attendance for the year now stands at 96.6%. At the end of last half term we were delighted to hand out 179 certificates for 100% attendance.



**Mountain Biking** – On Thursday 25th April, four children competed at the North mountain biking competition at Newent School. The children completed 3 x 400m laps where they came 4th. The team completed the course in under 16 minutes, which is a fantastic achievement. Well done!



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**Sleep and Activity** - There is some new research from the World Health Organisation that we thought you would be interested in. It has shown that, to grow up healthy, children under five must spend less time sitting watching screens and in pushchairs. Their guidelines state that children under 1 year should be physically active several times a days. Children from 1-2 years should be active for at least 180 minutes a day, and when 3-4 years old, 60 of these minutes should be moderate to vigorous physical activity. They say that a child under 5 should never be still



for more than one hour either in a push chair or in front of a screen. When 3-4 they still need 10-13 hours of sleep. If you would like to know more, the office can send you a link to further information.

**Vacancy** – We are looking for someone to work for an hour every morning between 7:30 and 8:30am helping to prepare the breakfast bagels. If you are interested, please call in and ask at the office for more information. We are also still looking for a school crossing patrol.

**Young Journalists Academy** - Pupils in year 5 have been creating news reports and articles as part of our Young Journalist Academy workshops this week. Articles have ranged from the impact of our new 'bagel' initiative all the way through to our recent science dome experience earlier in the week. Pupils have also had the opportunity to start to produce a filmed news segment with interviews. Find some of our articles over on the Young Journalist Website found here:



<https://youngjournalistacademy.com/>

**Governors Corner** - Governors have been busy recently with the recruitment of a new Deputy Head following Mrs Tilling's successful application to become the Headteacher. The closing date for applications was 26th April and I am pleased to report that we received a good number of applications for the role. Governors have shortlisted and will be meeting next week to confirm final details of the interview process. Interviews will be taking place on 22nd and 23rd May. We will of course keep you updated with any relevant information.

Governors would like to thank those parents and carers who completed the recent survey. There was a higher than normal response which is very pleasing to see. Results are being analysed and considered and a full report to all parents will be issued in due course. The results of the survey will also be considered with staff surveys, pupil surveys and governor surveys at a meeting towards the end of the school year where governors will be deciding on how we can make any improvements next year. *Matt Bishop. Chair of Governors*

**Next Newsletter** – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019.



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