

St White's Primary School

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Cinderford War Memorial and our 3rd anniversary - As you will already know, LKS2 and the school council have recently been successful in getting Cinderford war memorial listed and it is now a Grade II listed monument. Last Friday, we were joined by Michael Gorely, representative from Historic England, in assembly. He presented the school with a certificate to state that the school have successfully added the Cinderford War Memorial to the National Heritage List for England as part of the First World War Memorials Programme. Michael also presented us with a plaque, that is now proudly



displayed by the main school entrance, which states we are now a Heritage School. We were also able to see the first screening of the film Mrs Hewitt and four members of the school council took part in. This will soon be available on the Historic England website and will be used at their promotional events. We are extremely proud of all the hard work put into the application, by the pupils, and would like to thank Michael for all his support through the process.

To coincide with this, this week marked our 3rd anniversary in the new school. Throughout the week, the pupils looked back

Diary Dates

March

8th – 12th – Scholastics Book Fair – 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm
11th – Year 5 Skillzone trip
14th – Athlete visiting school
15th – Red Nose Day
19th – Talent show first heat
20th – Talent show second heat
26th – Year 6 Skillzone trip
28th – Talent show final 5.30pm

April

3rd – Years 2 & 6 Info Evening re SATS – 3.30 pm
4th – Topic Celebrations – 2.45 pm
5th – School finishes for Easter
23rd – Children return to school
30th – Class photographs

May

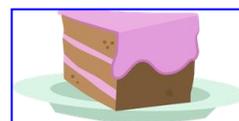
1st – 23rd – KS1 SATS throughout the month
13th – 17th – KS2 SATS tests

June

3rd – Aspirations Day
10th – 14th – Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests

on their learning over the last year. They looked back at work they are proud of and created pieces of work based on their memories.

We were also extremely lucky to be given a cake, from the PTFA, to celebrate the two events. The cake was a fantastic representation of Cinderford War Memorial and was a great way to mark the occasion. As I am sure all the children will agree it was also very yummy!



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal -

On Friday, we were thrilled to be joined in assembly by Jeff Jones and members of The Royal British Legion. This year, through the purchase of poppies the school raised £583.89. This significant sum has once again



meant we have been awarded with The Christopher Jones Commemorative Cup, which now stands proudly in the school front office. The money raised this year has been

added to the amounts we have raised over the last three years. We have raised a staggering sum of £1782.54. Because of this, we have been awarded a certificate from Shane Crowhurst, the Head of the Poppy Appeal. The school would like to thank The Royal British Legion for our awards, and for all their support within school. We would also like to extend our thanks to you for all your support and efforts in raising money for such a worthwhile cause.

Art Competition - In January, all KS2 classes took part in the Royal Forest of Dean Rotary Club's 'Hand's on' art competition. The



focus this year was 'Workings of the Forest'. Each class put their own slant on the brief and created some fantastic

artwork. We are thrilled to announce that one of our pupils came Runner up. A huge well done to Faith.

Child Car Seat Safety – Thank you to the parents who came along to the child car seat safety session this week, it was enjoyable and informative. There are some leaflets available in the reception area for anyone else who wants information.



Here are some of the quick checks to ensure your seat is safe –

1. Make sure the seatbelt is secure and not twisted
2. Make sure the seatbelt is following the correct route and the buckle is in the right place
3. Remove thick clothes such as bulky winter jackets as they will make the harness less effective.
4. Check the harness level with your child's shoulder.

More information can be found on the website www.childseatsafety.co.uk

Netball – On Wednesday the 27th of February, 14 children competed in the school games at Newent School. Both teams played some outstanding netball and team A made it all the way to the final. Unfortunately, team A lost in the dying seconds but still managed to achieve second place. There was some



excellent team work on show. Team B are through to the county finals at Dene Magna where they are

guaranteed a medal. The children only lost 1 game. Jed scored 6 goals and Lacie also scored 3. We look forward to the finals! Well done to both teams!

Talent Competition – Applications are in for St White's Has Got Talent 2019. The heats will be held on 19th and 20th March during the school day. The final will be held on Thursday 28th March at 5.30pm and tickets will be on sale nearer the time.



Attendance – we have had a much better start to this school term and whole school attendance has improved and is now 96.51%.

Morale Boxes - As you may remember, before Christmas we asked for donations of items that could be put into morale boxes, alongside work, letters and cards produced by the pupils. With your donations, we were able to send 12 boxes to the serving soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq through 'Support Our Soldiers'. Over February half term, we had an email from a Lance Corporal in The 3rd Battalion, The Rifles who is currently deployed in Iraq. The email explained that it is their job to teach the Iraqi police and Iraqi army to counter IEDs. The final paragraph of the email reads, "I'd just like to thank your children for the parcel, I especially like the pork scratchings, noodles and mint chocolate! There is a Christmas card with some very cheesy Christmas jokes, which made me chuckle!" A huge thank you to all those who donated and sent in boxes from home.



Scholastic Book Fair – 8th – 12th March -



The scholastic book fair will take place after school today Friday 8th and then next week on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March.

All children will receive a £1 voucher off a book from the fair. We can accept cash and cheques and if you are able to bring the correct money that is really helpful.

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.**



Brush up on your English – Adult Education are running a 10 week course for parents/ carers to brush up on their English, identify strengths and weaknesses and get ready for the next step in functional skills English. This runs here in school on Wednesday mornings 9.15 – 11.15 and started this week, but it is not too late to join in. If you are interested please speak to Erica Fearn, Family Support Worker for more information.

National School Breakfast Programme -The school is thrilled to announce that we are going to be taking part in the National School Breakfast Programme. This means that as the



children come into the classroom, between 8:40 and 8:50, they will all have the opportunity to have a breakfast bagel. The school are very excited about

taking part in the programme. More details will be sent to you over the coming weeks.

Aspirations Day 2019 - will be on Monday 3rd June. If any parents, grandparents, or family or friends would be interested in being one of our visitors for the day we would love to hear from them! We are looking for anyone who would like to come in to talk to/deliver workshops to the children to give them an insight into their job or profession. If you are interested or would like further information to please speak to Miss Underwood or let the office know.

A request – When your children have slips or letters to bring back to school, please could parents bring them to the office, or use the post boxes at either entrance to the school, rather than send them into class with your children.

Fund Raising Disco for Hospice UK – One of our parents, Theresa Bevan has asked us to let everyone know that she is running the London Marathon to raise money for



Hospice UK and has also arranged a Kids Disco to raise funds which is at the Causeway Club, Cinderford on Saturday 6th April 2 – 4pm. Tickets cost £3.00 and are available from Theresa – contact her through facebook page.

Dance Festival - Our year 5 and 6 dance club performed in front of 500 people last Thursday afternoon being part of the Cheltenham Dance festival at the Town Hall. Their dance followed the theme of 'around the world' and was a product of months of



practise during lunchtime dance club. Their costumes reflected the dance with the girls being dressed as

cowgirls, hula girls, 80s disco and belly dancers. Their performance was flawless with tonnes of energy and smiles! Well done girls!

Easter Holiday activities – Progressive Sports will be sending out flyers for their regular holiday club soon. The mini marines will be running a club at Forest View School which is open to our children as well – this one is on both Thursdays in the Easter Holidays – (11th and 18th April) their flyer will be sent out on Parentmail.

Message from the PTA – You will hopefully be aware of the fantastic work your PTA are doing to raise funds for our school. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the Match Funding scheme and how a little bit of your time could double the funds we raise for the PTA.

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the PTA detailing the date and

nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for the PTA and help us raise money for school. If you are able to help us this way, please speak to a member of the PTA and they can discuss your companies' requirements. Thank you for your support.

World Book Day - The whole school celebrated 'World Book Day' by being dressed ready for an adventure! They all looked fantastic and enjoyed some amazing



activities based on the book 'The Journey' by Aaron Becker

Next Newsletter – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 22nd March 2019.

