

# St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer Celebrate



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## 22nd March 2019

**Poetry Competition** – before Christmas Heron class entered a competition where the children had to create poetry about diversity. For a fantastic entry, the children received a



selection of poetry books whilst the judges finalise the winners. The children are going to share their entries

and their poetry books with the school.

**Netball** – On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, Team B played in the regional finals at Dene Magna school. The children played some excellent netball in a very tense game. Team B took a 3-1 lead at half time but ended up drawing 5-5 at full time with some excellent shots from



Jed and Ollie. Eventually St White's came out 6-5 winners after extra time with Lacie scoring the winner!

The team will now progress on to the county finals at Cheltenham on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Congratulations and best of luck!

**Free National Music event** – On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Gloucestershire Music is holding a free Learn to Play Session at a music centre in Coleford. If it is too short notice this time, visit

## Diary Dates

### March

25, 26, 28 – Wildlife Trust working with Lower KS2  
25<sup>th</sup> – Sparrow Class Attendance Reward trips  
26<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Skillzone trip  
27<sup>th</sup> – Peregrine Class Attendance Reward trip  
28<sup>th</sup> – Talent show final 5.30pm

### April

3<sup>rd</sup> – Years 2 & 6 Info Evening re SATS – 3.30 pm  
4<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Visit to Church in the morning  
4<sup>th</sup> – Topic Celebrations – 2.45 pm  
5<sup>th</sup> – School finishes for Easter  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Children return to school  
30<sup>th</sup> – Class photographs

### May

1<sup>st</sup> – Office closed  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 9am Learn alongside your child - Maths  
1<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – KS1 SATS throughout the month  
13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATS tests  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Year 6 Leavers Book photographs & preparations

### June

3<sup>rd</sup> – Aspirations Day  
10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests

the website [www.musicforall.org.uk](http://www.musicforall.org.uk) for information about future events.

**Reminder for all drivers** – Please drive and park safely and with consideration if you use the car to transport your children to and from school. It is very important for the safety of your children and local residents, that cars are driven and parked sensibly. If



complaints are received about traffic, the school always advises complainants to take registration numbers and pass their complaints to the police or highways agency.

**Attendance** – this term so far has seen our attendance improve and we had one day, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March when we had over 99% attendance! We are all still hopeful that one day we will have 100%. Whole school attendance is slowly climbing back up and now stands at 96.57%

**TT Rock Stars** - Pupils have been engaging in a fierce battle on the field of times table glory over the past week using the Times Table



Rock Stars app. Rival houses have been completing times table questions to try and ensure that their house

emerges victorious. The final round will be next week when the times table champions will be determined.

Leader boards have already been posted on displays in the school and pupils have certainly taken up the challenge with enthusiasm (with one pupil managing an impressive 19,000 correct answers over the past 7 days!). Good luck to you all!

**St White's Has Got Talent** – The Heats were held this week, and congratulations to the acts which have made it through to the final to be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm. Tickets for friends and family are available today for finalists, on Monday for School Council members and from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March for everyone else. Tickets cost £1.00 each and are available from the school office.

**PTFA Design an Easter Egg Competition** - Your child is invited to decorate or design an Easter egg at home to be judged at school on the last day of term. The design can be on paper as a drawing, painting or collage or it



can be a 3D egg shape. If you choose to decorate an actual egg, please hard boil it first! There will be

lots of prizes to be won. Entries should be brought into school by 9am on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April for judging. Good luck!

**Goodbye to Cherry!** – Today we have said a sad goodbye to Cherry Lyne who has been



our school crossing patrol for the last five and a half years. In assembly today the children have all said a big thank you to her for helping to keep them safe and for always greeting everyone with a happy

smile, whatever the weather! We all wish Cherry the very best for the future.

**Vacancy** – If anyone is interested in the school crossing patrol vacancy, please see the school website for more information.

**Road Safety Reminder** – until we can recruit a replacement, there will be no crossing patrol on St White's Road – so please be extra careful and if your children come to school

unaccompanied. Please speak to them about taking extra caution when crossing the road.



**National School Breakfast Programme** – We told you last time that the school is 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. Preparations are now well underway and the programme will start on 1<sup>st</sup> April. There will be a letter coming home next week.

**Letters and slips** – A reminder - 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.

**Books for Bugs** - Because you bought so many wonderful books from Books for Bugs, the school was given 126 free books. Staff went over after school and had a very enjoyable 2 hours, one evening last week choosing books for the library and for classes. All the children will benefit from this so thank you very much for your support.



**Office Closure** – just to let you know in advance that the school office will be closed all day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May as staff will be out for training.

**Homework** - The school would like to thank all parents so much for all the support given to children with their homework. We know that reading for pleasure is one of the biggest indicators of academic success and we are



thrilled that so many parents read at home with their children five times a week in line with our expectations. Thank you also for signing their homework diaries so that we can celebrate the support which they are given at home.

**NSPCC – Speak Out. Stay Safe** – On Thursday the NSPCC came into school to share information with the children about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries. There is lots of information for parents on the NSPCC website – a link has been sent on a separate letter through Parentmail to all families.



**Amnesty International** – on Wednesday we were pleased to welcome representatives



from Amnesty International who spoke to all the children in assemblies about the work of their organisation and human rights.

This was a fascinating and thought provoking presentation and our children now have an appreciation of the rights which they enjoy in this country and that people elsewhere in the world do not always share.



*“Human rights are what every human being needs to live a dignified and fulfilled life and to participate fully in society”*

**Roll up, roll up (your sleeves that is) –**

Volunteers are needed on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 10 – 1pm to help with the Blooming Ruspidge Park Plant. Everything is provided including tools and there will be compost, pots and seeds in the lower hall for children if they want to do some sowing. Refreshments available.



**Sports Clubs next term** – Your child will bring home a flyer from Progressive Sports with a list of sports clubs after Easter. Completed forms can be returned to school or you can apply online. All courses must be paid for in advance.

**Next Newsletter** – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

