

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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Travelling Tuba On 6th February we had a visit from Travelling Tuba – two very skilful musicians who entertained the whole school



with a performance explaining about the history of brass instruments and performing on lots of different ones. They then gave



workshop sessions to the KS2 classes throughout the day and they all made fabulous music!

Adult Education – Help your child with

Maths There will be a course aimed at parents of children in Years 3 and 4 to help give them a boost in maths, get tips to help them learn their times tables and you will have a chance to spend time working with your child in school! This will run on

Diary Dates

February 2020

17th – 21st – Half Term

26th – Adult Education maths class starts 9am

March 2020

5th – World Book Day. Learn Alongside Reading 2pm

5th to 10th – Scholastic Book Fair after school

18th – Mindfulness taster session 1-3pm

24th & 25th – Talent Show Heats

26th – Homework celebration

April

1st – St White's Has Talent - Final 6pm

3rd – Term Ends

4th – 19th – Easter Holidays

20th – Summer Term starts!

22nd – Mindfulness course starts

May – KS1 SATS throughout the Month

8th – (Friday **instead of Monday!!**) VE Day Bank Holiday

11th – 15th KS2 SATS Week

25th – 29th Half Term

June

1st – Back to school

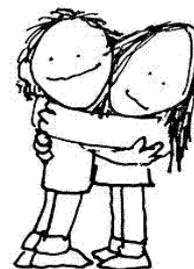
8th – 12th Phonics Screening Week (Year 1 & 2)

Wednesday mornings here at school starting on Wednesday 26th February until 1st April at 9am. Please just come along on the Wednesday morning after half term, or let the office know if you are interested.

A message from Erica - School Values!

We have a featured value each term and every class has lessons which focus on this value in addition to assemblies. Our school value next term is KINDNESS. Swift class are ahead of the game already with boxes in their room to celebrate kind deeds.

Children who go above and beyond will also be celebrated with mentions in the newsletter. If your child has done something particularly kind next term, please do write us a note and we can celebrate in assembly.



Random Acts of Kindness Day

To help us get into the mood for this value, please celebrate 'Random Acts of Kindness Day' on 17th February by being kind to someone and see what effect it has – it can be huge and make a real difference to someone else's life.



Safety on the school site Please would all parents and carers ensure that children do not use the slide on the school grounds at the start and end of the day. We have been told that children are running up and sliding down at drop off and collection times. The slide should only be used under staff supervision during the school day.



School Website If you haven't visited for a while, a reminder that the school website is the best place to go for any information you need about the school, and to keep up to date with what is going on! Each class page has news and photographs of what they have been up to! The newsletters are there for you to look back through, there is a news page which is updated whenever something exciting happens at school. You can also find lots of school policies under the Governors tab. Please note that if you are not able to access the website, you can always call in at the school office and ask for printed copies of any information or policies.

Gardening Club will start again on Wednesdays after half term – a letter has been sent out by Parentmail. This club is for parents/carers and children to attend together. If you would like to join the club you will be most welcome. After half-term the group will be working towards the



RHS Level 3 award, and will be growing vegetables, hopefully in a "keyhole" garden.

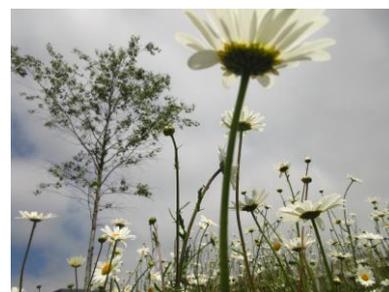
Half Term Activities

Prostars are running half term clubs around the area; their leaflet has been sent via Parentmail. There are events at Taurus Crafts, the Rewild project and a play session on Friday 21st at Ruspidge Recreation Ground.



There is more information about all these events on the school website. There are discount vouchers in the office for anyone who wants to go on the London Eye.

Mindfulness for Families We are pleased to say that a course will be running for 8 weeks on Wednesday mornings starting on 22nd April. We will be holding another taster session on the afternoon of 18th March from 1pm – 3pm. We welcome any more parents or family members who would like to join this free course, which explores mindfulness, focussing on attitudes of compassion, acceptance, nourishment and kindness. The course discusses triggers and ways to achieve calmer situations at home as well as how the brain works; looking at the effects of stress, emotions, and conflict, always focussing on cultivating compassion both for the learner and their family.



World Book Day – 5th March

As an exciting twist to this year's World Book Day, we will be focussing on poetry! Pupils are invited to **dress up as something from their favourite poem**. They should come in to school in costume with a copy of their

poem to be photographed. During the week, pupils will be learning about different sorts of poetry and writing their own. You are invited into school from 2pm on the day to hear poetry performance and see what they have been doing. We look forward to sharing our learning with you. There are lots of very



popular poems which your children will know including nursery rhymes, and poems by AA Milne (Winnie the Pooh), Road Dahl (who wrote Revolting Rhymes - poem versions of lots of our favourite fairy

tales including Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and Snow White and many others. We hope you have lots of fun reading poems with your children to decide who or what they want to be!

Charity Committee – The Charity Committee have been hard at work researching charities for the school to support. They have received a piece of correspondence from the Defibrillator Project Group and have decided that this will be the school's chosen charity for the next two terms. Watch this space for more information!

Cookery Club – The Year 5 and 6 cookery club met for the last time on Wednesday. They made a 'Berry Mess' full of fruit and fromage frais.



Delicious! Next term the club will include the Year 4 pupils who signed up. (A message

has gone out to remind you already). We will start with a rainbow salad – see you on the 26th in the kitchen at lunch time.

Attendance – We are very pleased to be handing out 174 badges and certificates for 100% attendance this half term to pupils (and 29 badges for

100%

staff!). Usually Spring 1 is a difficult half term with lots of illness, but although there have been some nasty bugs around, it does seem to have been better than in past years – this may well be because so many of the school community received the flu vaccination in December.

NHS Information on Coronavirus

We have been asked to pass on this information to all stakeholders:

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus. You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others:

- *Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze*
- *Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water or use sanitiser gel*

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.



Learning from 8:40am – We thought that you would like to know that the focus on fluency learning from 8:40am to 9am has been really effective. It has been going on now since September, and the children are improving their mathematics fluency and spelling! A parent has pointed out that unfortunately, this means that parents who only drop off, do not have a chance to see their class teacher. For this reason, we have agreed that all teachers will open the doors at 8:40 to greet parents and be available for any conversations that parents wish to have.

Next Newsletter – The next Newsletter will be on Friday 6th March 2020.



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