

# St White's Primary School

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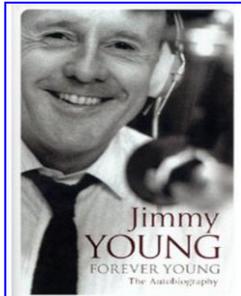
21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

**Archery** – After winning the first round, our valiant archery team went to the School Games Final in Cheltenham on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, and came a very respectable fourth place. Huge congratulations to them all.



**Ofsted Inspection** – thank you to all the parents who completed the online Parent Survey, and those who spoke to the Inspector on Wednesday. It was really exciting for staff and governors to meet with the Inspector, introduce him to lots of our wonderful children and show him everything we do here at St White's. The result of the inspection will be published in due course.

**Special Visitors** – On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June the school welcomed some very special visitors.



Broadcaster and singer Sir Jimmy Young was a pupil at St White's School in the 1920's along with his cousin Ann Richards. Jimmy was born in Cinderford, the son of a baker. He went on to be the first British recording artist to

have two consecutive Number One singles in 1955. In 1967 he was one of the original line up of DJs on Radio One, and was most famous for his long running daytime programme on Radio Two from 1973 until 2002. Sadly, Jimmy died in 2016, but we were very pleased that his wife, Lady Alicia Young, visited the



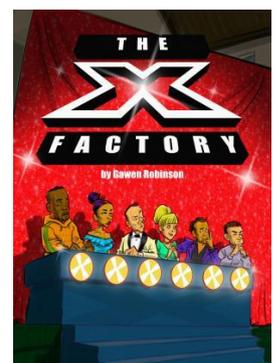
## Diary Dates

### June

- 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Dene Magna bump up week
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Adult Education, How to Survive the Summer Holidays
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Learn alongside Reading – all classes 9-10am
- July**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – Forest High Bump Up days
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Robin and Wren trip to Newbridge Farm Park
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – GPJ Sports at Newent School
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 trip to Everyman Theatre
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 trip to the Musicate Launch
- 5<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Summer Fayre
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Bump Up afternoon
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 trip to Techniquet
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Swimming Gala
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Topic Celebrations – Whole School 2.45pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Reserve Sports Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers Play 6pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers Play Afternoon (TBC)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – PTFA School Disco
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Term Ends Leavers Assembly (Time TBC)

school along with his cousin Ann, who shared her memories of the old school. Members of the school council were very proud to show them around our wonderful new building. Lady Young has kindly offered to give the school a shield, which will be the "Sir Jimmy Young Trophy". They also left us with a copy of Jimmy's autobiography and some wonderful photographs.

**Year 6 Leavers Play** – the corridors of the school are ringing with the fabulous sounds of our Year 6 pupils practising their play – "The X Factory". Tickets will be available for family and friends from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July. There will be two performances, one in the evening on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July and one in the afternoon of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>.



**Adult Education** – Flyers have been sent out for the courses which are running in June and July. There is still plenty of space for “How to survive the Summer Holidays” on 26<sup>th</sup> June but sadly the “Family First Aid” sessions on 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July have had to be postponed to next year. If you are interested and able to come along please let office staff know.

**PTFA Summer Fayre** – this is the last newsletter before the Summer Fayre which will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Donations of anything for tombola prizes can be left at the office at any time, and for the cake stall on the day please. Raffle tickets are on sale, and if you are able to help to run a stall on the day, please let a PTFA member know. The PTFA are also looking for a new treasurer, so if anyone is interested please get in touch.



**Severn Trent Water** – On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June Maxine from Severn Trent Water came into school and told us all about the simple things we can do to save water, like turn off the tap when we are cleaning our teeth and making



sure we only spend 4 minutes in the shower. She also told us why it is important not to flush

nappies and wipes down the toilet and put cooking oil down the drain. All of the children pledged to do their bit to help!

**Volunteers for September** - We are looking for volunteers to come into school and help



us to hear children read after the summer holidays. If there are any parents, carers or friends who have some spare time to dedicate on a regular basis, we would really appreciate your help. If you are interested or

want some more information, please let Michelle or Mia in the office know.

**Attendance** – Last half term we were delighted to hand out well over 200 certificates and badges for 100% attendance! There are currently 37 pupils on track for 100% attendance for the whole year. Overall attendance had really picked up during the last half term, but has since dropped again. So far this term and now stands at 96.59%.

**In the Net** – on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June we hosted a live theatre production about internet safety for our Year 4 pupils and other local schools. This play has been designed to improve pupils’ understanding about online safety: how to protect themselves from dangers online and how they can seek support if they experience Cyber Bullying. They are now buzzing with ideas about this important topic.

**Debating Club** – is still running on Fridays at lunchtime. We have a fascinating time discussing different issues chosen by the children. They have amazing ideas and are getting really good at expressing them concisely. We are sending you a link to a video that might give you something interesting to debate at home! This one is about what it would be like if children were the teachers for a day:

<https://vimeo.com/198309592> We will be debating this in our next club session. If your child has passionate views, do please encourage them to come along!

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

