

# St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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**Welcome back!** The Christmas holiday seems like a distant memory already!

**New Age Curling!** 7 children represented St White's at the New Age Curling event at Newent Secondary School. Everybody had a



fantastic time and one team came second in the group and the other first. The team that came first made it to the finals and had the chance to compete for a medal. They managed to beat 2 local schools in the final and received their well deserved gold medals.



Well done to everyone that competed. As Forest of Dean Champions, they have been invited to represent the area at the County Finals on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at Cheltenham! We wish them good luck!

**Cookery Club** got off to an amazing start on the 8<sup>th</sup> January when we cooked Banatastic

## Diary Dates

### January 2020

- 24<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Battle - Woodpecker v Heron
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Cheltenham Dance Festival
- 28<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultation Evenings
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Rags2Riches bags collection
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Assembly Battle - Swift v Jay

### February 2020

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Learn alongside Maths 9am
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Meeting for current Year 3 parents about residential in 2021
- 12<sup>th</sup> – School Nurse Hub drop in
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> – Half Term

### March 2020

- 5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day. Learn Alongside Reading 2pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair after school
- 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Talent Show Heats
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Homework celebration

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> – St White's Has Talent - Final 6pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Term Ends
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Easter Holidays
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Summer Term starts!

**May** – KS1 SATS throughout the Month

8<sup>th</sup> – (Friday!!) VE Day Bank Holiday

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATS Week

### June

8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Phonics Screening Week (Year 1 & 2)

flowers – which were delicious. There were so many children wanting to participate in the



the club – we are starting with Year 5 and 6 children, but will make sure that everyone



who wants to will have a turn in future terms.

On 15<sup>th</sup> January we made stir fry which spread a delicious smell through the whole school!

**Lunch Time Helpers rewarded** On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January in Assembly the 12 children who had helped consistently at lunch times during the first term were rewarded with pizza



during Assembly. Well done to you all – the Midday supervisors really appreciate all your help! Congratulations to Neiva, Alyssa, Tom, Bella, Lacey, Riley, Evelyn, Alicia, Noah, Kyla, Miah and Belle!

**School Nursing Hub Drop In** On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February the school nurses will be holding a drop-in session for parents to come in and discuss any issues relating to your children's health such as dental hygiene, sleep, anxiety, self-esteem, behaviour, healthy eating and weight. We will send out more reminders much nearer the time. There is a link to their website here: <https://ghc.nhs.uk/our-teams-and-services/school-nursing/hubs/>

### Spring 1 writing competition

Reminder about the Spring writing challenge, on the theme of animals. Once again we are asking pupils to write in a text type that they have learnt about in class.

- EYFS - Draw an animal and its habitat (you could also label or write a sentence about them)
- KS1 - Diary entry
- LKS2 - Narrative
- UKS2 - Balanced argument



All entries must be handed into Peregrine Class or the school office by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Winners will be announced the following week. As always, parent/carer entries are

very welcome.

**Roadworks!** We have been advised by the Highway Authority that a large section of Buckshaft Road will be closed for resurfacing from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 7am to 7pm. Please be aware that this is likely to cause a lot of problems for traffic at school drop off and collection and we advise parents who usually drive to Buckshaft Road to try and find somewhere further away from the school to park. Please do not try to park in Sneyd Wood Road instead because the roadworks on the estate are not due to finish until later on next week. Highways advise that extreme weather and sometimes technical difficulties can delay work. For more information they suggest accessing their website:

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/resurfacing](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/resurfacing)

**Looking for real life scientists!** Do you, or someone you know, use Science as part of your day to day life? Are you an electrician who knows all about electrical safety? Are you a dentist? Are you a hairdresser? Are you a keen gardener who knows how to classify plants? Here at St White's, we pride ourselves on developing our children's confidence, curiosity and understanding of our world. Our children love science and I am keen to develop ways in which to demonstrate to them how science is all around us and a part of our everyday lives. I would love the



support of you, our parents and carers, in helping the school to promote this. If you are passionate about anything that links with science or have a job that uses science and would be happy to be invited into school to share your experience and knowledge with the children, I would love you to get in touch with me. Thank you, **Miss Underwood (science lead).**

**PC Greg Steer visit** On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January



PC Greg Steer our school beat officer came in to speak to Year 6 pupils about on-line safety and relationships. He is our regular "School Beat" officer who works with all the schools in the Forest area.

### **A message from Heron Class project**

**group:** Dear St White's parents, we are a select handful of pupils from Heron class and we are writing to you because we are on a mission! Our



goal is to get a defibrillator that the St White's school community and the residents of Sneyd Wood Road will have access to. We believe that this is important for our community's safety. There are approximately 390 people living on

Sneyd Wood Road, also, on sports day there are approximately 930 people that come to school, who are missing the opportunity for having the support of a defibrillator. We will be looking for your support through this challenge and hope you aim to help the best you can. Thank you for your help. Yours sincerely, **Year 5 (Heron class)**

**Mindfulness for Families** Following the taster session on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January we will be running another taster session one afternoon soon – we will send confirmation through Parentmail. 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.

### **Adult Education – English and Maths skills**

There are courses available for free starting in Coleford at The Main Place, Old Station Way – enrolment session on 24<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am – for more information please contact 01452 583800 or email

[Megan.Thoresson@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Megan.Thoresson@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

**Clubs** Apart from KS2 gymnastics on a Tuesday, all the progressive sports clubs are full. There are a couple of spaces for KS1 homework club. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Artspace animation club, but Artspace pottery is nearly full. Guitar club is up and running again and if there are any new children interested in starting to play, please contact the office.

**Rags2Riches Collection** The PTFA have given out bags to collect donations of good quality unwanted clothing to raise funds for the school. Bags should be returned to school first thing on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Please do not bring them in any earlier as we do not have space to store them! If you have more to donate, then please use bin liners for extra items.

**Concert** – we have been asked to let you know that our guitar teacher Mark Venus is playing with his band "Vapor" at St Stephens church in Cinderford on 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. Tickets are available from Mark Venus on Facebook or vapormusic1 on Facebook.

**Appeal for junk!** Reception classes need your "junk" for making models- this term the topic is transport – so anything suitable please!

**Next Newsletter** – The next Newsletter will be on Friday 31st January 2020.

