

St White's Primary School

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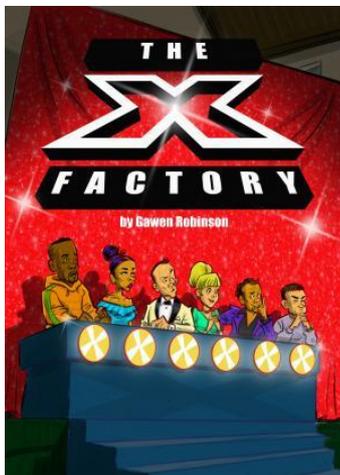
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This is our last newsletter of 2018/19 and today we have said a sad farewell to our Year 6 pupils who are going on to their next adventures!

Year 6 Leavers Play – Well done to all our

Year 6 pupils on two fabulous performances of The X Factory! What a talented group of pupils we have and thanks to all the family and friends who came along to watch. We are so proud of you!



Little Princess Trust – In the last newsletter we told you that Abigail from Nightingale class was going to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust, who make wigs from real hair for children who have hair loss and raise



Before!!!

funds for research. Thanks to everyone who donated – here are the before and after pictures we promised.



After!!!

Diary Dates

September

- 1st – School lunches for the first week need to be ordered by midnight
- 2nd – Inset Day
- 3rd – School starts for all pupils
- 6th – PTA meeting 3.15pm – new parents welcome
- 10th – Year 3 Stonehenge Trip – 7.30am start
- 12th – Year 4 Stonehenge Trip – 7.30am start
- 19th – Fizz Pop Science Club starts 3.30pm

October

- 10th – Mental Health Day – non uniform to raise funds for Teens In Crisis
- 14th – 18th – Year 6 Residential to Aberdovey
- 24th – Last day of school – Half Term holiday
- 25th – Inset Day

November

- 4th – School starts for all pupils

Sports Day - Thank you to all the parents who supported sports day. It was a very close competition but red house eventually came out as winners. Although an outstanding score from Green team in the morning contributed to an exciting day. Well done everyone!



KS1 trips to Beechenhurst – this week Sparrow, Nightingale and Kingfisher classes all had trips to Beechenhurst. Kyler in Sparrow class wrote about the trip: On Monday Sparrow Class went on a trip to Beechenhurst. First we completed the exciting Zog trail in the woods. Next we did den building. Miss Guest was the judge and she liked ours

because we could stand up in it. Our den came second in the competition and the winner was the den called Woodland Paradise. Then it was lunch time



and when we finished eating we were allowed to go into the adventure playground or play football. How fun it was! After that we did a bug hunt and we found creepy beetles,



woodlice and centipedes. Finally we went back to school and had a delicious ice lolly. How yummy it was! My favourite part of the day was den building.

GPJ Sports – On Wednesday 3rd July, 12 pupils competed in the school games GPJ tournament,



finishing joint 5th. Through a combination of sports including cricket, end ball, long jump and relay races the children demonstrated

excellent skill and determination. Kate had the furthest long jump of the day (1.94m) - an excellent effort. Both boys and girls showed excellent skill in end ball scoring 12 goals between them. Most importantly all the Newent leaders highlighted St White's for the teamwork award showing sportsmanship and outstanding manners.

Debating Club - Last week we played **Question Tennis**. This playful game of answering a question with a question has been a staple of family car journeys for a long time. The basic premise is beautifully simple:

1. Each player must respond to a question with a question
2. No statements

As well as being an excellent exercise in careful listening, playing the game requires learners to inquire and problematise, encourages them to celebrate mystery, and develop their sceptical side. Questioning in the classroom is notoriously dominated by teachers, and this encourages students to think independently and become more ready to question each other rather than continually announcing their own opinion.

If you would like to see an example of this game so you can play it at home, here's a link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lb8uY4k0Bmo&safe=true>

School Council – a message from Miss Hyndman - I would like to say a big thank you to the school council for all their hard work over the past year. They have been dedicated and committed, always giving their best.

Early in September I will be holding the new school council elections and everyone in years 2-6 is eligible to stand as a councillor. Candidates will be required to complete a manifesto which tells everyone why they would be a good school councillor. During the holidays it would be really great if children could get involved in community activities, so they have lots to talk about within their manifestos. Have a great summer, I look forward to hearing all of the pledges in September.

Kind regards

Miss M Hyndman, School Council Lead

Clubs for September - When we return in September there will be a KS2 archery club.

These sessions will start when all other clubs resume and will cost just £2.00 a week, Mrs Guest will be leading the session so come and test your aim! There will also be a guitar club running two days a week after school.



A full list of clubs along with start dates will be sent out in September.

Summer Holiday Events at Cinderford

Library – The Space Chase Summer Reading challenge is on at Cinderford Library. Children have to read six library books and visit the library regularly to earn a medal and certificate. Detailed information has been sent out on Parentmail.

English Heritage Story Writing

Competition – We thought families might be interested in this over the summer holidays! To enter, they'll need to:

1. Gather inspiration from stories of the past at one of our [English Heritage sites](#).
2. Write a story inspired by their chosen site's myths, legends, and folklore in 500 words or less.
3. Submit their story on our entry sheet ([download here](#)) by emailing tellingtales.writingcompetition@english-heritage.org.uk.

For further information, please visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/tellusastory.

Attendance – We have ended the year with whole school attendance at 96.51%. Today in assembly we were pleased to hand out 28



certificates and books for children with 100% attendance for the whole school year,

and there were another 35 certificates for children with 99% attendance. Four of our Year 6 leavers received special certificates for achieving over 99% attendance for their whole seven years at the school – a really amazing achievement. Congratulations to all the pupils who received awards or certificates for academic or sporting achievements.

PTA - A big thank you to the hard working members of the PTA for everything they have done for the school this year. There was the fabulous professional pantomime presented here in school just before Christmas, the Christmas and Summer Fayres and discos and they have made contributions towards the

Year 6 Leavers Books and barbeque, brought in ice lollies for all the children last week, and are always willing to serve refreshments at lots of school events. Their first meeting for the new school year will be on Friday 6th September at 3.15pm, and they would really welcome new members.



We wish all our children and families a very enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing everyone in September. We are setting up a special page on the school website which is full of information about activities and suggestions of what to do in the holidays! Look out for important information on Parentmail too.

Next Newsletter – The first Newsletter of the school year will be published on Friday, 13th September 2019.

