

St White's Primary School

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This will be the last newsletter for this half term – and just a reminder that the last day of term is **Thursday 23rd May** as next Friday is an inset day. Children return to school on Monday 3rd June for an action-packed **Science week** including Aspirations Day on Monday, and KS2 trip to the Cheltenham Science Festival on the Tuesday. KS1 and EYFS parents are invited to join us for a Fizz POP science assembly followed by a learn-alongside science session on Wednesday 5th June from 9-10am. KS2 parents are invited to come along to our KS2 Science Fair which is when the children will share their own scientific enquiries with their parents on Thursday 6th June from 2:50 onwards.

Soccer 7's Football tournament – on Wednesday 8th May, 15 pupils competed in the Forest of Dean games, where they displayed some excellent football. Both teams



played exceptionally well, competing against some very tough opposition. Both teams won lost and drew, and some exceptional goals were scored.

Spaceship Crash at St White's! - Breaking news at St White's! On Monday night at St White's School, a spaceship crash landed in Forest School and harmed many plants. How do we know? Well

Diary Dates

May

- 1st – 23rd – KS1 SATS throughout the month
- 21st – London trip – Houses of Parliament and Science Museum
- 23rd – Year 6 Leavers Book photographs & preparations – school finishes for half term
- 24th – Friday is an inset day

June

- 3rd – School starts - Aspirations Day
- 4th – Science Festival Trip
- 5th – KS1 & EYFS Fizz Pop Assembly & Learn Alongside your child 9 – 10am
- 6th – KS2 Science Fair – parents welcome from 2.50pm
- 13th – New Intake Parent's Evening
- 13th – Country Dancing Festival (details to follow)
- 10th – 14th – Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests
- 24th – 28th – Dene Magna bump up week

July

- 2nd – 4th – Forest High Bump Up days
- 4th – Sports Day
- 5th – PTFA Summer Fayre
- 11th – Reserve Sports Day
- 16th – Year 6 Leavers Play 6pm
- 17th – Year 6 Leavers Play Afternoon (TBC)
- 19th – Term Ends Leavers Assembly (Time TBC)

Mrs Tilling checked the CCTV footage and she was shocked at what she saw. Many people believed that there were aliens. Some people believed that the aliens were there to invade the planet. The police were called right away and they found some green sand and some footprints. The police were puzzled at this because they didn't believe in aliens. Mrs Tilling said "I cannot have a spaceship at my school. The children will go crazy!" Edmée said that she couldn't believe her eyes and she hoped that the aliens would go away soon. If you see anything be sure to contact St White's immediately to help with their investigation.
Report by Trinity, Sparrow Class.



Attendance – has continued to improve this half term, and whole school attendance now stands at 96.64%. We are on track to hand out nearly 250 certificates for 100% attendance this half term!



Mental Health Week - Next week the school will be focusing on Mental Health Awareness Week with a focus on Healthy Mind, Healthy Body. Staff will be sharing a video on Monday. If you would like to see this you can follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hVAPFyukvY&safe=true>

During the week, we will be discussing this video, having lessons on how to maintain good mental health and decorating our classrooms with ways to help ourselves feel better.

Exciting news! This week also launches our 'Joke of the Day'. Keep your eyes peeled for the first one on Monday. If you have any fabulous jokes that you would like to share, there will be a donation box on the Reception desk. Post them in and yours might be chosen!

Governors Corner – This half term is a very busy one for Governors, the Finance Committee on 14th May discussed the budget for the forthcoming school year, making sure that all the money is spent on what is best for our pupils. This will now go forward to the Full Governors meeting on the 23rd May for final approval. Governors have been busy this week monitoring the invigilation of the KS2 SATS tests – ensuring that the papers are stored and collected securely and that all the procedures for administering the tests are followed exactly. It was really pleasing to note how well-organised the process was and that children were coming in with enthusiasm. Governors are also involved in the recruitment process for our new Deputy Head Teacher – interviews take place next week on Wednesday and Thursday.

Adult Education at St. White's - We are very proud to host Adult Education in our school. Since we've started hosting courses at St. White's, numerous parents have participated and received qualifications. Because we are so proud of our parent learners and their accomplishments, we have decided to periodically feature them in our newsletters.

Meet Jess Annetts, Adult Education Learner and Parent of Child in Year 3

To start anything new can be very daunting, no matter what age. However, achieving, succeeding, learning new things, brushing up on your skills and also building new friendships can make you feel awesome! Every Wednesday morning (term-time) at St Whites, Adult Education offers a course. The classes are ideally timed so that parents can drop their child/children off and then come along for a cuppa and gain some qualifications. Maybe you want to be able to help your child with their learning and feel you need to brush up on your knowledge? Or maybe you would like to gain qualifications you didn't achieve in school? Maths and English are just a few of the courses on offer. The courses are free! We are a welcoming, friendly fun group. Come along try something new!



Adult Education are always trying to find out what our interests are so that they can run courses that we will enjoy. Coffee, tea, biscuits and new learning opportunities... What more could you want?! If you think this is something you would be interested in, then stop by Erica's office and let her know. We would love to have you join us!

Year 6 SATS – congratulations to all the Year 6 pupils for their hard work and fabulous attitude this week. The mornings were all about hard work, but afternoons were all about relaxing with team building activities, games, and yesterday ice-creams out on the field!



Next Newsletter – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 7th June 2019.

