

# St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer Celebrate



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**Pupdate!** I graduated from Puppy School this week! I can sit, lie down, stand and walk



to heel! I'm working on some other tricks too which I will hopefully perfect at Puppy University! Ginnie x

**St White's Has Got Talent** – This year's talent show has been a real success with 28 acts taking part over 2 heats. We had a variety of acts enter, from singers to dancers, jugglers to footballers and not forgetting the traditional comedy acts. The whole school got behind the contestants during the heats, clapping, cheering and joining in with slow waves which helped to create a majestic atmosphere for the whole school community. The top 5 acts from each heat plus 2 wild cards were sent through to the Grand Final which took place on Thursday 28th March.

With an almost sell out audience the atmosphere was electric on the night. All of the acts were fantastic and the judges had a

## Diary Dates

### April

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Years 2 & 6 Info Evening re SATS – 3.30 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Visit to Church in the morning
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Topic Celebrations – 2.45 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> – School finishes for Easter
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Children return to school
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Class photographs

### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Office closed
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9am Learn alongside your child - Maths
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – KS1 SATS throughout the month
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATS tests
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Year 6 Leavers Book photographs & preparations – school finishes for half term
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday is an inset day

### June

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – School starts - Aspirations Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> – New Intake Parent's Evening
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests

really tough deliberation. Their top 3 acts of 2019 were: Bronze Medal - George and his juggling act, Silver Medal - Marley for his dance with a difference and this year's Gold Medal went to Keiva with her solo performance of "Never Enough."

Thank you to all the contestants that have entered this year and to their families for supporting them.



Thank you to all of our judges, especially Mrs Cross and Jamie Jones our guest judges on

Finals' night. A massive thank you to the School Council who have worked tirelessly, (through their lunchtimes) for weeks, planning, organising, and implementing this event. We have amazing teaching staff here at St. White's who performed their version of "Ghost Busters" so a huge thank you to them too. We have raised a massive amount of money - £640.30 from ticket sales and cakes, which will benefit all of the children in the school. We plan to make a wish list of items that we could buy. Please fill in a Talent Show survey to tell us how you found the event.

The link is here

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Fv1c9Cgq3kKoAvqCjQ6MG5Y9Uiy7HmFGINaPgdkgmARUQ0NURFQwRkgwMUNXSVk2MIQwTUdHVkZISS4u>

**PTFA Egg Design Competition** – There was a truly amazing display of eggs to be judged this morning. There were over 60 entries and what fabulous design skills and imagination our children have. It was really difficult to pick the winners, and congratulations to



everyone who took part. The winners for EYFS/KS1 were George, Miah and Poppy and for KS2 Blake, Lily and Marley.

**KS1 Visit to the Church** – A big thank you to all the parents who came out in the snow and rain to help walk to the church with Kingfisher, Nightingale and Sparrow classes. The children learnt about the Easter story. Thank you to St John's for being so welcoming.



**TT Rockstars** - We have seen a great uptake from pupils over the past month on TT Rockstars. In one week in March we had a phenomenal 35,000 correct answers from all pupils in the school and our average speed for answering each question was less than 3.5 seconds! Different times table battles will be in place over the Easter break with different classes facing off against each other. We will also announce the pupils that have the most correct answers in KS1 and KS2 on the first week back and present them with their certificates. **Rock on St White's!**



**County Netball Finals** – On Tuesday 2nd April the netball team played at the school games finals. The team are in the top 10% in the county and they played against some excellent teams from across Gloucestershire. The team displayed some excellent skill and determination and some of our players received player of the match awards. Fantastic effort.



**River Dipping** - Pupils from Lower Key stage 2 spent the day with Georgia from the Wildlife trust. They learnt all about the water cycle, what happens to the water we use, how to be a water saver, not a water waster, and how we can stop pollution and keep our planet clean and safe. They walked down to Linear Park and collected water samples to see what was living in there. The bugs that we found could tell us if there is pollution or not in our river. Thank you to the parents who came in to help us walk.



**Breakfast Bagels** – The launch of our breakfast bagels has been a resounding



success. Pupils have adapted to the new routine as they come into school fantastically and are enjoying their warm bagels.

**Firefighters Charity** – Are any families free to support the Fete at Cinderford Fire Station on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 12 – 3pm? They are looking



for volunteers and donations for a variety of stalls. For more information please contact

[Jeanette.liddle@glosfire.gov.uk](mailto:Jeanette.liddle@glosfire.gov.uk)

**Travelling to and from School** – Now that the weather is so much better, it is lovely to see so many families enjoying the walk or cycle to school. A message was sent out on



Parentmail about the Big Pedal Challenge which has been running over the last two weeks and we do hope

that parents and children will continue to walk, cycle and scoot to school. We have been asked by the County Council to remind parents that the Travel Charter suggests that parents do not park at the Sneyd Wood Road entrance to drop off and collect children. The local parish council have also asked us to remind parents to be considerate of the local residents when parking their cars.

**Dangerous driving** – there have been an increasing number of reports of parents driving dangerously near the school and a few near miss incidents reported. The Sneyd Wood Road estate was designed as a “shared space” for all road users including pedestrians, cyclists and cars. This means there are no pavements and no road markings. The road twists and turns in a way which means there is often little visibility of oncoming traffic, so cars need to proceed very slowly and approach

bends and corners in the expectation of a vehicle approaching from another direction. Buckshaft Road and St White’s Road have very narrow pavements which make it difficult for



parents walking with groups of children and pushchairs to pass and cross and there is often lots of parked traffic. Although the legal speed limit may be 30mph on these local roads, in reality this is far too fast when there are lots of other road users in the area. To ensure everyone’s safety, please drive really carefully near our school.

**Nits!** – There are still some cases of nits in school. Please can all parents use the Easter holiday period to comb through hair regularly to check for and make sure all the children are clear of nits. We can only get rid of the problem if everyone checks and treats regularly.



**School Crossing Patrol** – There have been no applicants for the school crossing patrol vacancy. The job is being re-advertised, so if there are any parents who are interested please contact the school office. For now, parents will have to continue to be vigilant.

**Happy Easter** – We hope all our children and families have an enjoyable Easter break, and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Next Newsletter** – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019.



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