

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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October 2021

Welcome to our October edition of the newsletter. We would like to thank all our parents for supporting the school this term and keeping in regular contact with illness reporting. This has allowed us to report accurately to the DFE. With the increasing level of COVID cases within the local area, we would like to encourage parents/carers to wear face coverings during pick up and drop off times again. If you are medically exempt from wearing a face covering, we will try our best to remember this.

If you have any concerns or worries, please remember that we are always here to listen and help. You can pop into the office at any time or simply send us an email if the office is not open.

Harvest Festival

A massive thank you to everyone who brought in donations of tinned food for the food bank, it is greatly appreciated especially after the pandemic.

It was so lovely to have parents come in to view the wonderful harvest festival work the children have done. Thank you to everyone who has purchased their child's work so far, if you have not done so already they are on sale for 50p. Please let the office know if you would like to buy your child's work. All money raised will be donated to the local foodbank and people in the community. The total amount will be announced in next month's newsletter.

Well done to the charity committee for helping organise and run the day, it was a huge success!



Diary Dates

November

1st November: First Day Back

8th November: Year 6 Cycling Proficiency starts

10th November: Author Visit to School

11th November: Armistice Day

19th November: Children in Need Day (Non-School Uniform)

December

8th December: Christmas Dinner and Winter Jumper Day

9th – 10th December: Flu Immunisation sessions

Poppy Appeal

On the 11th November, we will be commemorating Armistice Day in school. The charity committee will be coming around to each classroom with poppy merchandise each day. The suggested donation is usually £1 to £2, this can be brought in with them to class. School staff will not be handling cash, so we will not be able to give any change. Merchandise will be available from Monday 1st November. Please understand that stock is limited this year.



Happy birthday to the children (and staff) who celebrated birthdays this month:

Jacob, Tyler-James, William, Lydia, Todd, Mia, Harmony-Grace, Harry, Dexter, Lorna, Junior, Tobylee, Roman, Veronica, Oliver, Josephine, Kleo, Myles, Oscar, Evie-May, Onira, Violet, Charlie, Teegan, Rudy, Miss Bruce, Miss Cartwright, Miss Cinderey and Ms Osborne.

We completely understand that your child would like to celebrate their birthday in school but please remember that bringing sweet treats into class is not allowed due to potential allergies within their group.



Eco Schools Award

We are still working towards achieving our Eco Schools award and our focus areas are: encouraging more wildlife onto our school site, reducing our paper usage and reducing our energy usage. Our newly appointed class Eco reps will be working closely with Miss Underwood to plan actions and help to monitor them throughout the school. As always, if your children do anything outside of school that is related to any of these focus areas, she would love to hear about it! Please email Skylark@st-whitesaloucs.sch.uk

Eco Schools Committee

Nightingale Class – Violet and Savannah
 Sparrow Class - Ruby and Harrison
 Skylark Class – Isla-Faith and Harry
 Jay Class- Jonah and Zara
 Swift Class – Ada and Angelina
 Woodpecker Class – Riley and Kyler
 Peregrine Class – Sophia and Jake
 Heron Class – Tylan and Phoebe

Cheltenham Literature Festival

Thank you to all of our parent helpers who attended the Cheltenham, Literature Festival with KS2. The children all had a fabulous time.

Star of the Week Awards

Every week there is a 'star of the week' and a 'sports star of the week' pupil in each class. Currently we are particularly celebrating 'commitment' to both work and sport. Well done to the children who have received awards this month.

Week commencing 4 th October 2021		
	Star of the Week	Sports Star of the Week
Robin	Damien	Jack
Wren	Joshua	Lyra
Kingfisher	Grace	Kleo
Nightingale	Izzy	Amber
Sparrow	Darcy	Toby
Skylark	Aiden	Kosay
Jay	Orla	Ollie
Swift	Vinnie	Daniel
Woodpecker	Lowri	Kaycie-Jay
Heron	Maya	Bella
Peregrine	Lucas	Miles & Ashley

Week commencing 11 th October 2021		
	Star of the Week	Sports Star of the Week
Robin	Olivia	Teegan
Wren	Phoebe F	Catherine
Kingfisher	Alfie	Harriet
Nightingale	Callen	Grace L
Sparrow	Violet W	Emily F-J
Skylark	Lily-Hanna	Jessica
Jay	George	
Swift		
Woodpecker	Oliver	Willow
Heron	Evie	Freya
Peregrine	Abdul	Veronica

Week commencing 18 th October 2021		
	Star of the Week	Sports Star of the Week
Robin	Rudy	Jacob P
Wren	Zayan	Jaxon
Kingfisher	Hector	Nayfeh
Nightingale	Josephine	Harrison
Sparrow	George	Charlotte
Skylark	Alexa	Alex
Jay	Cohen	Jonah
Swift	Lucy	Noah
Woodpecker	Rosie	Dougie
Heron	Harry H	Gene
Peregrine	Poppy T	Nathan N

The Story of the Forest

On Wednesday 10th November, we will be welcoming Andy Seed into school to talk about his new book 'The Story of the Forest'. The book is a new children's history of the Forest of Dean from Stone Age to the present day. Andy has written over 30 factual titles and was winner of the 2015 Blue Peter Book Award.

He will be selling signed copies of the book at a discounted price of £7. If you wish to order, then please complete the order form attached to the email or pop into the office.

Clothes Swap

Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased uniform during our clothes swap on Wednesday and Thursday. It was a huge success and we raised just under £45.00. The plan is to have these events at the end of every term so watch this space for more information if you missed it this time.

Sporting News

On Wednesday 13th October, 12 children represented St White's at the Forest of Dean cross country competition. They all did amazingly well with Willow finishing 25th in the 150 involved in the girls' competition. Billy came 10th and Harry finished in a close 11th in the boys' competition with our boys finishing fourth. The whole team showed commitment and determination to get across the finish line and we are super proud of them all.

On Friday 15th October St White's competed in a Forest of Dean football tournament at 'The Dean



Academy' hosted by Pro Stars. The boys did fantastically well in the group stage, winning all four games and not conceding a goal. After winning the group it was a very close final with Primrose Hill school which ended up 1-1 at the full time whistle. Max, Harry and Jack stepped up to score their 3 penalties and bring the trophy home to St White's. The team displayed great sportsmanship, determination, teamwork and hard work to come out worthy winners. Well done boys!

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy open for a site supervisor. The application form and all further information is on our vacancy page which can be found on the school website. Closing date is Friday 29th October, interviews will be taking place on Thursday 4th November.

We are always looking for volunteers to help support our children with their reading skills, please contact the school to register your interest.

Competition Time!

An exciting opportunity has arisen to make an improvement to our school. The school council is looking for children who are prepared to spend some time designing posters to help improve our lunchtimes. The posters should focus on one thing that can be done. For example, leaning over sandwich boxes while eating to limit crumbs, using a knife and fork while eating hot lunches, being polite to each other, or how to walk sensibly around the building.

These posters should be designed at home and given (or sent electronically) into the office by the closing date which is 5th November. There will be prizes for the winning entries but the biggest prize of all will be seeing your posters up in school, making a positive difference. If you have any questions, please email them to admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk

NEW! Lifebuoy Soaper Hero Competition

Children aged 3-11 are invited to create a brand new member of the Soaper Hero team to help Bish, Bash and Bosh in the fight against hand germs. Someone who will help keep us safe this winter by inspiring everyone to wash their hands and fight winter bugs. Winning entries from the 3-7 and 7-11 age groups will see their character join the Soaper Hero crew in exciting future hand-washing campaigns. The competition closes on Monday 20th December 2021. Prizes will include an art and craft box with colouring pencils/paint, sketchbook and lots more – worth over £50. Plus their character to feature on Lifebuoy Soaper Heroes materials in the future.

School prize: A year's supply of hand-sanitiser and other hand hygiene products from Lifebuoy.

If you would like to take part in this competition, please come to the school office for an entry form!



Christmas Cards

We want to ensure that children can send Christmas (or seasonal) Cards to each other, so we will set up post boxes at both entrances to the school which will be there from 6th to 10th December. We will then move the boxes indoors and quarantine them for a week. Then we will



distribute cards to classes for children to take home. Please get the children to put their cards in here and not take them to class as this is far safer for everyone. Cards must state who it is for and their class. It is wonderful practice for the children to write their own cards and envelopes, but please do make sure that the elves are able to identify the recipient!

PTFA next meeting

Our PTFA is always looking to recruit parents to join the team and help come up with exciting fundraising ideas. If you are interested or would like to know more, come along to their next meeting on Monday 1st November at 2.30pm.

Parking

Now that the cold weather is arriving, we understand that more parents may be driving their children to school instead of walking. If you do bring or collect your child by car, please drive safely and park so that you are not blocking driveways or creating a danger for other road users and pedestrians.

Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter edition of the year will be published on Friday 26th November 2021.

If there are any achievements or any other celebrations you want to share with everyone, we will be very pleased to feature your child in the next newsletter. Please email admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk by Monday 22nd November 2021.



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