

Parent Information – Friday 18th September 2020

Activities in School next week:

It is lovely that despite the restrictions, we have found ways to restart many of the usual school activities. We would ask if you would please make sure your children bring their kit to school with them at arrival time, or keep it in school. This is because unfortunately, we cannot accept any kit which is brought in after the start of the school day. This is to reduce the chance of spreading infection across and between bubbles.

Sparrow Class – Forest School on Wednesday 23rd September (every week until 14th October)

Nightingale Class – Forest School on Thursday 24th September (every week until 15th October)

Heron Class – Allotment on Wednesday 23rd September

Sports Clubs

Thank you to the parent who raised concerns about the decision to have all clubs exit from one side of the school. We have now done a parent survey and the clubs are leaving from the exits that parents voted for:

Monday – Football Year 5 & 6 Collect afterwards from **Buckshaft Gate**

Tuesday – Football Year 3 & 4 Collect afterwards from **Buckshaft Gate**

Wednesday – Football Year 1 & 2 Collect afterwards from **Sneyd Wood Road**

Thursday – Multi-Sports Year 3 & 4 Collect afterwards from **Sneyd Wood Road**

Friday – Multi-Sports Year 1 & 2 Collect afterwards from **Sneyd Wood Road**

Homework Clubs begin week beginning 21st September

It is very exciting to be able to support the children with a homework club again. To reduce travel through the school, these clubs will be leaving from the entrance nearest their bubbles. Children in Lower and Upper KS2 to be collected from Buckshaft Road Entrance. Children from KS1 to be collected from Sneyd Wood Road Entrance. All homework clubs finish at 4.15pm.

Tuesday – Lower KS2 (Years 3 & 4)

Wednesday – Upper KS2 (Years 5 & 6)

Wednesday – KS1 (Years 1 & 2)

Year 6 pupils

This is just a reminder for parents that it is necessary to apply for secondary school places before 31st October 2020. If you need any help with this, please give the school office a ring.

Flu Immunisation

Please use the online system to sign up for a flu immunisation for your child. You can contact the office if you need a paper consent form. The immunisations will be done at school on the 9th and 10th of November. If your child has asthma, or you are unable to use the online system, please let the office know and we will send your child home with a paper copy of the consent form in early October. The link is <https://immsconsentforms.glos-care.nhs.uk/GCSFluVac/FluConsent>

Parents Evening

As you know, we are following government advice to reduce the number of contacts in school so are trying something new for parent evenings and using Microsoft Teams. Please don't worry if it doesn't all go quite to plan the first time. Just get in touch with the office and let us know if there are any problems and we will try to sort them out.

Here are some key reminders:

- Remember to go online through parentmail to book your parents evening slot.
- Because we know that not all parents have access to a smartphone, laptop or computer we have offered telephone appointments too. These are only available if there is no other option as there are a limited number of phone lines into the school so please only ask for them if there is no other option.
- If you have booked your slot already please contact parentevening@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk to tell us the email address to use for your Teams invitation unless you have already done so.

Water bottles

Because we are trying to reduce the amount of movement around classes, water bottles are currently being kept on tables. For this reason, it is really important that the bottles have tops that you have to pull up to let the water out. This stops work being ruined if they get knocked over.

Uniform and Jewellery

It is lovely to see everyone back in school and in uniform - especially impressive as there have been some difficulties going shopping recently! While we have been happy to give parents some time to sort out these issues, we do now expect all children to be in the correct uniform and we will start to speak to children and contact parents if their children are not dressed correctly. In particular, can we remind you that trousers should be smart, and that leggings and "skinny" fit trousers are not appropriate. Also that skirts should reach the middle of the knee. Information about our uniform expectations can be found on the school website https://www.st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk/web/our_uniform/335877

Also, a reminder that the school uniform policy states that only stud earrings are to be worn – this is because other types of earrings are a safety issue and can cause injury. If your child is wearing stud earrings, we would ask you to teach them how to tape them up for PE or to take them out at home and not wear them on PE days.

Parent Governor Election

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Parent Governor please contact the school for a nomination form – these must be returned by Tuesday 22nd September at noon.