

# St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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## July 2021

Welcome to our last edition of the newsletter for this academic year. Finally, the summer is here and we hope you all have an exciting but safe one. We have said a sad farewell to our Year 6 pupils who are going on to their next adventures! We can't wait to hear all about your adventures in September and seeing your lovely summer journals!

### Planning for September

A huge thank you to all our children and parents for the way you have supported the school through this most difficult year. We know it has been frustrating for everyone at times dealing with the restrictions, and the changes to the way the school has operated. We couldn't have got through this without you – it has been a real team effort!

Along with the newsletter we are sending you a letter with all the details about how we are expecting the school to operate in September, following the updated guidance for schools received last week. If the situation changes before September, and we have to change our plans again, we will communicate through Parentmail.

### Just a temporary goodbye!

As you are all aware Erica is expecting a baby during the summer and will be going on maternity leave as of today. We are so excited to welcome her new bundle of joy to the St White's family. We have appointed Kerry Dixon who will be holding the fort whilst Erica is off and Mrs Cowan will be our school ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), she will be assisting Kerry with individual pupil meetings. If you would like to contact Kerry, please email [fsw@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:fsw@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk).

### Message from the Chair of Governors

I would like to say a huge thank you to the whole St White's Community – the children, all the staff, the parents and my fellow governors, who have worked so hard and adapted so well to new ways of working through these extraordinary times. We are sad to be saying goodbye to three governors at the end of this school year. David Penney joined us as a governor when the school was in special measures and his advice, support and challenge have made an invaluable contribution to our school improvement

## Diary Dates

### September

**1<sup>st</sup> September:** INSET day

**2<sup>nd</sup> September:** All children return to school.

over the last eight years. Gill Moir became a staff governor when she was our School Business Manager and then stayed on as a co-opted governor when she moved to a new role. David Paterson has been a staff governor since 2019. Grateful thanks to all three for their contribution to the school. A new staff governor will be elected in September. The governors wish all our Year 6 leavers the best of luck and finally a huge thank you to all our parents, carers and friends for your support over the last year and we wish everyone a very happy summer.

**Matt Bishop, Chair of Governors**

**Another sad farewell** to Mrs Bedney who has cooked all our wonderful school dinners for many years and is retiring. We will miss her.

### Hot School Lunches

Please remember that school lunches must be ordered through Parentpay by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August for the first week back. The autumn term menu is available on the school website and open to book on Parentpay. If you have any problems, please contact the office.

### School Awards

We have been delighted today to hand out awards to children in all phases today – each winner received a book and a certificate. Well done to everyone!

**Reading:** Emily T, Toby L, Sam C, Maria M

**Writing:** Evie B, Skyla J, Declan P, Evelyn W

**Maths:** Leo J, Ruby P, Lily J, Nat B

**Science:** Daniel M, Grace S, Lucas Br, Simion M

**Growth Mindset:** Leiah C, Tobylee K, Amie C, Sasha J

**Sportsmanship:** Arthur A, Millie T, Billy T, Jamie J, Freddie S

### Sports Week

Well done to all the children who took part in our sports week. Although we were not able to have parents come to watch and support them, they did brilliantly in the races. We were lucky enough to use the camera to film the races, these videos will be uploaded for you to watch in due course. The process

was not as simple as we'd like so please bear with us. We will send a message on parentmail when they are available to watch. We hope to run next year's sport day with some form of normality.

### **Vacancies**

We currently have a vacancy open for 3 midday supervisors to start with us in September. If you would like more information about the position, please go onto the school website or speak to the office staff. The application form and all the documents are on our vacancy page on the school website. This is a re-advertisement. The deadline for applications close on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

We are hoping with the easing of restrictions we can start welcoming volunteers back into school in September. If you would like to volunteer and help support our children with their reading skills, please contact the school to register your interest.

**Happy birthday** to the children (and staff) who have and will be celebrating their birthdays during July and August:

Piper, Aaron B, Tylan-James, Emmy, Kai, Freddie G, Aryton, Emily F-J, Freddie F, Amber, Ollie, Tilly-Rose, Alicia, Kingsley, Belle, Coby, Bella, Lucas J, Dexter, Toby, Alex-Jon, Daniel M, Taylor, Mya, Jacob O, Albie, Daniel P, Grace, Max, Amy, Holly, Ragul, Bradley, Kosay, Jacob T, Lucy, Sammy, Alice, Bella, Cohen, Ava, Olivia, Miss Hyndman, Mrs Jones, Mr Jones, Mrs Osborne and Miss Underwood.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to everyone for our lovely gifts and support throughout this different and challenging year. We just want to say a massive thank you to all the Cinderford churches for gifting the staff at St White's with a lovely hamper full of goodies and treats!



### **PTFA Summer Raffle & Euro Predictions 2020**

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets, the PTFA managed to raise £863.00, which is an amazing effort! Well done to all the children who sold tickets on behalf of their class, and a massive well done to Wren class who raised the most money. You are the winners of an extra playtime this week!

Thank you to parents who entered into our Euro 2020 predictions league. Well done to Becky, Alyson and Lorraine who came 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league. Roll on Qatar 2022 predictions.

### **PTFA Summer Competition**

The PTFA are very excited to announce our summer photography competition. As we look forward to a bit more freedom this summer we would love to see how the children have been spending their school holidays, and what better way than by sending us photographs they have taken!

We have chosen 12 themes for the photographs, as we will select a winner from each theme to feature in a specially designed 2022 St Whites School calendar. A letter with more information has gone out separately with this newsletter.

### **Achievements outside of school**

Well done to Max in Peregrine class who has been awarded his black tag belt in Tae Kwon-Do. Max has been training since 2017. His next mission is to be awarded the black belt and hopefully he will go on to achieving that next April.



### **Advice and Support from Erica**

#### **NHS Trailblazers/ Young Minds Matter Support**

The NHS Trailblazers/ Young Minds Matter team are offering stand alone, pre-recorded psychoeducational sessions aimed at supporting young people who are 11yrs+ on improving sleep, low mood, social anxiety and generalised anxiety. These can be requested by parents via [CONNECT@ghc.nhs.uk](mailto:CONNECT@ghc.nhs.uk).

#### **Summer Library Reading Challenge**

The Summer Reading Challenge starts from 10th July in Gloucestershire Libraries – encouraging more children back into libraries with a Wild World Heroes theme! Find out more how to take part with your family and why the scheme is so important this year: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>.

#### **Adult Education**

This summer Adult Education are running some exciting workshops for people who have struggled to get their Maths and English qualifications. These are ideal for anyone who needs to improve their skills to tackle online assessments or work towards getting a Functional Skills qualification in the future. Further information can be found under the family support page on the school website.

**We hope you all have a lovely summer and see you on September 2<sup>nd</sup>!**



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