

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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Welcome to our newsletter half way through the second half term! We have so much to share with you about the last few weeks, and so much to look forward to in the run up to Christmas!

Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who are celebrating birthdays in November – Keali, Kaycie-Jay, Alexander, Rory, Declan, Katy, Scarlett, Coby, Rocco, Jayden, Phoebe, Ayesha, Lilly, Tyler, Jack, Miss Hall, Mrs Milosevic, Miss Powell, and Mrs Tilling.



Weird and Wonderful Reading – A huge thank you to everyone who sent in photographs of reading in weird and wonderful places – we really enjoyed seeing them all. The winner in EYFS/KS1 was Henry in Kingfisher class reading to his teddies and baby brother!



KS2 winner was Connor in Skylark Class reading to his mum & dad on a ride at Chessington!



Diary Dates

December

Weds 7th – Winter Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner

PTFA Movie Night with Santa

Fri 9th – Robin and Wren craft with parents 1.30

Tues 13th – EYFS Nativity Play afternoon

KS1 Nativity Play evening

Weds 14th – KS1 Nativity Play afternoon

EYFS Nativity Play evening

Fri 16th – Morning Christmas Church Services

Last Day of Term

January 2023

Weds 4th – School Starts

Tues 17th – Cyber Safety Presentation for Parents



Lots of staff got involved too. The winner was Mr Moorby of Skylark Class reading whilst doing karate! What a Ninja!

Sports Hall Athletics On Friday 11th November we took part in the annual Sports Hall Athletics competition at Dene Magna School – the competition was tough but we came third! Well done to all of the 21 children who took part and a big thank you to the parents who helped with transport!



Anti-Bullying The week of 14th November was anti-bullying week and we all wore odd socks on the Monday as a reminder of the beauty of being different. Each class decorated their door with the work which they did during the week to celebrate our diverse classes where we are all different but everyone still fits in! Congratulations to Robin Class who won the best door competition!



Armistice Thank you to everyone who sent in money for donations to the British Legion for poppy items and who bought the children's armistice poems. It was wonderful to be joined by lots of parents for our service of remembrance on Friday 11th November, and a special thank you to the members of the British Legion who joined us.

EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic on the last day of half term, Robin and Wren Classes held a teddy bears picnic – they had to stay inside as the weather was not very good. It was lovely that



so many parents came to join us to play games and eat delicious food!

Goodrich Castle Kingfisher, Nightingale and Sparrow Classes had an exciting trip to Goodrich

Castle to find out what life was like 700 years ago!



Cathedral & Mosque Woodpecker, Heron and Peregrine classes had a trip to Gloucester to support their learning about different religions, visiting Gloucester Cathedral and Mosque.



A huge thank you to all the parents who volunteer to come along on school trips – we are so grateful! If it wasn't for you, we would not be able to offer our children all these amazing experiences.

Boys Football On 21st November a group of boys played in a seven-a-side play-off against Forest View at Dene Magna and after a very competitive and tight match they won!! They are now through to represent the Forest of Dean in the County finals in December – well done boys!



Girls Football On 22nd November it was the girls' turn to play at a tournament at Newent School. They battled hard and worked tirelessly, finishing joint fourth – they won one game, lost one and drew two with some great goals scored – well done girls!



Children in Need Thank you to everyone who came in non-uniform and donated on the day – we raised an amazing £222 for Children in Need.

PTFA – Tickets are selling well for the Movie Night with Santa on 7th December – if you would like tickets please come to the office. Also please remember to bring in raffle prizes to

class, and to bring back ticket stubs and money or any unwanted tickets to the office.

Reading reward At St White's, we love to celebrate reading and have come up with a new plan which is being used in reception, year 1 and year 2. At the end of each week, children who have read 3 times will get a bronze sticker; children who have read 4 times a silver sticker and for those who have managed 5 times a gold sticker! They also get to put their name on the gold/silver/bronze section of the poster on the wall.



Here are Reception celebrating their stickers! Well done to those children who have been awarded a sticker this week. Who will get one next week? Remember, 10 minutes of any reading counts and can be recorded in their reading record!

Also don't forget the reading challenge to read as many books from your class list as possible before the end of term! We have recently purchased lots of wonderful new books for the library.



Darkhill Ironworks Skylark, Jay and Swift Classes visited Darkhill Ironworks to bring their topic of the Industrial Revolution to life! The visit focussed on the geography of the site, which is really important in the history of the development of the iron and steel industries.

Road Safety Well done to the Year 6 pupils who completed their bikeability this month. We have also had visits from Think Travel and the Police who have spoken to children in assemblies about road safety.

Seasonal Celebrations

The wreath, which has been decorated with some of the wonderful natural decorations you have sent in, has been delivered to the town centre and the lights are being officially switched on this Sunday! Next week we will be taking a small group of pupils who have demonstrated excellent behaviour to decorate our tree for the St Stephens Christmas Tree



Festival with the rest of the decorations you have made. The Festival is on from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th December – flyer attached with for all the details. If you go along you can vote for

the best Christmas Tree! After the festival we will bring the tree back to school to put up in the office area.

There is a separate letter attached with the newsletter which gives more details of all the events coming up!

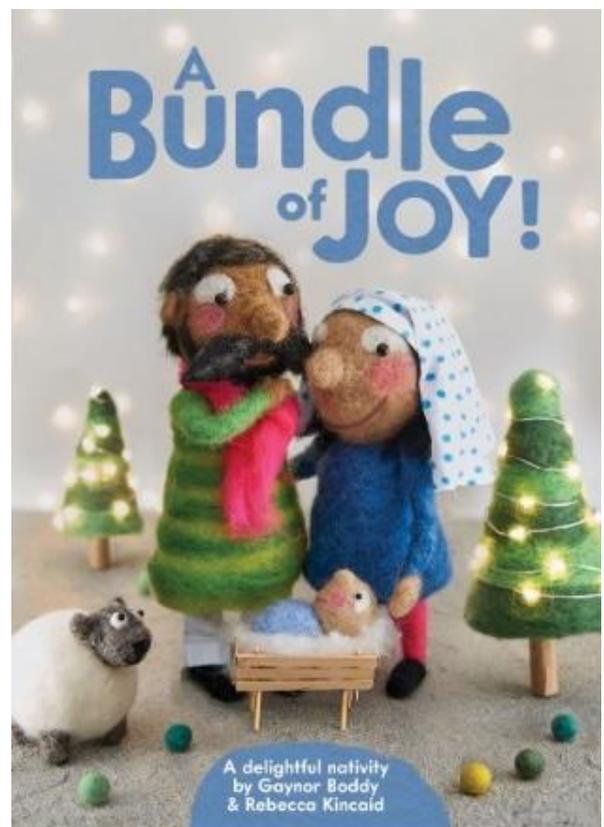
Winter Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch – on Wednesday 7th December we are encouraging everyone to wear anything Christmassy, wintery or just non-uniform on their top half. School uniform skirts or trousers and shoes should be worn and bring a donation for Save the Children. This is also the day we will be having our Christmas Dinner – if you haven't booked it yet, please go online to parentpay and book for Wednesday 7th by this Sunday.

Robin and Wren Classes – Christmas Crafts with parents – on Friday 9th December parents are invited in to class from 1.30 to make Christmas Crafts with the children!

Nativity Plays – Robin and Wren Classes are really looking forward to presenting their play "Baarmy Bethlehem".



Kingfisher, Nightingale and Sparrow are working hard rehearsing "A Bundle of Joy". Tickets will be available from the school office on Thursday 1st December. There is no charge for these, but numbers are limited.



Carol Services – on the last day of term, Friday 16th December, there will be two carol services at St John's Church. The first at 9.30am will be for Red and Blue houses, and the second at 10.45am will be for Green and Yellow. We will need lots of help from parents to walk with us. So please do let the office know if you are available to help.

Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on Friday 16th December. 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 12th December 2022.



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