Parent Information – Friday 2nd October 2020

Thank you so much to everyone who is following our school procedures to keep everyone safe – we really appreciate your help and support with this. We are especially grateful to those of you who are waiting patiently in the rain – at least we are all in this together which makes it more bearable.

Thank you very much to everyone for wearing face masks on the school site. This does make our staff feel much safer and we hope that it reassures parents as well.

Just a quick reminder to please make sure that you arrive punctually at the start of the school day. Unfortunately, because of the bubble system, we cannot allow children to enter the school if they are not here on time. The gates are closed as soon as the last parents have cleared the site from the morning drop off – at around 8.55am. Any children arriving after the gates are closed cannot be admitted to school for the day, and their absence will be recorded as unauthorised. We have noticed that some parents are parking on the road and letting children walk to the gate alone. It is particularly important that you make sure that the gate is still open and the children have been allowed onto the school site before driving away.

To further reduce the amount of people on the school site in the mornings, if there are any parents who are happy to allow their child/ren to walk from the gate to their classroom alone, we would encourage this. Please bring your child/ren to the gate at their correct arrival time. If you are not sure, please feel free to speak to the staff who are on duty at the gates.

Virtual Book Fair

As we are not able to run an in-school reading evening this year, we will instead be running it virtually. You will receive information about supporting your child with reading over the course of next week - a reading week not just a reading evening! As well as that, we have a virtual book fair from Books for Bugs from next Monday 5th October. You can order from their website and get FREE delivery to school. We will also receive one free book for the school for every five that are ordered! Please see below for further details.

Are you all set for this week's Virtual Book Fair?

Choose from over 1000 brand new, popular children's books all at just £2.50 each. Simply visit <u>www.booksforbugs.co.uk/shop</u> and choose your books

Once you get to the checkout stage please compete the billing details as normal but remember at the delivery details stage to add your **child's name** and **class** where prompted.

For the delivery address please put St White's School and the school's postcode GL14 3GD this will remove all postage fees.

You can order up until midnight on Sunday 11th October. All orders will then be dispatched and we will send them home with the children.

The school will receive a free book for every 5 collectively sold that has a value of £2.50, so every book counts!

Happy Shopping! Happy reading! Miss Cinderey

Reminders

Please make sure all items of uniform are named. There are lots of items of lost property in cloakrooms which are not named, particularly items from PE kits. In the younger classes especially, the children do not know which items belong to them. For now, we are keeping all items of lost property in the classes, so that we can use items for children who don't have what they need for PE. At half term we will send all the PE kits home. Please make sure that all their items are clearly named before they are returned to school.

PE Kit - please make sure your child's PE kit has a spare pair of socks and also please include tracksuit or jogging bottoms and hoodie because all PE is taking place outside wherever possible, and the weather is turning colder. Also please supply trainers instead of daps if at all possible.

Please return your Data Collection sheets Please check that the information is correct, make any necessary changes on the sheet, sign the bottom (even if there are no changes) and return it to school. Please note that you do not need to tell us about the address change for the local doctor's surgeries – we have been able to do an update for them all on the system!

Xmas4schools – You have until 6th November to return your child's artwork and order form to school.

School Photographs - individual photographs of all children are being taken on Monday 5th October! Each child will bring home their photograph proof on the day. All ordering of prints must be done online.

Activities in School next week:

Individual School Photographs – Monday 5th October

Sparrow Class – Forest School on Wednesday 7th October (every week until 14th October) Nightingale Class – Forest School on Thursday 8th October (every week until 15th October) Nightingale Class – Allotment on Wednesday 7th October

Sports Clubs

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

Tuesday – Lower KS2 (Years 3 & 4) Collect from Buckshaft Gate Wednesday – Upper KS2 (Years 5 & 6) Collect from Buckshaft Gate Wednesday – KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Collect from Sneyd Wood Road

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

Immunisations will be done at school on the 9th and 10th of November. Today we are sending home paper copies of the consent form to all the children who have asthma and others who have requested them. Once completed please return these forms to your child's class. If there are any more parents who would like a paper copy of the consent form, please let the office know. Please use the online system to sign up for a flu immunisation for your child. The link is <u>https://immsconsentforms.glos-care.nhs.uk/GCSFluVac/FluConsent</u>