

St White's Primary School

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Welcome to our mid-summer term edition of the newsletter. All the children have now finished their statutory assessments – SATS, phonics, EYFS foundation stage and the multiplication check. Well done to you all for working so hard and huge thanks to parents who we know have done lots to encourage and support your children!

It is hard to believe we are only three weeks into the new term, as we have already packed in so much, and there is lots more to come! Please see the letters about sports day and the summer fair which have been sent out aswell. Also look out for information soon about the last day of term. Exciting plans are afoot!

Transitions – over the next couple of weeks, our Year 6 pupils will be going to visit their secondary schools and we will be welcoming our September Reception children in for taster sessions. On Monday 11th July we will have “Bump Up Morning” when all the children will visit their new classes & get to know their new teachers. School reports will be sent home that afternoon, along with a welcome letter from the new teachers. On Thursday 14th July teachers will be available at the end of the school day for any parents who wish to discuss their child's report. SEN meetings will be held that week with new teachers and parents will be invited soon.

Happy birthday to the children (and staff) who will be celebrating birthdays in July:
Dexter K, Sammi, Bella W, Emmy, Ayrton, Alice, Lucy, Cohen, Belle, Daniel M, Piper, Grace S, Kingsley, Freddie C, Max S, Aaron, Mr Cassidy, Miss Dixon, Miss Hyndman and Mrs Jones



Diary Dates

July

- Friday 1st** – PTFA Summer Fair 3.30pm
- 6th – 8th** – Year 4 Residential to St Briavels
- Mon 11th** – Bump Up Morning. Reports out
- Mon 11th** – EYFS Sports Afternoon
- Tues 12th** – Jay, Skylark, Swift Sports Afternoon
- Weds 13th** – Year 6 Play – afternoon performance
- Weds 13th** – Sparrow, Nightingale, Kingfisher Sports Afternoon
- Thurs 14th** – Heron, Peregrine, Woodpecker Sports Afternoon
- Thurs 14th** – Teachers available to discuss reports
- Thurs 14th** – Year 6 Play – evening performance
- Fri 15th** – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Mon 18th** Last Day of Term!

Platinum Jubilee – on the last day of term we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It was an amazing afternoon of fun – huge thanks to the PTFA for providing the entertainer, extra food and decorating the playground (battling valiantly against the gentle breeze which kept unsticking the tablecloths from the tables!). It was wonderful to be able to welcome parents back in to school again!



Dean Heritage Centre Trip Just before half term Kingfisher, Nightingale and Sparrow Classes went on a trip to the Dean Heritage Centre and had the opportunity to experience a Victorian classroom with a very strict teacher!



Science Week – A huge thank you to Miss Underwood for organising Science Week! The week started with a Scientist Workshop for some classes, and we were very happy to welcome some parents in to learn with us!



Women's Tour of Britain On our first day back the whole school were able to walk to St White's Hill to cheer on the elite cycle race – what a fabulous opportunity right on our doorstep!



Then on Thursday we held our first Aspirations Day for three years and it was amazing to welcome 24 different people and organisations to talk to us about what they do for a living. The children were able to try on work wear, have a go at making jewellery, try to lift a soldier's kit and ask lots of questions. Some poor staff were locked up in the police van! Then at the end of the morning we were really lucky to have a visit from the police horses!



Wild Place

In June KS1 had a wonderful trip to the Wild Place and when they came back to school they made posters.



Sports Events and Competitions

We have been busier than ever with lots of children going out to represent the school – a really big thank you to Mr Jones and all the staff who go out on these trips, especially to Mr Greening who drives the minibus and has been out and about nearly every day for the last couple of weeks! Here are some highlights!

On Thursday 9th June we competed at the **Commonwealth Games** event at Wyedean (long jump, relay races, cricket and tri golf). After a close competition we finished second by 1 point. Well done for excellent sportsmanship!



On Friday 10th June we sent two teams to compete in the **Gloucestershire Cricket Tournament** at Cinderford cricket club – after some very close games and a final one of our teams won the tournament and today they are now representing us at the County Finals in Bristol! We will update you on the results next time.



On 14th June six of our pupils had the privilege to meet Andy Lewis MBE who is a retired British Paratriathlete and has won gold medals at European, world and Paralympic levels. This was an event for pupils to develop their leadership

skills and learn all about the Commonwealth Games. They had a great day!



Back in May an intrepid group of explorers went for a guided 4km hike in the Forest of Dean.

They were rewarded with a steam train ride from Norchard Station. They had a great time!



Some Year 6 students also had the opportunity to attend a "Fired Up" course with a day at Skillzone in Gloucester and then two days at Cinderford Fire Station. They had great fun and got very wet!



Congratulations to Kathryn Goddard who is one of our governors, and takes all our lovely photographs of children for the Year Book and staff profiles. She has won the Muddy Stilleto's award for Gloucestershire and Worcestershire Wedding Photographer of the Year!

Fabulous Eco News – we are thrilled to announce that our Eco Committee with guidance from Miss Underwood have been awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag! These are some of the highlights of what they had to say about our application:

“It was lovely to read that all the children were involved in completing the Environmental Review, this is a great way to ensure the whole school are aware of the Step 2 of the Eco-Schools programme. We love your ambition in tackling Energy and sourcing Solar Panels. We expect this is a more long term action due to funding but we would have loved to see your progress so far”

“A huge congratulation for arranging a whole school Science Week based on the Eco Award. It's wonderful that your curriculum links expand on the projects in your Action Plan. This means that pupils in your school are given the opportunity to learn about environmental issues before putting their learning into practice and making a difference.”

“Your Eco-Padlet is wonderful, it's great to see the children not only in action but pieces of their eco work.



“An extraordinary amount of time spent outdoors on School Grounds, well done!”

“Congratulations to everyone for the great work you have managed to do, especially throughout the pandemic and lockdown. You should all be very proud of your amazing work and the great

application you have submitted to be an Eco-School Green Flag Award winner!”

PTFA Summer Fair – coming very soon!

We have sent a separate message, but just a reminder that raffle tickets are being sent home with children today – if you wish to buy them please return stubs with the money in an envelope or bag, or if you do not wish to purchase them please return the tickets asap. We really need helpers for the Summer Fair next Friday afternoon – there will be sign-up boards on the school gates next week! Donations for

the raffle or tombola can be brought to the school office as soon as possible, and cakes for the cake stall on Friday please!

Science Fair – after Aspirations Morning last Thursday, our KS2 classes put on a science fair in the afternoon. The rest of the school had a



chance to see their experiments first, and then parents were invited in to see them. One of our school governors has told us how impressed they were at the confidence of the

children to speak about their experiments and explain them! Skylark class looked at how acidic fruits reacted with baking soda and washing up liquid.



Reminder! We sent a message about the safe use of scooters on the roads and Mrs Tilling has also spoken to some children. I am very happy to report that there has been a significant improvement. Thanks to everyone as lots of people are now being much more safe on the school site.

Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on Monday 18th July . 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 11th July 2022.



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