

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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Welcome to our newsletter half way through a very busy term!

Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who have celebrated birthdays in November: Keali, Corniel, Alexander H, Rory C, Eden H, Declan, Katy S, Scarlett G, Coby, Joanna, Rocco, Jayden, Phoebe F, Lilly D,



Tyler B, Miss Hall, Miss Powell, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Tilling

Armistice - thank you to all the parents who joined us on 10th November for our armistice



assembly and to see the children learning in class and their art exhibition. A special thanks to the Royal British Legion and Vicar Mike for joining us. It was a very moving assembly and we are really proud to have

raised lots of money for the Poppy Appeal – we are still waiting for the total from the merchandise which pupils purchased. We made over £75 just from the artwork alone!

Vigil – we were enormously proud to be asked to



participate in the vigil to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Cinderford War Memorial, which was unveiled on 17th November 1923. A few years ago it was a

Diary Dates

December 2023

Friday 8th – Pantomime Trip

Wednesday 13th – Christmas lunch and winter jumper day for Save the Children

Friday 15th – Robin Class Xmas Crafts with parents
- PTFA Christmas Movie Night

Tuesday 19th Nativity Plays

Wednesday 20th – Nativity Plays

Friday 22nd – Carol Services at St Johns – Last Day!

January 2024

Wednesday 10th – School starts!

project group of our children who collected evidence and made a successful application to



English Heritage to have it listed. Well done to our school councillors who showed such dignity and respect – we are really proud of you.

Children in Need

Well done to everyone who donated to Children in Need and came in non-uniform on 17th November. We raised over £200 for the charity!



Speed Stacking All the KS2 classes, and quite a few parents had great fun on Monday having a go at speed stacking! It is great fun and Mr Jones has now started a speed stacking club on Tuesday lunchtimes!



Road Safety Last week was national Road Safety Week, and Woodpecker class took the lead on this for the whole school. Children from Woodpecker went round to every other class to



give an assembly on Road Safety, and then the whole school went for a walk around the local roads. The youngest children were paired up with the oldest to keep everyone safe, and this was also a practice for our trip to the pantomime next week! Well

done everyone for being so sensible!

Class Cooking On Friday afternoons the whole school has been smelling delicious as class cookery sessions continue. On the last day before half term, Robin Class made pitta pockets with delicious fillings, and then ate them at their Teddy Bears Picnic!



Heron, Peregrine and Woodpecker have been making yummy carrot soup!



Sports Competitions We have continued to have lots of success in sports competitions so far this half term. Our Year 4, 5 & 6 girls indoor football team have made it to the GPJ finals in March – well done girls!



Our amazing outdoor football teams have both made it through to the County Finals next week!! This is the first time for our girls' team, and they secured their place without losing a single game! Well done girls!



The boys had two very close games in the play-off matches, and won 2-1 and 3-0. The finals are in Gloucester next week, so we will update you on how they do in the next newsletter!



The girls' team also competed in the Pro Stars tournament at Forest High – they finished first in their group, scoring lots of goals, and came second in the final. As always we are particularly proud of their sportsmanship!



Finally well done to the year 5 & 6 pupils who helped us to win first place at the Sports Hall Athletics competition at Dene Magna. Everyone did a fantastic job in their events and supporting each other!



Library Visit - Our year 6 library assistants went to visit Cinderford library on 9th November to learn all about how the library works. They were given a tour of the library and told about the different sections of books and how to find what you are looking for. They were then treated to a cup of hot chocolate followed by a scavenger hunt where they had to find many different books located throughout the library. They learnt lots of new things including events the library holds regularly and the app they have for audiobooks.



Debating Club are having enormous fun discussing "Thanks" and playing word games. Next week we are planning to play "Fortunately,



Unfortunately" which is one of Mrs Tilling's favourite games!

Well done Jacob – who had the honour of carrying the Cinderford Beavers flag in the remembrance parade! All of the beavers were fantastic and we are very proud of you!



It's nearly Christmas !!!!!!!

The school is already alive with Christmas music from the nativity play practices and everyone is getting very excited about the pantomime next Friday (Oh yes they are!!!) All the information you need about everything was on the Christmas Communication letter we sent home yesterday.

Tickets for Nativity Plays and Movie Night will be available from the school office next week!

Don't forget to keep sending in your raffle stubs and money, and thank you so much for all the prizes for the Rainbow Raffle – keep on sending them in as well!

Also please remember to return your pantomime permission slips and make payment through Parentpay. We will be nagging for any that are missing next week.



Well done to our school council members who went with Mrs Self and Mrs Jones to set up our tree at St Stephen's Church this morning – it looks amazing – please do go along to the festival this

weekend to see all the trees! We will bring it back to put up in the foyer on Monday.

Stop Press: Head Teacher awards!

Two pupils from Robin Class have been to see Mrs Tilling today, to tell her that they have moved up in reading, not one, but two levels! Well done Melody and Caleb – we are so proud of you!



Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on 22nd 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 18th December 2023.



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