

St White's Primary School

Always Learning!



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Welcome to our last newsletter of this school year – it has flown by! We wish everyone a really lovely summer holidays and look forward to seeing everyone in September. We wish our fabulous Year 6 all the best in their future adventures. More about their exciting last week below.

Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who have celebrated or will have their birthdays in July and August:



Orion, Amber T, Odin, Toby L, Arthur, Harrison, Franchesca Grayson, Arlo, Alice, Violet, Lucy, Belle, Helena, Grace S,

Piper, Freddie C, Penelope, Lucas, Amelia, Albie, Daniel M, Eva-Grace, Jacob T, Coby, Amber G, Albie, Hope, Ava Y, Ava P, Frankie, Briar-Rose, Jacob O, Katie, Phoebe P, Ollie-Jay, Miles, Emily F, Caleb, Freddie F, Bradley, Austin, Zoe, Mr Cassidy, Mr Jones, Mrs Manning, Ms Meek, Miss Ross, Miss Underwood and Mrs H Williams.

Year 6 Leavers – we have said a very emotional goodbye to our amazing Year 6 this afternoon at their Leavers Assembly. Their play "Pirates of the Curry Bean" was amazing – the whole school thoroughly enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal on Monday and then all the families and friends on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening.



Diary Dates

4th Sept – School Starts

Mon 30th Sept – Individual pupil photographs

30th Sept & 1st Oct – flu immunisation all pupils

Fri 25th Oct – last day of term

There will be lots of exciting things to tell you about in September!!!!

History Quiz – a huge well done to Connor, Tobias, Maiya and Alex who represented St



White's in the final of the history quiz last week and won! We are so proud of you!

Sports Week – the weather tried hard but it couldn't put a dampener on our sports week! We were pleased to welcome parents in on Monday and Tuesday to watch and join in with races and





Then on Friday we had a whole school morning of sports. After all of the events the scores from Monday, Tuesday and Friday were combined. The winners were Red House! Congratulations to them and well done everyone!!!

events. All the classes also had a fabulous skateboarding session with Prostars.



Dodgeball – on Thursday 11th July we were thrilled to send a team of Year 5 and 6 to the National Finals in Nottingham!! We were competing to be the best in England amongst the top 20 schools. The team started strongly, drawing their first game and winning the second. We finished fourth in our group, and 12th overall in the whole of England! This is an amazing achievement so a big thank you to Mr Jones and the staff who supported the Team, and to the parents for all their support.

KS1 went for a walk around the local area. Classes took it in turns to learn about dance around the world which was great fun – especially the Greek dancing!



Wimbledon trip – on the same day as the Dodgeball finals, Mr Brown took a group of Year 5 and 6 children to Wimbledon! They got to see the men’s doubles semi-final matches on No. 1 court and had an amazing time. Thank you to Mr Greening for coming back to drive the minibus!



There were some amazing costumes – we had dinosaurs, roman soldiers, kings and queens, cave men and mummies!



Olympic Fun Afternoon – a big thank you to all the families who joined us on Friday 5th July for our fund raising Olympic fun afternoon. It was such great fun, and we were all so busy that no-one even thought about taking any photographs!



Thank you to everyone who joined in, and everyone who donated raffle prizes and cakes for the stall. We

raised an amazing £309 which will be spent on reading books!



History Dress Up Day Everyone looked amazing on Monday 1st July when we had our history dress up day! Well done to Skylark Class for organising the day, and congratulations - they have now raised enough money to purchase a “Timeline” which will be put up outside to help us learn about history.



Multi-sports Champions - Well done to our team who came 1st in the multi-sports competition at Newent School on 2nd July!



They also came a very close 2nd place in the sportsmanship award. Well done team, and a big thank you to parents who helped with transport at short notice!

Prostars Football Tournament – well done to our two teams who competed in the final football tournament of the year on 28th June. After a very close competition the tigers finished with an outstanding 90 points out of a possible 105. Both teams played brilliant football.



Dance Showcase On 2nd July the Year 3 / 4 and Year 5 / 6 Dance Clubs put on their final showcase performance of the year! Well done to everyone and a big thank you to Mrs Cartwright – your passion for dance is contagious!



Staff News The children all spent last Wednesday afternoon in their new classes meeting their new teachers. Mrs Clayton and Miss Ross will both be going on maternity leave in September. We wish them both the best of luck for the exciting adventure ahead and can't wait for news of their new arrivals. We are pleased to have appointed two really lovely experienced teachers for Jay and Nightingale Classes. Jay Class will be taught by Miss Weyman for four days

and Miss Cinderey on Fridays. Nightingale will be taught by Mrs Webster. We asked them to write a little bit about themselves ...



"Hello I am Miss Weyman. I am so excited to join the St White's team! After many years teaching at an infant school near Cheltenham, I moved to a special school in Hereford which was a wonderful experience to develop me even further as a teacher. I love the magic of being a teacher and there are many things I am passionate about from children's mental health and wellbeing to nurturing a love of literacy."



'Hi, I'm Mrs Webster. I have recently moved to the Forest of Dean with my family, after living and teaching in Cornwall. I love the outdoors and spending time being active with my husband, children and dog. We live on a dairy farm so cows are also a huge part of our lives! I can't wait to start teaching at St White's and am looking forward to getting to know you all in September.'

Karate Star Well done to Archie in Nightingale Class who has been learning Karate at the Forest Dojo and obtained his first belt! Well done Archie we are really proud of you!



Thank You – to Ada in Year 6 who made an amazing gift of a crossword of all the staff names made from scrabble tiles. We will put it up on the staff room wall & we will always remember you!



The Flying Jay Podcast Jay Class have worked really hard on a podcast which they would love everyone to see – it is on their padlet on the website: [St White's Primary School - St White's Podcast \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](https://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)

Photography Competition Thank you to everyone who entered our May half term photography competition and congratulations to Nel from Woodpecker Class and Mrs Ras who were the pupil and parent winners. Thank you to Mrs McDermott for judging.



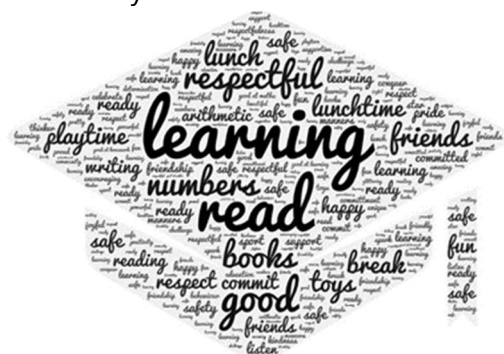
The competition is running again over the summer holiday – the theme is “mini marvels” – so please get snapping during the holidays – and send your entries in by 6th September to photographcompetition@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk
Next Newsletter – Our first newsletter next year will be published on 27th September. 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 22nd September 2024

School Vision and Values

Always Learning!

- Greet any challenge with a can do attitude**
- Take responsibility and commit**
- Communicate clearly as we conquer**
- Reflect and celebrate**

Earlier this year the school leadership and governors spent time reviewing our vision and values, and we asked parents for their input too. Although Challenge, Commit, Conquer and Celebrate are still at the heart of everything we do, our school vision is now a bit more catchy - Always Learning! This applies not just to the children but to all the staff and our wider community as well.



Have a very happy holiday!!!