

St White's Primary School

Always Learning!



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Welcome to our newsletter half way through the Autumn term. The next few weeks will be really busy in the run up to Christmas!

Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who have celebrated or will have their birthdays in November: Sophia, Keali, Corniel, Alexander H, Rory CB, Eden, Katy S, Scarlett, Cobyne, Alora, Jayden, Oliver B, Phoebe F, Lilly D, Tyler B, Miss Hall, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Tilling



Woodpecker and Jay Classes are working together to raise money for Lions at Large. Lions at Large is a project that supports the Gloucester and Cheltenham Hospital charity and, if we raise £750, we will get our own lion to go in a trail throughout Gloucester and Cheltenham. Woodpecker organised a sponsored walk; we walked 5 miles to Soudley and back. We were super tired but we didn't give up. At the end of this, we have raised a massive £682.70! Thank you everyone who has supported us so far!



Diary Dates

29th – 30th Nov – St Stephens Christmas Tree Festival
4th Dec – 3.15pm Winter Jumper Sale
10th Dec – Dance Showcase
17th & 18th Dec – EYFS and KS1 Nativity Plays
18th Dec – Winter jumper day & Christmas Lunch
19th Dec – Christmas Discos, Raffle Draw
20th Dec – Carol Services – Last Day of term
Weds 8th January 2025 – School Starts

Other Fund Raising This has been a very busy half term for fund raising and as usual you have been amazingly generous. For the **Poppy Appeal** we sold out of nearly all the poppy merchandise and raised £364 with an additional £75 through the sale of poems for the Royal British Legion. For **Children in Need** you raised an amazing £210. Thank you so much!

Puzzle Wood – Skylark, Jay and Swift Classes had an exciting trip to explore Puzzle Wood last week. We looked at the natural environment and considered the human and physical features and looking at the scowles. We also had fun playing in the snow!



Cookery KS1 classes have been making delicious mashed potato this term, this means learning how to safely use a potato peeler!



And Miss Cinderey's club made some delicious pizzas – they were really yummy!



Robin Class outdoor fun! Robin class are continuing with their Muddy Monday's in Forest School – we have been building dens to keep out the rain!



We also had lots of fun when there was a little bit of snow last week – it was fun to play in, but also we could keep practising our writing!



Sparrow Class are working towards the gold Woodland Trust Award – they had a lovely walk in the forest, and collected materials to make some amazing artwork!





Sports Competitions – we have had a successful start to this half term with lots of children representing St White's at events. On Thursday 7th November we competed in football play offs at Dene Magna – sadly we didn't get through to the County Finals – we won our first two matches but then lost 1-0 to Forest View.



In the Sports Hall Athletics tournament we competed against lots of other schools – this included events such as running races, javelin, long jump, vertical jump etc. We had to wait a few days to find out the results but were thrilled to receive silver medals for coming second overall! Thank you to all the parents who came to cheer us on!



Well done to the girls who represented us at Newent School indoor football tournament – they

scored an amazing 15 goals and only conceded one – they are through to the next round!



This Monday our Year 5 & 6 girls competed to represent the Forest of Dean at the County Finals – they played some great football, winning their first three matches but lost 1-0 to Offa's Mead in the deciding match. Thanks to the parents who came along to support on such a cold day!



PTFA Bingo Night – a big thank you to



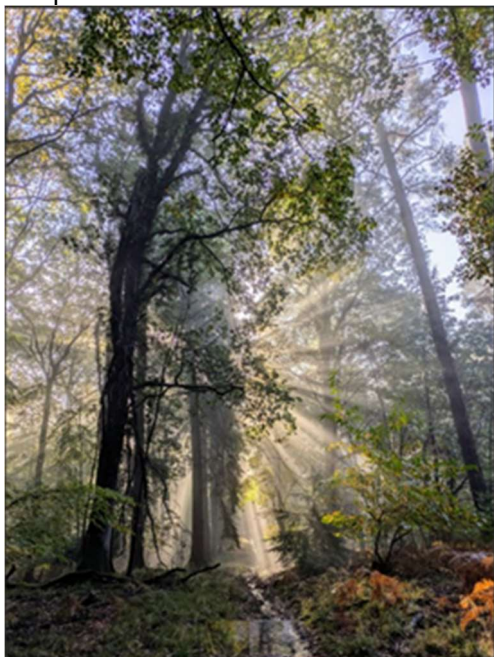
everyone who came along to the bingo night!



Great fun was had by all and we raised nearly £400 for the PTFA. Special thanks to Mrs Sheen who was an excellent

Bingo Caller.

Photography Competition – thank you to everyone who entered our half term photography competition – Autumn Wonders. There were some amazing photographs – here are just a couple of them.



Thanksgiving – yesterday was the Thanksgiving Holiday in the USA, and our staff celebrated with a surprise lunch for Erica, our wonderful Family Support Worker.



Christmas Tree at St Stephens Church - Don't forget to go along to the Christmas Tree Festival at St Stephen's Church this weekend – thank you to Mrs Self and some of the school councillors who decorated the tree, and to the children who brought in decorations. Next week we will bring the tree back and put it up in the foyer.



Everything Christmassy!

Don't forget to bring your donations in for the rainbow raffle hampers to your class rooms. We will send raffle tickets home next week.

Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 18th December – please book this through parentpay asap.

If you have any old Christmas/Winter jumpers to donate, please bring them to the office. The school council are organising the sale on Wednesday 4th December at 3.15.

Nativity Play tickets will be available from next Thursday, 5th December – we will send out more information early next week.

The Christmas Disco is on Thursday 19th December and will be available to book through Parentpay from Friday 6th December.

While the KS2 disco takes place, parents will be welcome to stay for tea/coffee and cake/mince pies and we will draw the Rainbow Raffle.

Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on 20th December 2024. 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 16th December 2024