



# Newsletter 33 23-24

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**AUTHOR VISIT!** Today we welcomed children's author Duncan Beadie to our school, who held an assembly about his many popular books, including 'The Bear who Stared' and 'The Lumberjack's Beard.' He then worked with each class to develop the children's own writing and illustrations! Brilliant!



**MUSEUM VISIT!** Year 3 visited Bristol Museum before our half term break to explore history across the ages! The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring this location and took part in a workshop too!



**HEROES AND VILLAINS:** Thank you to all who entered our holiday topic homework: Bristol's Heroes and Villains. Superb research has taken place, and will be on display soon. Keep your entries coming!



**WE ARE THE WORLD!** Wishing to celebrate the diversity and individuality of our children, we have created a 'We are the World' display. Children will be able to add their faces to our world map to show where they originate from. If your child would like to appear on this map, or you'd like them to, please speak to Mr Hornsby on the gate. Thank you! →



**WARM WEATHER:** Please can we remind all parents and carers to send children to school with sun hats and sun tan lotion. Please apply lotion in the morning before school, but should you wish to send more in please do so in the children's bags. If weather allows, children will have lunch outside, and sun protection allows for this.

## THIS TERM'S PE AND SPORTS TIMETABLE: (CUT OUT AND PLACE ON FRIDGE EDITION)

Term 6		
<u>Class</u>	<u>PE Days</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Robins	Monday & Wednesday (Gymnastics)	
Penguins	Wednesday & Friday	
Puffins	Wednesday & Friday	
Swallows	Tuesday & Thursday	
Swans	Tuesday & Wednesday (Swimming)	
Kites	Thursday & Friday	
Kestrels	Thursday & Friday	
Kingfishers	Monday & Thursday	

**PTA AGM:** Our Parent Teacher Association's annual general meeting is on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the school hall. ALL our parents, carers and school staff are invited to hear what the PTA have done, are planning to do, and what anyone interested can do to help. All welcome, with no obligation to become involved (but we'd love it if you did!)

**ATTENDANCE:** A reminder that should you take a holiday during term time, a decision that we strongly discourage and one that you could be fined for, you must officially request the time off. This can be done by contacting [attendance@whitchurchprimary.co.uk](mailto:attendance@whitchurchprimary.co.uk) and requesting a holiday form. A reminder to have your child in school, on time, every day, as there is clear evidence this results in your child learning even more, and therefore increasing their life opportunities and chances.

**FOOTBALL AND DODGEBALL:** Akeel, our school sports coach, is promoting his afterschool football and dodgeball clubs. Subsidised by charity fund raising, these affordable sessions are an ideal way to hone children's sporting skills! Sign up via the club letter out this week.

**SURVEY:** We continue our weekly entry on the responses to our recent parent's survey. This week we look at question 3: My child feels safe at school. Whilst 47 of the 52 surveyed felt their child was safe in school, 5 did not.

Please note we have many systems for children who feel they are not safe within our school, from our 'friendship and fall-out box', teachers wearing neon vests to stand out, and posters telling children what to do if they feel unsafe (ask your children about all these systems). We also work very closely with social services and other support agencies, to try and ensure everyone enjoys coming to our school.

### 3. My child feels safe at school

● 1. Strongly Agree	23
● 2. Agree	24
● 3. Disagree	5
● 4. Strongly disagree	0
● Don't know	1

**PRAISE AND SHOWCASE:** Well done all!

