



Friday 10th March 2023

Our vision is 'Let your light shine'. The rainbow symbolises God's unconditional love for each individual. We seek to reflect that light in all we do: in our community, both local and wider, in our communication, both word and action, with curiosity and courage, and with care and compassion for everyone, inspiring a love of learning.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the cold temperatures and the dusting of snow this week, I have started to notice the early signs of spring on my drive into school in the mornings. The changing seasons and passing of time has led me to reflect on our journey so far since Ofsted last July. As a school we continue to work hard to look for ways to improve and develop the educational opportunities for your children. This term, we have been working on developing a consistent approach to teaching writing across the school and I have been impressed with the children's enthusiasm and progress they are making with the changes that have been made.

Curriculum leaders have also been reviewing their subject areas to ensure that our curriculum meets the needs of our children and encourages a love of learning. We recognise that activities that extend learning through new opportunities and experiences are really important; we are always looking for ways to enrich the curriculum.

World Book Day activities, 'wow' events and themed days are just a few of the ways we try to bring learning alive for our children. This week Year Five held a TTRockstars Day where they spent the day as *Rockstars* battling with their Times tables skills. The children were challenged to complete Times Tables based activities to support them with quicker recall of facts for their ongoing maths fluency. There was great excitement and lots of learning in both classes.



Following on from my earlier communication about good attendance, please read the blog: [Why is school attendance so important and what are the risks of missing a day?](#) Published by the Department for Education (DfE). The blog explains the risks to children of missing out on school and discusses the effects on children's wellbeing and wider development.

We have had a rising number of parents requesting to collect their children early at the end of the day. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the school day finishes at 3:15pm and we ask that parents do not request to collect their children any earlier. We encourage parents/carers to make medical and dental appointments out of school hours where possible. Where this is not possible, children should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Samantha Dimpleby
Headteacher

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Update on NEU Teacher Strike Action

Following our previous communication regarding the National Education Union (NEU) announcement of national and regional strike action in England, I am writing to update you on the situation at Winslow CE School for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.

We are able to keep the **school open for all pupils on both of these strike days** and maintain the safety of pupils and staff. Should the situation change, we will of course let you know at the earliest opportunity.

We thank you for your continued understanding at this difficult time.

Child of the Week

All our children seek to 'Let their light shine' as they reflect our Christian values in their daily life. Many congratulations to the following children this week who have shone particularly brightly and been awarded 'Child of the Week':

Year 1: Alex & Vienna
Year 2: Ethan & Georgia
Year 3: Sasha & Theo
Year 4: Bella & Evelyn
Year 5: Thalia & Jenson
Year 6: Shantel & Orion

Accelerated Readers

The following classes have been awarded the Reading Trophies this week for completing the most Accelerated Reader Quizzes:

2YM
3BB
4SW
5DB
6FD



Mothering Sunday Gift Sale

FOWS will be holding their Mothering Sunday Gift Sale on Friday 17th March during the school day. Each child will have the opportunity to go and buy a surprise gift for someone special to them. All gifts will be **£3** each and come wrapped with a personalised gift tag written by your child.

To purchase your gift(s) please follow the link below and remember to state each child's full name and class when ordering online.

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwinslowschool/

Thank you for your continued support.

FOWS Team



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Red Nose Day



Friday 17th March is Comic Relief's Red Nose Day and we will be supporting this charity event again this year. Children can come to school on Red Nose Day wearing their own clothes, and a red nose if they wish, for a donation of £1.00 or more to the Comic Relief Appeal.

Please note we will not be collecting cash donations in school and therefore donations should be made using the Just Giving Page link below:

[Red Nose Day Just Giving Page](#)

Further information has been sent out via ParentMail today. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Tracy Thomas or Mrs Katie Epps via the School Office on 01296 712296 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns. For more safeguarding information please visit our website.



What can we do even better as a school?

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do get in contact with Mrs Dimbleby via the school office, or better still, come and chat to her at the start or the end of the day on the playground.





10th Anniversary Celebrations

on Saturday 25th March
Winslow Community Library
Park Road, MK18 3DL

10am - 1pm

Please join us for a cake and a drink



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Diary Dates Spring Term 2023

Date	Event
wc 13 th March	Science Week
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform fundraising day
Friday 17 th March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale
Tuesday 21 st March – Thursday 23 rd March	Year 4 Woodrow Residential
Tuesday 21 st March	Reception and KS1 Stay and Read Session
Tuesday 21 st March (8:00pm)	FOWS Meeting – Summer Fete Planning (The George, Winslow)
Wednesday 22 nd March	Reception and Y6 Group Photographs
Thursday 23 rd March (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
wc 27 th March	Year 3 Bikeability
Friday 31 st March	FOWS Break the Rules Day
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 17 th April 2023	