



Thursday 19th October 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,

As we approach this half-term, we would like to reflect on the many moments and achievements that have taken place at Winslow School this term. It has been a busy and productive few weeks and we are delighted with the progress the children are making. Across the school, classrooms have been buzzing with activity with children demonstrating passion and enthusiasm for learning.

Last Friday, Year Four enjoyed an Ancient Egyptian curriculum enrichment day. The children arrived in school dressed in costume and spent the day absorbed in hands-on activities such as: bread making, clay modelling and mummifying fruit. This enabled them to develop their understanding of the period while developing enquiry skills about Ancient Egyptian life and culture.



We take pride in our commitment to the community and our children and families generosity at Harvest time earlier this term, demonstrated our strong school values of compassion and giving back. The next half-term promises to be just as exciting. We have a range of events planned, including Remembrance, Anti-bullying week and the Christmas performances.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with the school and your child/children's learning. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Parents' Evenings this week. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you as parents/carers over the coming year and recognise the importance of these strong relationships for pupil outcomes and wellbeing.

Today we said goodbye to one of our Midday Supervisors, Mrs Wright, who has worked at Winslow for 17 years. She is looking forward to spending time with her new granddaughter. Mrs Rawlinson, one of our Learning Support Assistants, is also leaving to spend time with her family. We wish them every success for the future and would like to say thank you for their commitment to the school and children during their time here.

I would like to express my gratitude to the parents and carers, teachers and support staff for their unwavering support and dedication. As we look forward to the upcoming half-term, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges it will bring. Together, we can achieve even greater success.

I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 30th October.

Mrs Samantha Dumbleby

Headteacher

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

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':

Reception: Violet & Ayda
Year 1: Imogen & Beatrice
Year 2: Ila & Daria
Year 3: Sophia & Luna
Year 4: Alfred & Miami
Year 5: Amelie & Jack
Year 6: Immy & Soffee



Attendance

Well done to 2AA who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.75%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 95.99%.

Authorised or Unauthorised? If your child is ill, school will need details of their illness. If the reasons for the absence are made known to us, and are appropriate, the absence will be authorised for the first few days. If their illness continues, you may be asked for evidence from your GP. However, school will not authorise non-attendance for illness if it becomes too frequent. If your child's attendance falls below 90% (persistent absentee), you will also be asked for medical evidence in order to authorise the absence.

Internet Safety - Be SMART

Please can you discuss our school internet safety rules with your children and help them understand the importance of being responsible and safe online.

- Only go on age appropriate websites
- Only meet people you know in real life
- Only accept messages from people you know
- Tell an adult if something upsets or confuses you

Video games are age-rated to help us all safeguard children from unsuitable images & violence. If your child is able to use group chat forums on Nintendo, Playstation or Xbox games, then please monitor their use closely as they use age appropriate games. We want all of our children to be safe and we ensure that we have regular lessons that cover many aspects of online safety.

Please help us to help our children to be safe and responsible on line.

Open day at Aylesbury Music Centre

This event is open to all young musicians and their families and takes place on Saturday 4th November. I have attached a timetable for their regular music centre activities as well as information about the open day to this ParentMail for your information.



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Bonfire & FIREWORK DISPLAY

Saturday 4th November

In the grounds by kind permission of the
Winslow C of E School
Lowndes Way

Gates open at 6:00 pm

Bonfire Lighting at 6:40 pm

Smaller Fireworks at 7:00 pm

Main Fireworks to follow on

Adults £ 5.00

Children (5-15 years of age) £ 2.00

Under 5's Free

Hot Dogs & Drinks will be available

We are unable to accept any materials for the bonfire

Safety Notice

For the safety of others, personal fireworks including Chinese lanterns and sparklers will NOT be allowed in the school grounds.

Help us to help local charities!

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FOWS



At the FOWS AGM this week we were able to acknowledge and celebrate a very successful year of fundraising. Despite being a very small committee, FOWS achieve big things! As Headteacher, I would like to thank the committee for their commitment to the school as well as their ideas, enthusiasm and determination.

The money raised by FOWS has provided a number of different resources across the school and they continue to provide regular funding to support Accelerated Readers and our library. In this academic year, we continue to welcome the support FOWS give us and we look forward to sharing the planned fundraising events, and the projects these will support, with you very soon.

Thank you to those who attended the meeting on Tuesday and to all parents and carers who continue to support the FOWS events. We are incredibly grateful for all you do for the benefit of our children.

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.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs Tracy Thomas Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs Katie Epps Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Child Protection Governor Mr David Shaw	

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.



Diary Dates

Please find below our autumn term calendar of events for your immediate attention. This will be published on our school website and updated as appropriate over the coming weeks.

Date	Event
Thursday 19 th October	Last day of term for pupils
Friday 20 th October	INSET Day
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October)	
Monday 30 th October	Children return to school
Tuesday 31 st October	Y6 Secondary Application Deadline
Thursday 2 nd November	Outdoor Learning Day
Wednesday 8 th November	Whole School Photographs
Thursday 9 th November (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Service (Year 6 Parents)
Sunday 12 th November	Remembrance in Winslow
Tuesday 14 th November (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Disco Year 1 and Year 2 Year 5 and 6 Disco
Thursday 16 th November (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Reception Disco Year 3 and 4 Disco
wc 13 th November	Anti-bullying Week/Odd Socks Day (Date TBC)
Thursday 16 th November (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 23 rd November	SENDCo Drop in Clinic
Friday 24 th November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day
Saturday 25 th November(11:00am – 2:00pm)	FOWS Christmas Fete
wc 4 th December	Christmas Book Week
Monday 4 th December	FOWS Pantomime
Tuesday 5 th December (2:00pm) and Wednesday 6 th December (9:30am)	KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 6 th December (2:00pm) and Friday 8 th December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Lunch Day
Monday 11 th December (6pm)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church
Tuesday 12 th December (pm) and Wednesday 13 th December (am)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 th December (2:00pm – 3:00pm)	EYFS Stay and Play for Reception Parents – Crafts
Wednesday 13 th December (pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert
Tuesday 19 th December (2:30 – 3:15pm)	Carols on the Playground
Tuesday 19 th December	Last Day of School for pupils
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Children return on Thursday 4 th January 2023	

This Term's Value is:

Respect

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Luke 6:31

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