



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 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,

The start of a new school year is always a special time and we are keen that all children experience positive and exciting learning opportunities at Winslow School. Class teachers will soon be sharing information with parents/carers to give everyone a very clear idea of how learning will look in the autumn term. You can stay up to date with all school news by reading our weekly newsletter and checking your Class Dojo accounts. A copy of our Class Dojo Policy can be found on our school [website](#).

The children have settled very well at Rainbows Preschool and we have explored different parts of the school. They are enjoying playing both inside and out, especially looking after the plants in the garden and exploring the vegetables. This week they visited the library and Mrs. White was really impressed with how well the children have been learning their new routines.



We are delighted with how enthusiastically the new Reception children have approached the start to their learning journey at school. The children completed their first week of half days last week and this week have settled into the routine of full days at school. They have made new friends, and have enjoyed playing and exploring their new environment together.



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Well done to the Year Six children who took the Secondary Transfer Tests this week. The children showed great resilience and determination to do their very best and we are so proud of them all. Parents of Year Six pupils who took the Secondary Transfer Test need to register their email address before 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in order to receive the results on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Please register using the following link and the individual student ID number that you received via letter last term.

<https://account.buckscc.gov.uk/service/Transfer-Test-results-registration>

You may have noticed that Mr Wright has been absent this term. Unfortunately while wild camping in Snowdonia, Mr Wright fractured his ankle descending Cadair Idris. It is a serious injury which has required reconstructive surgery and he is now focusing on making a full recovery before returning to work. His class are currently being taught by Mrs Moodley but in the meantime, I am sure you would like to join us in wishing Mr Wright a speedy recovery. We look forward to seeing him later this term.

This week we said goodbye to Mr Wells who has been teaching PE across the school for the last three years as well as running our breakfast and after school clubs. Mr Wells is leaving to train as a Sports Physiotherapist. He will be greatly missed by everyone but we wish him every success for the future. This term we have welcomed Mr Needham who has taken on this position and has been working alongside Mr Wells to get to know the school and the children.

It is with sadness for our school community that I write to tell you that Mrs Thomas has decided to retire after 33 years at Winslow School. She will be leaving at the end of the autumn term. Mrs Thomas has been dedicated to the children and families at Winslow over the last 33 years and has even taught two generations of families during her teaching career here! Mrs Thomas has not only been a valued class teacher but has also been a dedicated Deputy Headteacher and will be greatly missed by all the staff, pupils and parents.

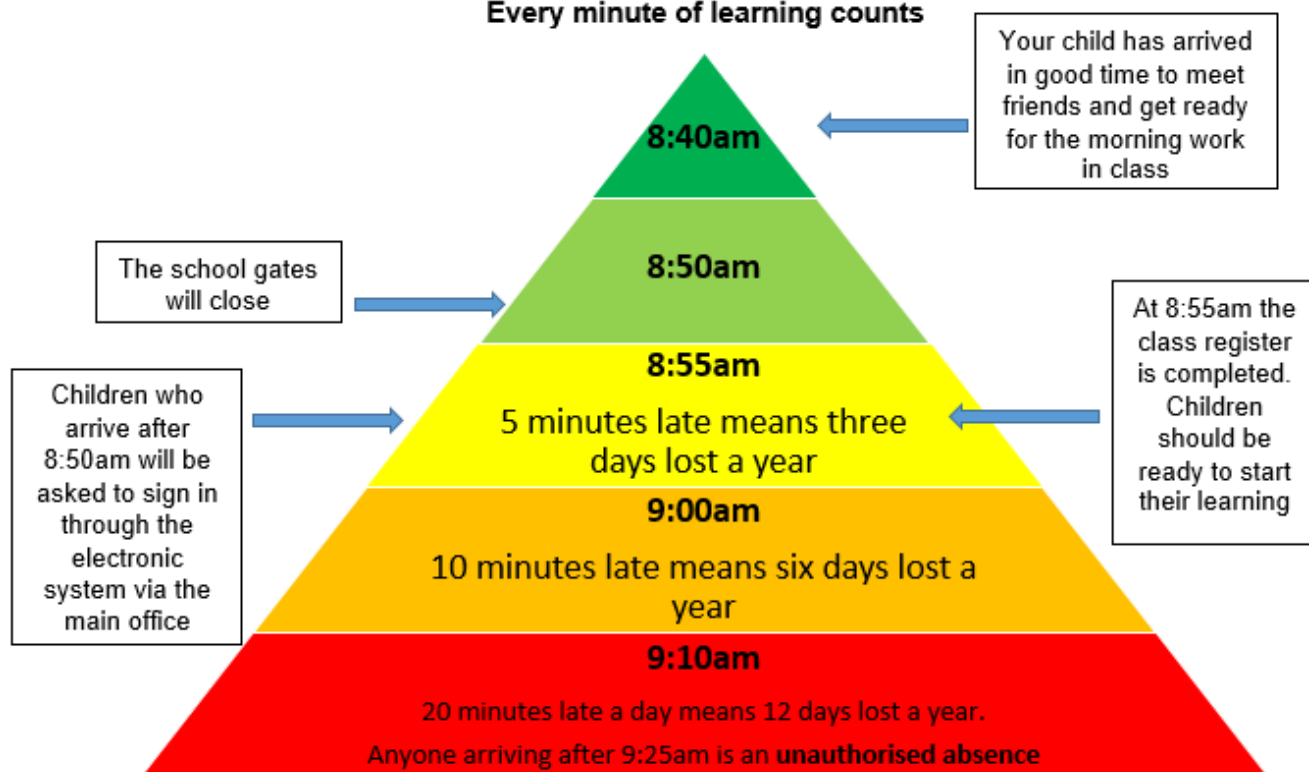
We are currently in the process of recruiting for her position and I am confident that, while Mrs Thomas is irreplaceable, we will find a suitable candidate ready for the start of the spring term. I will of course update you in due course.

In our celebration collective worship today we introduced our new Attendance Bear. He is called HERO, an abbreviation for **H**ere **E**very day, **R**eady **O**n time. HERO is made from pre-loved Winslow School uniform and each week will get to spend time in the classrooms with the best average attendance. Well done to 6CM who had the best whole class average attainment this week with 99.48%



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### Every minute of learning counts



Please work with us to provide your child with the best chances of learning by ensuring they are in school every day and on time.

Thank you for your continued support – have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Samantha Dimbleby*

**Headteacher**

### Secondary School Applications

The application process for Secondary Schools for the current Year Six are now open. You can apply for your child's place using the information sent to you from the County Admissions team or by [clicking here](#)

Please note the deadline for applying for secondary school places is 31st October 2023. We encourage you to apply for as many schools as the list allows as a place at your preferred school is not guaranteed.

### Open Mornings for prospective Reception or Rainbows parents September 2024

This term we will be holding **Open Mornings for prospective parents** to view our school during the busy hustle and bustle of the school day on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. The Open Mornings will include a presentation from the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher and a tour of the school site with some of our older children. All sessions will start at **9.30am** and last around an hour. To find out more, or to confirm your attendance, please contact the school office.

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## Communications at drop off and collection times

Class teachers are happy to answer any questions parents/carers might have at drop off in the mornings or after school at the end of the day. We are requesting that you keep these communications and messages brief as at 8:40am our priority is to get the children into school, settled and ready for learning. If you have any concerns that need more time to address, please arrange a meeting through the school office.

To make it easier for you to get your queries answered quickly we have created this guide. We <b><i>always</i></b> promote speaking to the class teacher first as they know your child best. If unsure the office will always direct you to the right person to support you.	
To discuss...	Who should I speak to?
Reading books, learning, home learning, behaviour, personal wellbeing, friendships, Special Educational Needs queries or any worries	<b>Class teacher</b> Leave a message via the office <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
To further discuss Special Educational Needs, ECHP & additional support for pupils, after speaking to the class teacher	<b>SENDCO</b> Miss Nolan via <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:senco@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">senco@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Safeguarding/Child protection concerns, confidential information	<b>The Safeguarding Team</b> Mrs Dimbleby, Mrs Thomas, or Mrs Epps via the office <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Family support/home difficulties, worries, emotional difficulties, wellbeing/mental health/counselling	<b>Miss Nolan or Mrs Heal</b> via the office <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:senco@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">senco@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Attendance/lateness, medical concerns, injuries, medicines, diabetes, return to school after an illness	<b>Mrs Knapman</b> <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Lunches, exceptional leave of absence, messages, change of information, trips, school events, appointments with staff, clubs, admissions, PP enquiries	<b>The Office Team</b> <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Rainbows Preschool enquiries and Admissions	<b>Mrs Freshwater</b> <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
TFG Kidzone Breakfast and After School Club enquiries	Telephone: <b>01525 630199</b> Email: <a href="http://www.kidzzoneclub.com">www.kidzzoneclub.com</a>
<b>If you have contacted the class teacher &amp; still have concerns, please contact the Phase Leader.</b>	
EYFS (Nursery & Reception) – Mrs Thomas	Years 1 & 2 – Mrs Thomas
Years 3 & 4 – Mr Wright	Years 5 & 6 – Mrs Epps
<b>If you have already contacted the Phase Leader, then contact Mrs Epps or Mrs Thomas (Deputy Headteachers) – via the school office.</b>	
<b>If you have already contacted the Deputy Headteacher, then contact Mrs Dimbleby – Headteacher – via the school office.</b>	
<b>If you have concerns in the first instance you <u>should</u> speak with the <i>class teacher</i>; this is also the case with any SEN concerns.</b>	



## 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: Crystal & Anna  
Year 2: Eloise & Sumiyah  
Year 3: Neveah & Noah  
Year 4: Mikey & Rosie  
Year 5: William & Jowan  
Year 6: Baeleigh & Joey






## FOWS



FOWS will be holding an open meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am in the Nurture room at school. All parents and carers are invited to join us for tea/coffee and croissants. Please come to reception and a FOWS representative will meet you. This is a great opportunity to share any fundraising ideas or feedback you may have. Hope to see you there!

## 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.

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

## 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.



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## 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
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September (3:30pm)	Parent Meeting for Y6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September (9:00am)	FOWS Coffee Meeting – At Winslow School
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September (8:40am – 9:40am)	KS1 Stay and Read for Y1 and Y2 Parents
wc 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Harvest (Pupils only; collection and distribution of non-perishables to local elderly neighbours and the Winslow Food Bank)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October (8:40am – 9:40am)	EYFS Stay and Read for Reception Parents
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Residential Trip - PGL Liddington
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October (4:30pm – 7:00pm)	Parents' Evenings
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Secondary Transfer Test Results Released
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	FOWS Break the Rules Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term for pupils
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b> <b>(Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October)</b>	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Children return to school
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Y6 Secondary Application Deadline
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Photographs
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service (Year 6 Parents)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance in Winslow
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Disco Year 1 and Year 2 Year 5 and 6 Disco
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Reception Disco Year 3 and 4 Disco
wc 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week/Odd Socks Day (Date TBC)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	SENDCo Drop in Clinic
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November (11:00am – 2:00pm)	FOWS Christmas Fete
wc 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Book Week
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	FOWS Pantomime
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm) and	KS1 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30am)	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm) and Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (pm) and Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (am)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm – 3:00pm)	EYFS Stay and Play for Reception Parents – Crafts
Date TBC	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church
Date TBC	Year 6 Carol Concert
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (2:30 – 3:15pm)	Carols on the Playground
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of School for pupils
<p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children return on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</p>	

*This Term's Value is:*

***Respect***

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

*Luke 6:31*

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