

Friday 8th 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,

It has been a great start to the new academic year and wonderful to see the children back again after the long break. They look like they have grown so much over the summer - maybe it was all that rain! This week the children, and their new teachers and learning support assistants, have been getting to know each other better; we have been impressed with how quickly they have settled back into school routines.

We have welcomed new staff and children across the school, alongside our new Rainbows Preschool and Reception children. Whether it is a brand new experience for us or we are seasoned old hands, we can feel excited and nervous in equal measure at the start of a new school year.

Thank you to those of you that have taken the time to let us know how pleased you are that your child has settled back in to school life. As always, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher sooner rather than later. Remember that school and home need to work together to best support the children in our care.

Have a lovely weekend – enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

Start of term reminders and information

Uniform

I would like to thank all our parents who make sure their children arrive at school in the correct school uniform. We are really proud of our school uniform and expect all children to wear it. Below is a reminder of the expectations for all pupils:

- Footwear with uniform should be black or brown practical school shoes. Trainers or fashion boots are not permitted as an alternative to school shoes.
- PE uniform is a plain white or navy blue t-shirt with blue or white plain shorts and a navy tracksuit for outdoor PE sessions - no football strips allowed.
- Distinctive hairstyles, including tramlines and coloured, dyed hair are not suitable for school.
- If ears are pierced, only one pair of studs may be worn for safety reasons. These should not be worn on PE days, but if they cannot be removed, they must be covered up with tape.
- Make up, including nail varnish, is not permitted in school.
- Long hair should be tied back. Headbands should be plain and simple, in school colours (navy, grey, white and black)

All clothing, including coats and shoes, should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

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Attendance



At Winslow CE school we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class.

Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time between 8.40am and 8:50am. Registration is at 8:55am and children arriving after this time should enter the school through the main reception.

We are introducing a new incentive system to encourage regular school attendance and look forward to sharing information about this with you very soon.

Allergies

We have a number of children, and some staff, with severe nut allergies in the school and we are asking for your co-operation in helping us to reduce the risk which they face every day in school.

The risks are from contact with others who have eaten allergens and not just from the foods themselves. These allergies are potentially life threatening.

Please help us by trying to avoid nuts in your child's packed lunch. For example: peanut butter sandwiches, chocolate spread sandwiches which contain nuts (e.g. nutella) and snack bars with nuts. Thank you for your support with this.

Parking

Just a quick reminder about parking around our school. Can we ask that as parents and carers you remain courteous to our residents when dropping off and collecting your child from school. Please do not block paths or driveways.

If you have no other choice but to drive to school, park further away and walk the remainder of the way to ensure that the roads remain a safe place for our school community. Please can I remind everyone of the following:

- Cars should not park anywhere on the school grounds unless you have a specific agreement with the school and this is for good reason
- The staff car park should not be used by parents at any time
- Parking behind the bungalows is for residents only and should not be used for parking by parents dropping off or collecting
- Dropping off children in the morning using the turning circle is permitted. The drop off point is outside the Site Manager's bungalow and not anywhere else
- Speed limit on site is limited to strictly 5mph
- Parents, carers and children should enter through the pedestrian gate and keep to the footpath

Please can you pass this message on to any of your extended family or friends who on occasions bring or collect your children. If you do witness any inconsiderate driving/parking on the roads around the school, please report it via the police non-emergency website.

School Lunches



Fresh Start provide fantastic school lunches, freshly prepared on site every day. Sourced locally wherever possible, these meals are healthy and balanced and packed full of flavour! Allergies can be catered for but please contact the school office if your child has any which must be considered.

If you would like to order a school lunch for your child, please submit your order directly with Fresh Start on their website by **12:00pm on Thursday** for the following week. Late lunches should only be ordered in an emergency or if there is a sudden change. Thank you for your help with this.

Breakfast and After School Club

Our wraparound provider is Kid Zone who hold before and after school clubs for all pupils from Reception to Year 6. When signing your child up for this, please indicate your child's new class teacher for this academic year. This helps Kid Zone and the school ensure your child gets safely to the after school club at the end of the day.



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: Adriana & Henry
Year 2: Reggie & Rex
Year 3: Hector & Emily
Year 4: Bella & Benjamin
Year 5: James & Alfie
Year 6: Hannah & Poppy



Accelerated Reader

Many of you will be familiar with Accelerated Reader which most children from Year 3 upwards are already using, and which many children start to use sometime during Year 2. Children who are familiar with it will notice some changes to look of the website, as it has been upgraded during the summer. Star testing and book quizzes still work in the same way, but children will be able to earn online badges and have easy access to their targets in order to track their progress. With this in mind we will be updating the ways in which we celebrate pupil achievement in reading.

We are currently busy adding all the pupils to the system, when this has been completed they will take their Star tests and start quizzing again.

FOWS

FOWS will be holding an open meeting on Wednesday 20th 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






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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

All staff received updated safeguarding training on our INSET day last week to ensure they continue to have the relevant skills and knowledge to carry out their responsibilities effectively. Information about our safeguarding processes, including our Safeguarding Statement and Child Protection Policy, can be found on our [website](#).

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	

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
Friday 1 st September	INSET DAY
Monday 4 th September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th September	Pupils Return to School
Tuesday 12 th September	Y6 Secondary Practice Test
Thursday 14 th September	Y6 Secondary Transfer Test
Tuesday 19 th September (3:30pm)	Parent Meeting for Y6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 20 th September (9:00am)	FOWS Coffee Meeting – At Winslow School
Tuesday 26 th September (8:40am – 9:40am)	KS1 Stay and Read for Y1 and Y2 Parents
wc 2 nd October	Harvest (Pupils only; collection and distribution of non-perishables to local elderly neighbours and the Winslow Food Bank)
Tuesday 3 rd October (8:40am – 9:40am)	EYFS Stay and Read for Reception Parents
Thursday 5 th October (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Monday 9 th October – Friday 13 th October	Year 6 Residential Trip - PGL Liddington
Monday 16 th October (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 18 th October (4:30pm – 7:00pm)	Parents' Evenings
Friday 13 th October (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 13 th October	Y6 Secondary Transfer Test Results Released
Wednesday 18 th October	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Thursday 19 th October	FOWS Break the Rules Day
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
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 Pantomine
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
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
Date TBC	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church
Date TBC	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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