



Friday 17th November 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,

This week the children have been reminded about the importance of 'making a noise about bullying'. In a whole-school Collective Worship at the beginning of the week, the children were encouraged to consider what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Discussions led to helping the children to understand that together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

At Winslow CE School, we support our children to be resilient and in control of their emotions when faced with adversity. To this end, we adopt the DEBUG strategy and the children have been reminded about this strategy this week. The DEBUG System assists children in establishing boundaries, becoming assertive and promoting self-management.

1. **D** – Decide to ignore.
2. **E** - Exit, walk away.
3. **B** – Be friendly, use friendly words.
4. **U** – Use firm talk (no shouting).
5. **G** - Get adult help.



It was wonderful to see and hear the children enjoying themselves so much at the FOWS Discos on Tuesday and Thursday this week. I would like to thank the FOWS Team and all the parent volunteers who work so hard to organise and run these events for the children. I would also like to extend my thanks to the staff team for supporting the Discos by volunteering to stay and help.

We are all very much looking forward to the FOWS Christmas Fete on Saturday 25th November. Don't forget all children will be allowed to attend school in their own clothes on Friday 25th November in return for the following donations to support the Fete:

Rainbows & Reception - Chocolate prizes

Years 1-3 - Jars filled with sweets

Years 4-6 - Bottles (wine, soft drinks etc.)

Any donations of cakes for the cake stall would also be welcome. Please bring all donations of chocolate, jars, bottles and cakes into school on the morning of Friday 24th November.

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

Mrs Samantha Dumbleby

Headteacher

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Staffing update

I am pleased to be writing to let you know that Mr Wright has made a good recovery from his recent ankle injury and will be returning to work next week. The children and staff are very much looking forward to welcoming him back and I know he is looking forward to returning. I would like to thank Mrs Moodley, Mrs Faiers and the Year 4 support team for supporting the children during Mr Wright's absence.

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Churchill who is leaving Winslow CE School to take up a new challenge. She has been a valued members of the school team; the staff and children will miss her very much but wish her every success in her new role.

Sports update from Mrs Burman

Last week, eight children in Key Stage Two took part in a Sports Festival at Waddesdon School. They enjoyed basketball, dodgeball, hurdles, parachute games, trampolining and Jenga! All of the children shared all the School's Games Values and were awarded lots of stickers. In Collective Worship today the children were awarded bands to show the following values:

Self-Belief – Cameron and Isabelle

Respect – Aiyah

Teamwork - Mikey

Passion – Rebecca and William

Determination – Reuben and Fletcher

Thank you to all the children for their support and encouragement for each other and to the parents who supported this event.

Sara Burman (PE Leader)

School Photographs Reminder

You should all have received proof photographs for your child/children. The deadline for placing orders is midnight on Wednesday 22nd November. Any orders made after this will incur a postage and packaging charge and these will be delivered to your home address.

Site Safety

You may have noticed that some of the perimeter fencing to the school is being replaced. This is to ensure our site is secure and safe. This is being funded by Buckinghamshire Council and the work will be completed by the end of the autumn term.

Chess News from Mr McClellan



Current members of the Chess Club will soon have completed the "Introduction to Chess" course and will have been taught the basics of the game.

Children who re-join the club next term will be entered for the first stage the Delancey U.K. Chess Challenge and will play a series of seven competitive games in school. All children will win prizes as they progress through these games and the overall winner receives a trophy. There is no charge for entry to this stage of the competition, as the fee is paid from Chess Club subscriptions.

Children who are really keen on chess may choose to take part in the second stage, the Megafinals, which take place in April and May and give them the chance to compete against children from other schools. Entry does require an additional fee which is paid directly to the organisers.

The Gigafinals and Tetrafinals take place later in the year where the standard of play becomes much higher.

The school will provide further information about how to re-join next term's chess club in due course.

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: Faith & Albert
Year 1: Sophia & Ruby
Year 2: Darcey & Darcie-Rose
Year 3: Jorge & Bella
Year 4: Stanley & Sasha
Year 5: Emily & Lamara
Year 6: Luna & Charlie



Attendance

Well done to 2AA who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 97.32%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 94.94%.

Persistent Absence

Persistent absence is defined by the Government as attendance that is below 90%. This equates to 19 days or more absence a year. Research clearly shows that poor attendance leads to poor educational outcomes. This could also result in the authority taking legal action against parents, resulting in a fine or court appearance.

Accelerated Readers

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

2AA
3AP
4SW
5FG
6KEP



What is Accelerated Reader?

When children have finished the reading schemes, they become 'library readers' and are allowed to borrow two books. At this stage they will start to use 'Accelerated Reader' to help them choose a book. When they have read it they will complete a quiz to check that they have understood it.

Children who use Accelerated Reader (mostly Y2 upwards) can now do their quizzes at home. Please use this link: [Accelerated Reader Quiz](#) Children login using their first initial and first four letters of their surname as their username and their library number as their password.

[Tips for using Accelerated Reader at home](#)

In addition to books from school, many books you have at home may have quizzes available, just type the title of the book into the quiz search box. Children can also do vocabulary quizzes, and quizzes on the articles available on the Accelerated Reader website.

More information about our library, including how to volunteer can be found on our school website by clicking [here](#).

FOWS – Fundraising opportunity



FOWS are so proud to let you know we have the opportunity to raise funds over the next year for playground equipment, aiding mental health and well-being. All you have to do is use your Co-op card when you shop.




Find out more [here](#)

Use the link to get a membership card. Becoming a Co-op Member is really simple and costs £1. You'll get access to exclusive offers, discounts and events, and for every £1 spent you'll earn 2p for yourself and 2p for your local community.

Make sure you select your cause as 'Friends of Winslow School'!

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
Wednesday 22 nd November	Year One Visit to St Laurence Church
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
Wednesday 29 th November	Year 5 Victorian Day
Wednesday 29 th November	Year 4 Visit to St Laurence Church
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
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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