



Friday 1st March 2024

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.

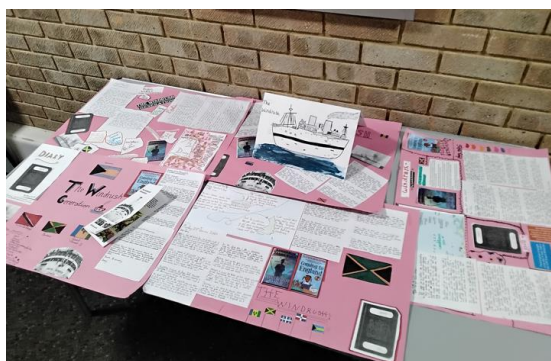
Dear Parents and Carers,

At Winslow CE School we recognise that activities that extend our children's learning through new opportunities and experiences are really important; we are always looking for ways to enrich the curriculum.

Enrichment gives children chances to try new activities that develop character, resilience and motivation. This term Year Four will be attending their residential visit to Woodrow Outdoor Learning Centre where they will participate in a range of activities to develop skills in communication, team work and independence. I know the staff team and children are very much looking forward to this!

In Collective Worship this week, Mrs Gurney, with the help of the Science Ambassadors, introduced 'The Egg Drop Challenge' in preparation for Science Week (w/c 11th March). Children across the school have been challenged to design and make a landing craft that protects an egg passenger when it is dropped from up high. Winning designs from each class will be shared and tested in Collective Worship on Friday 15th March. Information about the competition has been attached to this ParentMail and we look forward to seeing your children's inventions!

Year 6 have been learning about the Windrush Generation and the impact they had on our country. The children have enjoyed reading, 'The Windrush Child' by Benjamin Zephaniah which inspired them to write diary entries in the role of key characters. They also wrote a persuasive speech to convince people to build Windrush Monuments designed to commemorate the people who came to the UK from the Caribbean countries. The children also further explored their learning through a creative homework task with an opportunity for to exhibit their different pieces, considering layout and impact. Their wonderful pieces of work were displayed in our school corridor to share with others.



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

Mrs Samantha Dimpleby

Headteacher

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KS2 Reading Information Session

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers of children in Year 3 to Year 6 for our KS2 Reading Information Session on **Tuesday 5th March 2024**. The afternoon will begin at **2.00pm in the school hall**, where information will be shared about how we teach reading in KS2. You will then have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom to see a 'Book Talk' session being taught before the end of the school day.

KS2 Swimming Gala

On Wednesday 28th February, eight pupils from Year Five and Six took part in a Swimming Gala at Stoke Mandeville Guttmann Centre. They all swam 25metre backstroke, breast stroke and front crawl before participating in a medley relay and a freestyle relay.

All of the children were incredible, cheering each other on, giving advice and trying their very best. They all had a great time and enjoyed the experience. They represented our school brilliantly and Mrs Burman was so proud of you all. Well done: Lottie, Fearne, Poppy, Violet, Maxi, Frankie, Chester and Ted.

Recycling Clothing Bin

You may have noticed there is a recycling clothing bin in the car park. We are now participating in the *Kids Just Recycle scheme*. This has been organised by FOWS which is a great way to raise additional funds for the school and to teach our children about the importance of recycling to help keep our planet safe.

Please bring any of your preloved textiles and donate them in the clothing bin. Below is what can and can't be included with a more detailed guide at the end of the newsletter.

YES PLEASE - Clothing, towels, sheets, blankets, curtains, shoes and sleeping bags.

NO THANK YOU - Rags, carpets, rugs, glass, metal, paper, rubbish

Please do not leave bags or rubbish on the ground. If the bin is full, please email the office and we will contact FOWS to arrange for it to be emptied.

Thank you.

Attendance

Well done to 2JW who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 97.22%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 95.09%.

We understand and appreciate that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or keep them at home. To help you with this decision, we have devised a useful reference guide. If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 9.00am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school.

Red – Stay at home	Sickness and Diarrhoea 48 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school from the last episode.
Amber – Seek Advice	Headache, feeling sick, tummy ache Children often feel unwell if they are anxious, so if in doubt contact the school for advice.
Green – Come to School	Mild cough, cold, sore throat, feeling tired We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school 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':

Reception: Xander & Darwin
Year 1: Myla & Freddie
Year 2: Elijah & Hendrix
Year 3: Mason & Oliver
Year 4: Storm & Brianna
Year 5: Chloe-Marie & Alfie
Year 6: Isaiah & Jenson



Accelerated Readers

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

2AA
3AP
4KF
5RS & 5KF
6KEP



FOWS - Mothering Sunday 'Someone Special' Gift Sale



Once again we will be holding our Mothering Sunday 'Someone Special' gift sale, which has always been a very popular event. The sale will be held on **Friday 8th March 2024** during the school day.

Each child will have the opportunity to 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.

We will also try to ensure that siblings do not buy the same gifts!

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

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsowinslowschool

Closing date for buying gifts online will be: **Monday 4th March 2024**. Cash can be accepted on the day but this will be subject to gift availability.

Thank you for your continued support.

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Katie Epps or Miss Allen 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 Katie Epps Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Miss Daisy Allen 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.



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Diary Dates

Please find below our spring 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	Year Group
Tuesday 5 th March (2:00pm)	KS2 Reading Information Session	Year Three – Year Six
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Whole School
Friday 8 th March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale	Whole School
wc 11 th March	Science Week	Whole School
Wednesday 13 th March	Group Photographs	Reception and Year Six
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform fundraising day	Whole School
Tuesday 19 th March – Thursday 21 st March	Woodrow Residential	Year Four
Tuesday 19 th March	Stay and Read Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
wc 25 th March	Bikeability	Year Three
Tuesday 26 th March	Trip to Science Oxford	Year One and Year Two
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term	Whole School
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 15 th April 2024		

This Term's Value is:

Honesty

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God"

Matthew 5:8

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We can't wait to collect your textiles donations to help raise money for your school.
Here's a reminder of what we can and can't accept.

We accept good quality, reusable:



We do not accept:



Nor do we accept items that are damaged by:



Many thanks and happy recycling!