



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 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,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Our rehearsals and performances are now well under way, with Rainbows, Reception and Key Stage One children performing the most heart-warming nativities this week. They filled the hall with singing and energy; I am sure all the parents and carers who attended were very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and confidence - thank you for joining us and supporting these events.

This time of year is filled with events that bring joy and togetherness to children, staff and the wider community. We are all looking forward to the Key Stage Two performances next week. The children have been practising really hard and are keen to share their hard work with you. We are also looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas fair this afternoon!

Last Friday, I wrote to let you know that some children from Years 5 and 6 planted two trees at the Winslow Allotments as part of the Community Orchard Project. This is a really important project Greener Winslow set up in 2020 to do something locally about climate change and biodiversity loss. We have been informed this week that they have dedicated a tree to the children of Winslow CE School. The tree dedicated to the school is the Aylesbury Prune Damson and it was the second tree that the children planted. We hope they are able to visit the trees in years to come and see how the life they helped to create is flourishing.



I am delighted to announce that Miss Elizabeth White will be joining the Winslow staff team next term. Miss White is an experienced nursery practitioner and will be taking up her role in Rainbows Preschool. We are really looking forward to welcoming her in January.

Thank you for your continued support - have a peaceful weekend

*Mrs Samantha Dimpleby*

**Headteacher**

### Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day



On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December we will be supporting **Save the Children** with "Wear a Christmas Jumper Day." Pupils should come to school in their usual school uniform but instead of their navy blue sweatshirts, jumpers or cardigans they may wear a

Christmas or brightly coloured jumper. This event will also coincide with our Christmas Lunch day in school. This is a voluntary activity and any donation to the Save the Children Charity, will be greatly appreciated. For this event we have set up a Just Giving page to collect donations for Save the Children. Please click [here](#) to make a donation.

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## Pupil Leadership Team

Last week the Pupil Leadership Team met with representatives from Fresh Start to discuss school lunches. The children shared what they liked about the meals and the things that they would like to see changed. Fresh Start said they would try to implement these suggestions in the New Year. Their suggestions included refreshing the salad bar to include more choice, and a greater range of fruit each day. The children said they particularly liked the sausage plait and puddings! All of the children shared their thoughts respectfully and articulately and we were so proud of them all.

## Roundnet Club

This term, children from Years 5 and 6 have learnt a new game called Roundnet. It has involved spiking the ball down onto a net and the opposite team spiking it back. It has been a really enjoyable club and we are looking forward to introducing more children to the sport next term.



## FOWS

Thank you for all your generous donations for the FOWS Christmas Fair. We look forward to seeing you all this afternoon at 3:30pm. Entrance to the fair will be through the main entrance to the school.

FOWS will also be selling raffle tickets at the Christmas Fair for a raffle which will be drawn at the end of term.



## 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: Thomas & Calihan  
Year 1: Elise & Winter  
Year 2: Flynn & Emily  
Year 3: Rex & Ely  
Year 4: Jack & Sophia  
Year 5: Levi & Ellie  
Year 6: Eddy & Frankie



## Attendance

Well done to 4VK who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.52%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 94.85%.

## Reporting an absence

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office via Parent Mail, the telephone absence line or the office email address before 9.00am. Please give full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will call or email you to find out why your child is not in school. If we are unable to make contact and you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

## Accelerated Readers

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

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| 3RE |
| 4DM |
| 5JW |
| 6CM |



## Coffee Meeting for parents of children with SEND

Following the success of our last coffee meeting for parents of children with SEND we would like to invite you for another opportunity to meet and talk in a safe and supportive space on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December @9:00am** in the Nurture Room.

We will be joined by a member of the Buckinghamshire Health Support Team who will be discussing children's mental health and wellbeing and offering information and support.



## Family Hubs and Support for Parents

The Family Hub Network is a partnership between early help providers including Buckinghamshire Council, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust, Oxford Health Foundation NHS Trust, Voluntary, Community and Faith groups, Social Enterprises, Schools, Colleges and Early Years Settings. They are designed to be a one-stop shop for advice, support and services to help throughout the family journey from birth to 19, or up to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Bucks Adult Learning are running a series of workshops for parents of children of all ages. These range from phonics, online safety and maths to wellbeing and ADHD. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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## 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.

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| <b>Mrs Samantha Dimbleby</b><br>Designated Safeguarding Lead   |  |
| <b>Mrs Katie Epps</b><br>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead   |  |
| <b>Miss Daisy Allen</b><br>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead |  |
| Child Protection Governor<br><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.



## 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  | Year Group            |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December (Time TBC)  | Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church | Year Five             |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30pm) and Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm) | Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance               | Year Three, Year Four |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)         | Whole School          |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas Lunch Day                              | Whole School          |
| wc 16 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas Book Week                              | Whole School          |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December (9:00am)   | Coffee Meeting for parents of SEND pupils        | Whole School          |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm)  | Year 6 Carol Concert                             | Year Six              |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December (2:30 – 3:15pm)  | Carols on the Playground                         | Whole School          |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December  | Last Day of School for pupils                    | Whole School          |
| CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY<br>Children return on Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                 |  |                       |

*This Term's Value is:*

***Forgiveness***

*"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you."*

*Matthew 6:14*