



Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

*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,

After a very wet start to the week, it has been lovely to see the sun shining over the last couple of days and an opportunity to enjoy the bright crisp winter mornings. It is always so lovely to see the children arriving in the mornings, ready to start their day with enthusiasm and joy.

Yesterday, the children experienced a special workshop 'NED's Resiliency Ride', a character education program that centres on three important messages that have lifelong relevance: perseverance, having a growth mindset, and how to bounce back when facing challenges in school and life. NED stands for **Never give up, Encourage others** and **Do your best**. During the workshop, the children learnt about the importance of these three life skills while also enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks! We hope the children were encouraged by the key messages to become Champions at school and in life!



Our school received this workshop at no-cost because another school paid-it-forward to us. We want to help pay-it-forward too, and you can help by purchasing a NED-messaged yo-yo. These yo-yos will be available to buy from 3:15pm – 3:30pm on the key stage two playground every day next week. A yo-yo is both a learning tool and a tangible reminder of NED's message. While learning to yo-yo, children will make mistakes, try again and improve.

Wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do at Winslow CE School and positive mental health is promoted and valued. We aim to create an environment where our children feel able to talk openly about their problems with trusted adults, without feeling any stigma. Through our whole-school approach, we are able to support children to manage times of change and stress and to recognise their emotions.



Next week we will be participating in Children's Mental Health Awareness Week'. The week's focus is **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**, with the aim to encourage children and young people to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. It is so important we understand what makes us unique; what we are good at, what we find difficult, our strengths, fears, hopes and dreams. Being aware of how to listen to our emotions and express ourselves is an important part of building self-awareness. It is through knowing ourselves and speaking with others, that we can build resilience, grow and develop. The Buckinghamshire NHS Mental Health Support team will be launching the week with a whole school Collective Workshop on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and this will be followed by workshops across the school.

Thank you for your continued support - have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Samantha Dumbleby*

**Headteacher**

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## 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: Isaac & Chloe  
Year 1: George & Tiger  
Year 2: Gemini & Skye  
Year 3: Eloise & Ollie  
Year 4: Taylor & Mason  
Year 5: Chloe & Tyrese  
Year 6: Amelie & Mason



## Attendance

Well done to 4KF who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.96%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 96.01%.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please do make contact and I would be more than happy to meet with you

## Chess Club News from Mr McClellan

I am delighted that nearly all the children who completed the "Introduction to Chess" course last term have re-joined this term and even more pleased to see pupils who have taken this course in the past re-joining the club. The mixture of beginners and more experienced players adds vibrancy to the club to the benefit of both groups.

This term all the children are involved in the U.K. Chess Challenge and the less experienced players may lose more games than they win, but the best way to improve at chess is to play against someone who is a little bit better than you are. The more that you play the better you are likely to get and in the words of Jose Raul Capablanca the world chess champion:

"You may learn much more from a game you lose than from a game you win. You will have to lose hundreds of games before becoming a good player."

That says it all - As a member of Milton Keynes Chess Club I lose as many games as I win, so am still working towards that target!

## Accelerated Readers

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

<b>3MW</b>
<b>4DM</b>
<b>5JW</b>
<b>6CM</b>



## **Snack and Water bottles**

At Winslow CE School we aim to provide an environment that promotes the health and well-being of pupils, parents and staff by ensuring that all food provision and food messages are healthy and consistent. We hope that, with your help, we can encourage the children to develop healthy eating habits that become a normal part of everyday life

Children in EYFS and KS1 have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, so additional snacks for these ages is not required. If you would like to provide your child with a snack for morning break, please ensure that this is a piece of fruit or vegetable. This will help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert and help them concentrate.

We need the children to stay hydrated and so please ensure they bring a named water bottle into school daily. Squash and fruit juice are not permitted in the classrooms but may be provided in the children's packed lunches. We encourage the children to drink plenty throughout the day and to replenish their water bottles. As a school, we are only able to provide tap water for children to drink.

## **Parking and Safety**

If you must travel to school by car, please observe the parking restrictions around the school and do not obstruct the pavement or block neighbours' driveways. If you cannot find a safe place to park nearby, please do not resort dangerous or inconsiderate manoeuvres or parking. Please note that the car park behind the bungalows is for residents only and should not be used by parents or carers at drop off or collection. Thank you for your support with this to keep all members of our community safe at these busy times of the school day.

## **FOWS – UPDATE**



There was a very successful FOWS meeting on Tuesday this week where a new committee was agreed. Stephen Childs, one of our parents, is taking on the role of Chair, two other parents are hopefully prepared to commit to being Secretary and Treasurer and a small number of other parents are willing to assist on the committee. Of course these roles could be shared if there are further parents willing to join the committee, so please do let us know if you are still interested in supporting this important part of our school life.

The new committee are taking some time out to re-establish this charity and we look forward to the re-launch later in the year.

Mrs Sutton-Hills and Mrs Fairbrother have stepped down from their roles and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contribution to FOWS, help with the recent FOWS events and their support for the school.

## 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.

<b>Mrs Samantha Dimbleby</b> Designated Safeguarding Lead	
<b>Mrs Katie Epps</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
<b>Miss Daisy Allen</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



## 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
wc Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week	Whole School
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February (2:45pm)	Year One Phonics Screening Information Session	Year One
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year Four Church Visit	Year Four
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Network Rail Safety Workshops	Whole School
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Date TBC	Internet Safety Parent Information Evening	Whole School
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February (9:00am – 10:00am)	Maths Stay and Play Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Interim Reports to Parents	Reception – Year six
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY – school closed to children	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February)		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school	Whole School
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February (5:00pm)	SATS Information Evening for Parents	Year Six
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	SEND Parent Clinic with SENDCo	Whole School
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March (4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents' Evening	Reception – Year Six
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Medical Detection Dogs Visiting	Whole School
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Whole School
wc 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	Whole School
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year Five Church Visit	Year Five
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Read Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day – Non-uniform Day	Whole School
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Bikeability	Year Three
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Group Photos	Reception and Year Six
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year Three Church Visit	Year Three
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale	Whole School
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Rock UK Residential Trip	Year Four
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term	Whole School
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025		

*This Term's Value is:*

**Respect**

*“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”*

**Luke 6:31**

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