

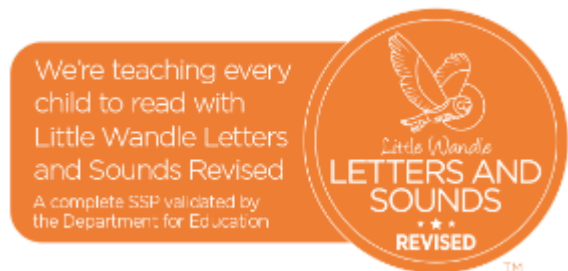


Friday 27th January 2023

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 was wonderful to see parents and carers from Reception and KS1 at the Early Reading Information session earlier this week. Miss Marsden shared lots of information about our systematic, synthetic phonics programme *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* and gave an overview of the key vocabulary and skills we use when teaching phonics. She outlined how we apply the children's phonics knowledge to reading practice sessions and offered guidance on how to support children's early reading at home. The Information from the session is available on the [school website](#) and has been shared via Class Dojo (whole school page) for any parents who were unable to attend.



Parents' Evenings will take place the week beginning Monday 20th February. The booking system for appointments is now open and will close on Wednesday 8th February. If you have been unable to book an appointment please speak to your child's class teacher or contact Mary Knapman in the school office who will be able to assist you with this.

Thank you for working with us to keep our school community safe at drop off and collection times by not driving and parking on the school site. Please remember that dropping off children in the morning using the turning circle is permitted but the drop off point is outside the Site Manager's bungalow and not anywhere else.

I have been made aware in recent weeks of some inappropriate use of social media. We know the negative impact social media can have on children's mental health, wellbeing and overall feelings of safety and happiness in school and we therefore feel it appropriate to take actions where we are aware of issues. We will of course continue as a school to deliver lessons in online safety and do so as part of our curriculum, but we also need to ask for your help and support in monitoring online activity.

We would strongly recommend that all parents/carers of children with access to social media monitor their child's use and set restrictions. It is also worth mentioning that if your child uses apps such as WhatsApp, TikTok, and Snapchat they are below the legal age requirement to do so.

If you would like to discuss any of this further please do not hesitate to contact me.

We will be holding an Internet Safety Information Session for parents and carers on Monday 27th February. The details for this will follow via ParentMail in due course.

Thank you for your continued support, stay safe and have a lovely weekend!

Samantha Dimbleby
Headteacher

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Update on NEU Teacher Strike Action

Following our previous communication regarding the National Education Union (NEU) announcement of national and regional strike action in England, I am writing to update you on the situation at Winslow CE School for **Wednesday 1st February 2023**.

We are able to keep the **school open for all pupils on Wednesday 1st February** and maintain the safety of pupils and staff. Should the situation change, we will of course let you know at the earliest opportunity.

Further strikes are planned to take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

We will provide further updates in due course on these planned strikes. We thank you for your understanding and support at this difficult time.

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: Lena & Chloe
Year 2: Rosaleigh & Neveah
Year 3: Isaac & Alfred
Year 4: Ruby & Alexei
Year 5: Immy & Ava
Year 6: Ngozi & Joshua

Accelerated Readers

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

2AF
3CC
4KF
5KE
6FD



Chess News from Mr McClellan

Children who have enjoyed the intensive "Introduction to Chess" course that takes place every September have now been joined by other children in the school who have previously completed this introductory stage. Club members are now engaged in the school stage of a four stage competition, the Delancey UK Chess Challenge.

The children will play a series of 7 competitive games scoring 3 points for a win, 2 for a loss and 1 for an authorised absence. They will win prizes as the games progress and the school champion receives a trophy.

All children are eligible to take part in the later stages of the Chess Challenge, where they have the opportunity to compete against juniors from other schools and the standard of play is much higher. Details will follow later.

This term each lesson will include a match game and further guidance in how to improve the standard of play, or the reinforcement of an area that has already been introduced. There is much to learn and anyone who enjoys the disciplined nature of chess will never become bored. I have taught some children for over 10 years and they will not have received the same lesson twice!

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. For more safeguarding information please visit our website.



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 Spring Term 2023

Date	Event
Thursday 2 nd February (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
wc Monday 6 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 7 th February (5:00pm- 6:00pm)	Year 6 SATS Information Evening for Parents
Thursday 9 th February (9:00am – 10:00am)	Reception and KS1 Maths Stay and Play Session
Friday 10 th February 2022	Interim Report to Parents
Friday 10 th February – Monday 20 th February	Smarties Challenge
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February)	
Monday 20 th February	Children return to school
Monday 20 th February	Online Safety Workshop for children in KS2
Monday 20 th February (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 22 nd February (4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents' Evening
Monday 27 th February (time TBC)	Internet Safety Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 28 th February (5:00pm- 6:00pm)	Year 2 SATS Information Evening for Parents
Thursday 2 nd March (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
wc 13 th March	Science Week
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform fundraising day
Friday 17 th March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale
Tuesday 21 st March – Thursday 23 rd March	Year 4 Woodrow Residential
Tuesday 21 st March	Reception and KS1 Stay and Read Session
Wednesday 22 nd March	Reception and Y6 Group Photographs
Thursday 23 rd March (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
wc 27 th March	Year 3 Bikeability
Friday 31 st March	FOWS Break the Rules Day
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 17 th April 2023	