



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 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 has been another exciting week of learning at Winslow CE School where our children continue to demonstrate and develop all our core values of kindness, forgiveness, honesty, respect and a love of learning. I would like to say a personal thank you to all the dedicated staff who work hard to provide exciting learning opportunities for all our children. There are likely to be difficult periods ahead as we navigate the industrial disputes and as individuals, we may have different points of view. I am pleased we were able to keep the school open as normal on Wednesday this week as more than 100 schools across Buckinghamshire were either closed or partially closed as a result of the NEU strike action. Taking individual action to strike remains a personal decision for individuals and we will endeavour to do our best for our children throughout. I will write again with an update ahead of the next proposed industrial action on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Next week we will be participating in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Let's Connect'. People thrive in communities, and this is vital for our well-being. Healthy connections to family, friends and others are vital to our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

At Winslow Church of England School, we will be encouraging the children to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways and as a whole school community will be celebrating the week in a variety of ways.

This will include a special themed whole school assembly, PHSE lessons in all year groups to explore the 'Let's Connect' theme as well as themed activities in other subjects such as art and PE. Our Young Carers' groups and pastoral groups will also be shining a spotlight on the importance of making healthy and meaningful connections and the positive impact this has on mental health.



You may like to access materials to explore this theme with your children at home. Visit [childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk) or see the attached *Tips for Parents* poster.

### **Communications at drop off and collection times**

Class teachers are happy to answer any questions parents/carers might have at drop off in the mornings or after school at the end of the day. We are requesting that you keep these communications and messages brief as at 8:40am our priority is to get the children into school, settled and ready for learning. If you have any concerns that need more time to address, please arrange a meeting through the school office.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

To make it easier for you to get your queries answered quickly we have created this guide. We **always** promote speaking to the class teacher first as they know your child best. If unsure the office will always direct you to the right person to support you.

To discuss...	Who should I speak to?
Reading books, learning, home learning, behaviour, personal wellbeing, friendships, Special Educational Needs queries or any worries	<b>Class teacher</b> Leave a message via the office <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
To further discuss Special Educational Needs, ECHP & additional support for pupils, after speaking to the class teacher	<b>SENDCO Mrs Rigby</b> via <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:krigby@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">krigby@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Safeguarding/Child protection concerns, confidential information	<b>The Safeguarding Team</b> Mrs Dimbleby, Mrs Thomas, or Mrs Epps via the office <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Family support/home difficulties, worries, emotional difficulties, wellbeing/mental health/counselling	<b>Mrs Rigby or Mrs Heal</b> via the office <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:krigby@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">krigby@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Attendance/lateness, medical concerns, injuries, medicines, diabetes, return to school after an illness	<b>Mrs Knapman</b> <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Lunches, exceptional leave of absence, messages, change of information, trips, school events, appointments with staff, clubs, admissions, PP enquiries	<b>The Office Team</b> <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Rainbows Pre-school enquiries and Admissions	<b>Mrs Freshwater</b> <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
TFG Kidzone Breakfast and After School Club enquiries	Telephone: <b>01525 630199</b> Email: <a href="http://www.kidzzoneclub.com">www.kidzzoneclub.com</a>
<b>If you have contacted the class teacher &amp; still have concerns, please contact the Phase Leader.</b>	
EYFS (Nursery & Reception) – Mrs Thomas	Years 1 & 2 – Mrs Thomas
Years 3 & 4 – Mr Wright	Years 5 & 6 – Mrs Epps
<b>If you have already contacted the Phase Leader, then contact Mrs Epps or Mrs Thomas (Deputy Headteachers) – via the school office.</b>	
<b>If you have already contacted the Deputy Headteacher, then contact Mrs Dimbleby – Headteacher – via the school office.</b>	
<b>If you have concerns in the first instance you <i>should</i> speak with the class teacher; this is also the case with any SEN concerns.</b>	

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

*Samantha Dimbleby*  
Headteacher

## 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: Harry & Vinnie

Year 2: Sophia & Jack

Year 3: Miya & Miles

Year 4: James & Buster

Year 5: Carmen & Edward

Year 6: George & Ben

## Accelerated Readers

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

2AF
3CC
4SW
5DB
6FD



## Parents' Evening

Please remember that booking system for Parents' Evening appointments will close on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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
wc Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February (5:00pm- 6:00pm)	Year 6 SATS Information Evening for Parents
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February (6:00pm)	Year 4 Residential Trip Parent Meeting
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February (9:00am – 10:00am)	Reception and KS1 Maths Stay and Play Session
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Interim Report to Parents
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February – Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Smarties Challenge
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February)	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Online Safety Workshop for children in KS2
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February (4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents' Evening
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February (time TBC)	Internet Safety Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February (5:00pm- 6:00pm)	Year 2 SATS Information Evening for Parents
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
wc 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform fundraising day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March – Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 4 Woodrow Residential
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Reception and KS1 Stay and Read Session
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Reception and Y6 Group Photographs
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
wc 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Bikeability
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	FOWS Break the Rules Day
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	