

## Newsletter 1

Dear Parents



I would like to welcome you all back to a new term at Winford! I would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new Reception parents and children that have newly joined other year groups throughout the school. I hope that you will see your children flourish throughout the year. If you ever do have any concerns or questions, please do see your child's

teacher or pop in to see me and we will try and sort out any problems. We also welcome Mrs Young, who is teaching in Year 4 Jaguar Class and Mr Kuschel in Year 5 Lynx Class. Mrs Young will be teaching full time until Mrs Hayward's return in October and then they will job share the year 4 class.

Many of you will be familiar with Fernie our school dog. He is certified as an educational assistance dog through the charity 'Dogs Helping Kids'. If you would like to know more about the charity, please come into school and pick up a leaflet from the table by my office or see the wall display in the entrance hall.

Occasionally you may also see Tango. He is a 5 month old red fox Labrador who also lives with me and we also hope to train through the charity. He is in just ½ a day per week in mainly to acclimatise himself to the school environment whilst he trains formally out of school.

Mr Gardner



### Start of term reminders.

As we start a new school year, please can we remind parents that children should wear sensible school shoes and not trainers. Please also remember that nail varnish is not permitted.

The weather has quickly turned colder so please ensure that a coat is brought to school daily.

There are many more year group specific pieces of information and these will be relayed at the 'Meet the teacher' meetings that are being held over the next few days. Please try and make every effort to attend them. A finalised list of diary dates will follow in the next newsletter

### Head lice

Unfortunately, we have already been advised by a number of parents that they have discovered head-lice in their child's hair, particularly in Year 3. Please can you check your child's hair and treat them if you should find any evidence of nits or head lice.



### School Uniform

The pile of school uniform, lunch boxes, drink flasks and PE kit in lost property at the end of last year was amazing! Please ensure that every item worn or used in school has a clear name label. This means that when it gets lost, we can return it to its owner rather than ending up in lost property!



### Lunchtime Supervisor

We are seeking a new lunchtime supervisor at Winford to start as soon as possible. We hope to be able to employ a person who will be able to work Monday to Friday 12:00 – 1:20. If you are interested to hear more about the role and what it involves, please pop in to the office or see Mr Gardner.



### Sponsored Swim

Ailsa in Tiger Class is taking part in a sponsored swim as part of a team at her swimming club on 23 September 2017. The swim is to raise money for St Peter Hospice and has been organized by family friends at the club who are currently being supported by the charity. Ailsa (7) is possibly the youngest person doing the swim and it will be a real challenge for her as she will be swimming lots of lengths against the clock as part of her team (which also includes her mum and two brothers!!). If you would like to sponsor Ailsa please use the just giving link below. If you prefer Ailsa has a paper sponsorship form in Tiger class which you can add to. Any amount you are able to give helps! Thank you for your kind support.



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/charlie-and-backwell-swimming-club>

<u>Dates for your diary</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Meet The Teacher Meeting – Lynx Class Parents	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.40pm
Meet the Teacher Meeting – Puma Class Parents	Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.40pm
Meet the Teacher Meeting – Panther Class Parents	Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	9.00am
Meet the Teacher Meeting – Jaguar Class parents	Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	2.40pm
Meet the Teacher Meeting – Tiger Class parents	Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	2.40pm

### Celebration Assembly Certificates

<p><b><u>Leopard</u></b></p> 	<p><b>To the Whole of Leopard Class</b>, you have made a great start to the year, well done. I am really looking forward to the year ahead and getting to know you all. I am sure everyone will do amazing things during the coming year.</p>
<p><b><u>Panther</u></b></p> 	<p><b>To all of Panther Class</b> – I’ve been so impressed with your mature attitude and enthusiasm. You’ve made a great start to the year and I can’t wait to see what you will achieve this year!</p>
<p><b><u>Tiger</u></b></p> 	<p><b>To the whole of Tiger Class</b>, for a fantastic start to the new school year. You have all been fab and I know this year will continue to be fab! Well done to you all!</p>
<p><b><u>Jaguar</u></b></p> 	<p><b>Mia, Samuel and Sophie</b>, for making such a fantastic start to the year and settling into Jaguar Class so well.</p>
<p><b><u>Lynx</u></b></p> 	<p><b>Poppy</b>, for showing a fantastic attitude and amazing effort! <b>Jack T</b>, for showing fantastic enthusiasm to his learning.</p>
<p><b><u>Puma</u></b></p> 	<p><b>Well done to all the New Year 6’s</b> for settling back into school quickly and taking on Year 6 jobs and responsibilities. <b>Max</b>, for quality listening skills and drawing ability during a concentration exercise. <b>Laura and Noah</b>, for coming up with imaginative and descriptive ideas for what made up words could mean.</p>