
Newsletter 5

Wow...we have all got to the end of term 1!

This term has been a challenge for a number of reasons. Children have completed what is normally a very long term in the school year, after the school being closed for a number of months for some year groups plus a summer break thrown in, along with moving to new classes and teachers in most cases. Not only that but we are operating a school with a huge number of measures to try and reduce the threat of Covid, which all of the children are aware of.

With all of that in mind, I must say just how proud I am of all of the children and all of the staff at Winford Primary who have come back to school, dealt with all of the above and still made the school a great place to be! Not only that but we have seen many children showing lots of respect, which has been our collective worship theme of the term. The children are all ready for a break though, so please enjoy a wonderful half term holiday!

Nik Gardner

Harvest

Thank you to those who have donated a harvest item or two. We will keep baskets in each class just for a few days after the break in case any more of you would like to donate to help others in the local area in need. We would be very grateful for any further donations.



I hope that you have managed to see the artwork around the school entrances in response to the harvest theme. There are some lovely pieces displayed on boards and in windows. We will leave these up after the holiday in case you have not managed to see them.

Covid updates

Just to remind you all before the break:

As a further mitigating measure to help us all stay safe and well, we will ask for parents and staff (not children) to wear face masks when on site at the beginning and end of the day when there are a far greater number of people on site. This will start on Tuesday 3rd November.



Lunches

Please remember as we move into term 2 that we are a nut-free school, so please avoid nut snacks, bars and peanut butter sandwiches.



Also, we anticipate that hot lunches will continue as per this term, so please feel free to book up for these online during the break to save a job for term 2!

Scarecrows

We have been pleased to enter the annual scarecrow trail again this year. Hopefully you have seen the children's beautiful bees on display at the very front of the school. Here is a photo of our entry, but it just does not do justice to it! It will remain on display for a good deal longer than the trail is on, as a piece of collaborative sculpture in its own right. Next season, we hope to plant wild flower seeds in that small grassed area so hopefully by next year, it will look even better!



Term 2

-Monday 2nd November is a school INSET day, so the first day back for children is Tuesday 3rd November.

-We will hold online Parents meetings after the holiday using Microsoft Teams. More details for this will follow after the holiday.

Celebration Collective Worship from 23-10-20

<p><u>Lion</u></p> 	<p>To all of Lion Class for an excellent first term in school. It's been a very long term but everybody has coped so well and it's so pleasing to see how settled everyone is now. Everybody has been working really hard and it's so pleasing to see lots of progress already! Have a wonderful half term and a big rest!</p>
<p><u>Leopard</u></p> 	<p>Francey has had such a positive attitude this week! He was engaged, motivated and respectful to others. He worked really well in a small group, listening to others and taking charge to make sure that the group completed their task. Well done Francey! What a great week you've had. Keep it up!</p> <p>Freddie- You have shown a real willingness this week to try extra hard, especially in our phonics lessons. Also, hearing you say that you "love learning" was a true highlight of Mrs Ashfield's day! Keep up the wonderful attitude Freddie!</p> <p>Elliott – You always come into school with a big smile on your face! You are polite and say please and thank you, which always goes a long way. Thank you for being so thoughtful and respectful every day.</p>
<p><u>Panther</u></p> 	<p>All of Panther Class for an amazing first term back at school. You've worked so hard in all your learning and really impressed me with your positive, respectful attitudes and big smiles each morning.</p>
<p><u>Tiger</u></p> 	<p>To the whole of Tiger class for a fantastic first term back. You have all been a delight and I absolutely love teaching you all. You have settled back into school so well, worked hard and made me laugh a lot! Well done and keep this all up next term</p>
<p><u>Jaguar</u></p> 	<p>Thank you for coming back to school after such a strange time with such a positive attitude. You have taken on all of the challenges we have set you with optimism. You have shown a great sense of perseverance, even when things may have felt overwhelming or difficult. You have shown respect to one another and to others around school, following the guidelines and keeping your hands clean. You are really starting to get settled back into school life and we hope you have a well-deserved, fun half term break.</p>
<p><u>Lynx</u></p> 	<p>To the whole of Lynx class - they've done so well since I've been back adjusting to a new teacher, new rules and really providing their best efforts with work too...well done!</p>
<p><u>Puma</u></p> 	<p>Eva – For excellent comprehension skills, giving several really detailed and precise answers.</p> <p>Josh - for making great progress in his maths problem solving skills, backed up by some superb answers when in a test situation.</p>