

Newsletter 7

Dear Parents

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who has supported the school during our Festive activities.

Starting with our Nativity performances across all years, we saw the story of the birth of Jesus portrayed in so many ways. The children sang and acted so well, and were a credit to you and the school. If you came to watch a performance, I hope you enjoyed it.



Next, I would like to thank everyone that supported the fayre, that being from bringing in a donation beforehand, to coming along on the evening, to those who manned stalls and the main organisers of the fayre. The evening had a lovely festive atmosphere and as a bonus I think a good deal has been raised, which will directly help our children's learning. Thanks also to the team who oversaw the ordering and sales of the lovely Christmas trees at the beginning of the month.

Finally, I would like to say a thank you for your permissions and payments for the recent theatre trips. I was fortunate enough to assist on both days and it was a real privilege to take the school out. Not only were children beautifully behaved in our eyes, but this was also noted by some members of the public too who passed on their complimentary comments. A visit to the theatre is an amazing experience for children and they all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the pantomime.

As we wrap up the final week of term, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas, a peaceful new year and a restful break. See you in 2019!

Pumpkins

Many thanks to Megan in Yr4 and her family who grew and sold pumpkins back in October. They raised over £30 which has been passed on to the PTA. Well done and thank you!



Change to Lunch Menu-19th December

Owing to the school Christmas Lunch being on Thursday 20th December, there will be a change to the menu on Wednesday 19th December. The lunch options will be chicken curry or macaroni cheese and jacket potatoes will also be available.



Backpacks

Most children in the school have a locker to keep their belongings in. We have noticed that some backpacks are quite large in comparison to the locker size, bearing in mind that the lockers also house coats and PE kits. As we only require children to bring (on a normal day) a bookbag and lunch, please consider whether a backpack is necessary at all? Unless there is a real need, please can parents encourage children to leave their backpacks at home. Thank you for your support with this.



Staffing.

We have a couple of staffing changes over the next term that I would like to let you know about.



Firstly, Ms Dolman in Year 1 has decided to reduce her hours and work on a part time basis here at Winford. This means that year 1 will become a job share class. From January, Ms Dolman will work for three days per week, (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday). For the remainder of this academic year we are pleased to announce that Mrs Ashfield, who is well known to the children already, will be working in

Year 1 on Mondays and Tuesdays. They have already spent a lot of time together organising the detail of how the class will work to be as effective as possible for children's learning.

Secondly, you may be aware that Mrs Hayward is expecting another baby, for which we pass on our congratulations! She is hoping to continue teaching until Easter time when she will be on maternity leave. Mrs Young will continue in her role teaching Year 4. We will be seeking another teacher in the new year to employ for the remainder of the week.

The TA provision will continue in the same manner for both classes.

Diary Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
School Christmas Lunch	Thursday	20.12.18	
Last day of term-non-school uniform	Friday	21.12.18	
First day of term 3	Monday	7-1-19	
INSET number 3	Friday	24-5-19	
INSET number 4	Monday	3-6-19	
INSET number 5	Tuesday	23-7-19	

Celebration Assembly Certificates

<p><u>Lion</u></p> 	<p>w/e 07.12.18 To the Whole of Lion Class for a fantastic nativity today. They all worked so hard learning their lines and the songs too. A great achievement from everybody!</p> <p>w/e 14.12.18 Raphael for some super writing this week. We wrote a sentence about our trip to the Panto and Raphael sounded out independently and remembered to leave finger spaces. Great work! Henry for great maths this week. We have been consolidating our recognising and ordering of numbers to 10 and he could do this independently!</p>
<p><u>Leopard</u></p> 	<p>w/e 07.12.18 Harriet and Eve for both having some lovely ideas about the fossil that was brought in by Dillion (thank you Dillion). Your ideas were creative and imaginative, well done.</p> <p>w/e 14.12.18 To the whole of Leopard Class for all doing a fantastic job in our Nativity. Well done for your great singing and dancing.</p>
<p><u>Panther</u></p> 	<p>w/e 07.12.18 Gracie has been working extremely hard in maths this week and showed great determination by challenging herself with some harder questions. Keep it up! Jack has shown brilliant determination this week with the effort he has made presenting his work. Jack has also been practising his times tables lots which has really shown in his work. Well done, Jack!</p> <p>w/e 14.12.18 To the whole of Panther class for your hard work, determination and enthusiasm when learning and performing our Nativity this week. You were all magnificent and put a smile on everyone's faces.</p>
<p><u>Tiger</u></p> 	<p>w/e 07.12.18 To the whole of Tigers for such brilliant nativity performances! You all were fab and worked so hard. Seeing you up on stage made me so proud of you all. A HUGE well done!</p> <p>w/e 14.12.18 Eden and Hannah for being so helpful during art and DT. Both spent a lot of time helping others in the class with the sewing activity. Lovely to see! Rosa for always co-operating so well with all her work. I'm particularly impressed with how</p>

	well she is doing with her reading-so impressive! Well done and keep it up!
<p>Jaguar</p> 	<p>w/e 07.12.18 To the Whole of Jaguar class for a spectacular performance of your Nativity Play. You sang beautifully, danced and remembered your lines. We were so impressed. You are all true superstars!</p> <p>w/e 14.12.18 Grace and Thomas for excellent working in Maths this week. Your positive attitudes helped you to understand subtraction, show your working out clearly and use the inverse operation to check your calculations. Keep it up!</p> <p>Maisey you are such a kind, happy and positive member of Jaguar class. You are always ready to learn, you listen carefully and enjoy challenging yourself. It's always lovely to see your smile in the mornings.</p>
<p>Lynx</p> 	<p>w/e 07.12.18 Darcy for making great progress with her confidence in maths. She is now answering questions in class, explaining her answers and having the confidence to independently 'have a go'.</p> <p>Harley H for much improved effort in writing. His handwriting has improved dramatically in the past weeks, as has his attitude to writing tasks. Keep it up!</p> <p>w/e 14.12.18 To All of Year 5 and Year 6 Well done on a great morning Nativity performance. Thank you to all those that attended the evening performance and the pupils who stepped in and took on extra parts at the last minute.</p>
<p>Puma</p> 	<p>w/e 07.12.18 Jack, Kintija and Cassidy for lots of great contributions and questions related to the end of WW2.</p>
<p>Footballer of the week</p> 	<p>w/e 07.12.18 For great attacking play, both scoring and setting up others – Finley L</p>