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## Newsletter 1

Dear Parents.



I would like to welcome everyone back after the summer break. I am looking forward to another year here at Winford to see the many exciting learning opportunities that there will be during the year.

We have had a great start so far and our youngest children who have just started have settled in so very well!

One sad piece of news that you may be aware of is that during the holidays our chickens stayed with a couple of families. Unfortunately the garden they were in was broken into by a loose animal who killed three of the four birds. This is the wrong time of the year to replace the birds, but we hope to get some new ones next springtime.

Towards the end of this letter is a list of the most important dates for the year. We will aim to keep to these dates unless we really need to change them. If we do, we will try and give as much notice as possible. We have booked four INSET days so far, so have one more to book which we will inform you as soon as the date is set.

The first date on the list is harvest service. Owing to the growth of the school, our harvest and Easter celebrations at the church were rather cramped last year. To alleviate this, we have decided to run a separate infant and junior harvest celebration. However, for those working parents who would like to attend that have children in both infants and juniors, we will run one, then the other straight after. We will be seeking feedback after so please let us know what you think!



### Parking in Winford

The Parish Council have asked if we could remind parents to park considerately, in particular not to use the disabled space in the Barrow Lane layby, not to impede traffic flow through the chicane by parking too close to it and not to park on Brookside in such a manner that refuse and other large vehicles (such as delivery vans and emergency vehicles) are unable to access the road.



### Reception places for 2019

If your pre-schooler will be due to start school next year, please be reminded that North Somerset admissions applications are already open to apply for places at Winford C of E Primary School. Applications for children starting school opened on Wednesday 12 September and will close at 11.59pm on Tuesday 15 January. Clicking [here](#) will take you to the council website



### Meet the teacher

Over the next few days, we have 'meet the teacher' meetings where you will be able to meet your child's new teacher and find out more about the forthcoming year and the expectations of their new year group. Please make every effort to attend these meetings.



### Winford Ducklings

The Winford Ducklings baby and toddler group will be meeting again at Winford School Hall every Wednesday during term time from 9.30am – 11.30am. They look forward to seeing you.



### Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you receive any of the following: Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guaranteed element of Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190), Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). As well as receiving free school meals your child will also receive help towards the cost of school trips. To check if you are eligible visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



### Lunches and snacks

In order to try and ensure that children are as healthy as possible, for those who bring a packed lunch, please avoid chocolate, sweets and multiple sugary items. According to NHS choices a balanced lunchbox should contain:



- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

We have children with severe allergies so please avoid any nuts or nut-based fillings. We would also ask that KS2 breaktime snacks are fruit based. Thank you for your support in this.

### Coats

The summer weather has definitely started to go! Please remember to send children in with coats daily to add a layer of warmth and protect them when it is wet. Thank you.



### Diary Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Lynx Class Parents 'Meet the Teacher'	Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00-9.20am
Tiger Class Parents 'Meet the Teacher'	Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00-9.20am
Leopard Class Parents 'Meet the Teacher'	Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.40-3.00pm
Panther Class Parents 'Meet the Teacher'	Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	8.40-9.00am
Year 6 Lifeskills trip to Create Centre, Bristol	Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00-12.30pm
Individual photos	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	
Harvest Service at the church – parents welcome	Thursday	11-10-18	9:10 for Junior children 9:50 for Infant children
End of Term 1	Friday	26.10.18	
Start of Term 2	Monday	05.11.18	
Parents evening 1	Thursday	15-11-18	12:30 onwards
Year 3/4 Nativity for parents	Thursday	6-12-18	9:15 and 2:00
Reception Nativity for parents	Friday	7-12-18	9:15
Year 1 and 2 nativity for parents	Tuesday	11-12-18	9:15
Hippodrome trip for R, Yr1 & Yr2	Wednesday	12-12-18	9.45-2.30pm
Hippodrome trip Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6	Thursday	13.12.18	12.00-4.00pm
Church carol service 5/6	Thursday	13-12-18	9:15 and 7:00
End of Term 2	Friday	21.12.18	
Start of Term 3	Monday	07.01.19	
End of Term 3	Friday	15.02.19	
Start of Term 4	Monday	25.02.19	
World Book Day (More details near the time)	Thursday	7-3-19	
Whole school-open classrooms	Tuesday	12-3-19	8:50 – 9:20

Parents evening 2	Thursday	14-3-19	
Easter Service	Thursday	4-4-19	Details TBC
End of Term 4	Friday	05.04.19	
Start of Term 5	Tuesday	23.04.19	
Year 6 SATS week	W/B	13-5-19	
Sports day	Tuesday	21-5-19	Parents invited for the PM.
End of Term 5	Thursday	23.5.19	
INSET 3	Friday	24-5-19	
INSET 4	Monday	3-6-19	
Start of Term 6 for children	Tuesday	04.6.19	
Year 5/6 camp DFSC	M-F	10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> June	
Year 5/6 Summer production	Tuesday	9-7-19	
Year 6 Leavers Service	Friday	19.7.19	1.15pm
End of Term 6	Tuesday	23.7.19	

### Celebration Assembly Certificates

<p><b><u>Lion</u></b></p> 	<p><b>w/e 14/09/18</b></p> <p><b>To the whole of Lion Class</b> for an excellent start to Reception. They are playing really nicely together, coming into the class independently and beginning to learn lots of the school rules.</p>
<p><b><u>Leopard</u></b></p> 	<p><b>w/e 07/09/18</b></p> <p><b>To Leopard Class-</b> you have all been so amazing this week. I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have. You have all worked and played together fantastically well. It has been a pleasure to spend my days with you all.</p> <p><b>w/e 14/09/18</b></p> <p><b>Lola</b> for showing respect to others and our property this week by putting effort into tidying up our room and looking after our toys. Thank you Lola for showing respect in Leopard Class.</p> <p><b>Jesse</b> for showing respect and kindness to your friends when they have been upset. Thank you for looking after others and making Leopard Class a great place to be.</p>
<p><b><u>Panther</u></b></p> 	<p><b>w/e 07/09/18</b></p> <p><b>To all of Panther Class</b> – for settling into life in Year 2 so quickly and showing so many of our school values this week. We’ve been curious, determined, patient and best of all, happy! I look forward to an amazing year in Panther class!</p> <p><b>w/e 14/09/18</b></p> <p><b>Freya</b> has had a brilliant week, working really hard with all her learning. I’ve been most impressed with her determination to always do her best, especially with her recount.</p> <p><b>Haydn</b> has been focused and worked hard to complete all his maths work this week. He was able to answer questions and make links to other areas of maths during ‘snappy maths’ that really surprised and impressed me!</p>
<p><b><u>Tiger</u></b></p> 	<p><b>w/e 07/09/18</b></p> <p><b>To all of Tigers</b> – for a super start to the year! I am sure you are going to be fab. I’m looking forward to a great year with you all.</p> <p><b>w/e 14/09/18</b></p> <p><b>Lillie-Mae</b> for always showing great happiness in the class. Lillie-Mae is always so smiley. On top of this, she is helpful around the class and tidies up efficiently.</p> <p><b>Marcella, Phoebe and Sam W</b> for showing kindness to others in the class. All 3 have demonstrated such kindness through their words and actions which is so lovely to see.</p>

<p><b><u>Jaguar</u></b></p> 	<p><b>w/e 07/09/18</b>  <b>Ellis</b> – you have shown a fantastic sense of co-operation this week, working well with others and being helpful around the classroom.  <b>Aoife</b> – you have come back to school with such a positive attitude and have shown a real sense of enthusiasm towards all of our activities this week.  <b>To all of Jaguars</b> for settling in so smoothly and approaching activities with such positivity.</p> <p><b>w/e 14/09/18</b>  <b>Megan</b> you come to school every day ready to learn. You listen carefully to instructions, ensuring you do your best work and approach your learning with a lovely sense of enthusiasm. Keep it up!  <b>Alfie Ha</b> you showed an excellent sense of co-operation when we worked in groups to retell fables this week. You made sure every member of your group had a part and showed a great sense of understanding. Well done!</p>
<p><b><u>Lynx</u></b></p> 	<p><b>w/e 07/09/18</b>  <b>To all of Lynx class</b> – Well done for a great start to Year 5. I have been impressed with your enthusiasm, hard-work and positive attitude to learning.</p> <p><b>w/e 14/09/18</b>  <b>Ben</b> for showing fantastic effort this week and writing an excellent fable in literacy.  <b>Isla</b> for showing fantastic listening skills, respect for others and always wanting to participate in class discussions.</p>
<p><b><u>Puma</u></b></p> 	<p><b>w/e 07/09/18</b>  <b>Well done to all of the new Year 6's</b> for settling back into school life and working hard all week.</p> <p><b>w/e 14/09/18</b>  <b>Kintija, Cerys and Rufus</b> for writing very encouraging and well thought out fables based on one of our school values.  <b>Finley D</b> for being very patient and caring in supporting a class mate during our P E lesson yesterday.</p>
<p><b><u>Footballer of the week</u></b></p> 	<p><b>w/e 14/09/18</b>  Well done to all the new players that started football club this week, there were some great debut performances. But player of the week for great defensive and attacking play is <b>Alfie Ha</b></p>