

# Winkleigh Primary

## School

MAY 2018



### Looking back

So much has happened over the last few weeks, it is hard to believe we are now at half term! The recent spell of sunny weather has been lovely, it seems to make so much difference. The children have been enjoying playtimes on the field and learning outdoors wherever possible. We are so lucky to have such beautiful grounds at Winkleigh.

Year 5 children spent the day at TESCO researching ideas and product ranges ready for their Burger and Brownie event. Hopefully the weather will continue to be kind to us on the actual event day. I know they are looking forward to hosting the event. They also enjoyed a day at Shebbear College developing their coding skills.

Year 1 and 2 visited West Town Farm where they participated in a range of activities. Year 2s picked their own wild garlic to add to the bread they made resulting in delicious garlic bread. Year 1 chopped their own willow, cooked it and then made charcoal.

*"We liked making the bread. We picked our own garlic. We got very messy with the dough. Our hands were like sticky gloves" (Bryn and Orla)*

I really would like to take this opportunity to thank all our teaching staff for the time and effort they put into organising trips and residential and to the support staff who also give up their time to support our children on these wonderful experiences. Trips and residential are not statutory parts of the curriculum and are optional extras. As a school, we firmly believe that these experiences enrich the lives of our children and will continue to provide as many varied opportunities for them as possible throughout their time at Winkleigh.

Thank you to parents / carers who contribute financially to these trips. Without full funding from each child, the trips would have to be subsidised with class cake stall money and this then takes away valuable resources from the class. The school has no surplus in the budget to financially support trips. Please do continue to support us.

Thank you to Friends of Winkleigh who give £200 per class to subsidise trips as this does help to keep the cost down. Please continue to support them in their fundraising.

The next half term looks to be just as packed with events. Staff are busy planning our Arts Week which is always a popular event. We have booked some exciting artists and performers for the week. More details will follow!

## SATS

Well done to all our Year 2 and 6 children. We were so proud of the maturity with which they approached the statutory tests. We loved having the Year 6s in for breakfast each morning, and there was real sense of camaraderie. Thank you to Mrs Manning and Mr Davis for seamlessly guiding the children through these without putting on any unnecessary pressure. We await the results for Key Stage 2 in July. Thank you to parents who calmly supported their children throughout the week. We received a lovely letter from a Year 6 parent which is attached to this newsletter.

We are not quite finished with assessments. Year 1 have their statutory phonics test in June and Year 3, 4, and 5 have their termly assessments coming up shortly. These are all used alongside teacher assessment to track progress throughout the year.

*“SATS was the best week of the year. It was really fun and when we finished them it was good to know that they were done.” (Eliot)*

*“SATS week was the best week in the year so far. I liked the maths test the best! It was really fun.” (Rosie)*

## Royal Wedding Street Party

Again, we were so lucky with the weather for this event. Our teaching assistants, admin staff and Year 6 children decorated the playground with bunting and set out all the tables. The playground looked wonderful. It was lovely to see over 230 children sharing this occasion, from our youngest members of school; our 2 year olds to our oldest members of the school in Year 6.

A big thank you to Julie, Ange and Kirsty who prepared the wonderful food for this occasion. It is quite a feat to serve that many children in one sitting all at the same time. A great team effort – thank you. I’m sure the official Royal Wedding caterers would have been proud! It really was a memorable occasion.

*“I sang in the choir at the end of the party, I felt happy and excited” (Oscar)*

*“I loved the food, it was so tasty” (Lexi)*

*“It was fun to eat outside!” (Ashley)*

*“Everything was so nice, I loved being outside and the range of lovely food” (Archie)*

*“I really enjoyed it, I liked the food and eating outside” (Eliza)*

*“It was a nice way to bring the whole of Winkleigh School community together and a great way to celebrate the Royal Wedding” (Isabella)*

*“The street party felt like the last and best whole-school experience for me. It was well worked - everyone helped and it was really fun” (Owen)*

## Sport

This term has seen Winkleigh competing in both netball and football tournaments, with tag rugby still to come. Our children played so well and enjoyed the experiences! Thank you to Mrs Cutler and Mrs Rooke who give up their time to coach our netball team, with great success!

Winkleigh Netball teams took 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the recent Two Moors tournament and won both their games against Chulmleigh this week.

Our footballers have been busy also. Our Year 4 and 5s took part in a tournament at Lapford. They played really well, Mr Davis was very proud of you all.

We are currently receiving quotes from companies to install a daily mile track around our school field. This will be a wonderful asset to the school and enable us help support a healthy lifestyle for all our children. We are lucky to have a keen team of mums lead by Mrs Surtherland and Mrs Beardon who are supporting in the fundraising of this. We will be using our PE premium funding as well and we will keep you updated on this exciting project.

## Staffing

We say goodbye to Mr Barstow this half term. He is leaving for a full time post in North Devon. Mr Gilkes is also off to pastures new in September. We wish them both every success in their new jobs and thank them for their time at Winkleigh.

Over the last two days we have been interviewing for these posts and are delighted with our appointments. Miss Megan Jones will take up the full time role and Mr Jim Dolan will be taking up the PPA cover role. Both these posts will start from September. Class arrangements for September will be shared next half term once final decisions have been made.

## Safeguarding

In school, we take our duty of care very seriously for all our pupils. We work hard to ensure that pupils in school are in a safe environment. All our staff are trained to ensure we have the highest levels of safeguarding and are always on hand to listen to children if they are concerned about things. However, this may not be the case for some children once they are out of the school environment. Over the holiday period or, at any time, if you have a concern regarding the well-being of a child - any child - then you, as members of the public, also have a duty of care to that

child. If you are in any doubt about what that child is experiencing or have any concerns regarding how safe they are, please ring the Multi Agency Safeguarding (MASH) where you can talk to someone about your concerns and ensure that a child will be supported. The number to dial is: 0345 155 1071.

The NSPCC and Childline have a wealth of resources for parents and carers to help keep their children safe from abuse. The Underwear Rule, for example, contains guidance on having simple conversations with children to keep them safe from sexual abuse. More information is available at [nspcc.org.uk/underwear](http://nspcc.org.uk/underwear) and [nspcc.org.uk/shareaware](http://nspcc.org.uk/shareaware). We hope you find this information useful.

### **And finally.....**

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who continue to ensure that our school provides the children with fantastic learning experiences which enable all children to achieve their potential. Thank you to parents for your continuing support. Thank you to those of you that e-mail in with positive comments about the school, it is much appreciated! We are very proud of our school community and continue to see it grow and develop.

Have a relaxing half term and thank you for your continuing support. We look forward to the second half of summer which, looking at the diary, will be a bit of a roller coaster ride to July as there is so much going on. We hope to see many of you at our events.

Best Wishes

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