

Winkleigh Primary

School

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This is the last newsletter of the academic year and, as usual, I am amazed at how quickly this year has passed. The children have worked hard this year and the variety of events and trips organised have made our children's learning that little bit more special. The behaviour of the children is always admirable on these occasions. They are a real credit to the school. It is difficult to know where to start with celebrating the year as there have been so many highlights.

SATs – Key Stage 2

The children have all worked tirelessly this year and we are delighted with the effort they have put into their learning and the progress they have made.

The results are shown below. Please note, there is no externally marked writing test; our SATs results and teacher assessment results are below.

Teacher assessment	Working at the expected standard + greater depth	Working at greater depth
WRITING	83%	21%

Teacher assessment	Working at the expected standard	Working at greater depth
READING	88%	29%
GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION	91%	29%
MATHS	79%	12%

These are fantastic results and we are very proud of the children's achievements. They worked exceptionally hard all year and approached the tests with maturity and confidence. We loved welcoming them in for breakfast every morning and the comradery was wonderful to watch. We know it can be a stressful time but hope that we were able to provide a calm and relaxed atmosphere for the children.

I would like to express my thanks to Mrs Manning and Mrs Gent who really kept the children focussed and reassured them that there was more to Year 6 than SATs!

Phonics screening test – Year 1

Year 1 phonics – All but one pupil passed the phonics screening which gives us a total percentage of 96%. The pass mark is 32, our scores are below.

Marks out of 40	Number of children achieved
40	14
39	4
38	4
37	1
24	1

Well done to the Foundation Unit and Key Stage 1 team who ensure that phonic skills are embedded right from pre-school.

Key Stage 1

Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessment results

Year 2	Age related expectation + greater depth	Greater depth
Reading	74%	16%
Writing	70%	13%
Maths	74%	16%

Again, thank you to Mr Davis, Mrs Bourner and Mrs Keast who ensure our children achieve the very best they can.

As a school we continue to strive for excellence and, whilst we are incredibly pleased with all our results we still have work to do. Our school improvement plan ensures that we are continually focusing on raising standards whilst ensuring that children have access to a broad and balanced curriculum.

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who attended Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day. Unlike last year, rain did not interfere with play and we were blessed with ideal weather! We were planning to have a completely competitive Key Stage 1 Sports Day however, after comments we received from the children following the Daily Mile fundraiser, it was decided by staff that we would have a balance between team fun and competitive races. I think we achieved this balance!

Sports Day is a great opportunity for pupils to shine on the sports field and there certainly were some stars. It is also an opportunity for children to understand they cannot always win and losing is part of life. I think a comment from one of our Foundation Unit children really summed up Sports Day: *'I didn't win, but I tried my best, that's Ok isn't it?'*

Thank you to Jo and Adam Duffin and Julie Clark who provided refreshments for parents, carers and pupils on the day. It was very much appreciated. They raised over £300 for school funds! We are putting this money towards some new guided reading books.

Arts week

I hope those of you who managed to attend the sharing assemblies and came to see the exhibition enjoyed the beautiful art work and entertaining performances. The children worked very hard creating some stunning pieces. We were also lucky enough to be able to buy in the services of a variety of different performers this year. Activities included circus skills, African drumming, Japanese drumming, professional cartoonist and skipping. Thank you to all who contributed financially to Arts week, whilst we were able to use some of our PE premium funding to pay for the activities we did need additional funds for resources, so thank you.

Trips / Events

The children have had the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of trips and residential this year.

Each year in July, teachers begin to plan trips for the up and coming year. These trips are carefully planned so they support the curriculum and also the needs of the children in the class. We do like to vary the experiences we provide the children and the same trip may not occur from year to year, especially as trips and residential depend on the willingness and commitments of staff to give up their time.

The Year 5 Burger and Brownie enterprise afternoon was a fantastic experience for our pupils. The children worked alongside Miss Dunn and Andrew and John from Tesco to plan the menu, order ingredients, cook all the food (with the additional help of Mr Davis), serve and provide a truly amazing afternoon for their guests. I am sure you were as proud of them all as we were. Thank you so much to the team from Tesco who came into school for a total of 2 ½ days to work with the children and who donated some of the ingredients. The Year 5s raised a large amount of money which will go towards their enterprise trips in Year 6.

I was lucky enough to attend both the Year 6 enterprise trips this year. We had a beautiful sunny day in Torquay where the children enjoyed a day at Quay West water-park and a rather cloudy day at Trethorne Leisure Farm. We were so proud of the children on both of these occasions; their behaviour was exemplary, even the bus driver commented on how polite the children were!

Owls have enjoyed days out at Rosemoor and Bude. Years 1 and 2 have visited castles, farms and enjoyed an activity day at Haldon Forest.

Year 3 have enjoyed Kents Cavern, Roman Day and a wonderful camping trip. Year 4 have been to Haven Banks, Plymouth aquarium and enjoyed a science day with Sciencedipity. Year 5 have enjoyed Powderham Castle, Exmoor, and computer coding at Shebbear College.

If you have visited anywhere exciting that you think would be a good place for our pupils to visit, please do let us know as we are always on the lookout for new and interesting places to investigate.

These are just a few examples of the activities enjoyed this year, there are too many events to mention every single one that was arranged to support the curriculum! Thank you to all staff who ensure that all the trips provided are enhancing the children's learning.

We hope that we have provided plenty of opportunities for you to really share and celebrate your child's learning this year. Here are just a few:

- Open mornings / afternoons
- Class assemblies
- Family breakfasts
- Restaurant afternoon
- Special days such as sports day / arts week
- Music assemblies
- Phonics workshop
- Drama productions

In the autumn term we are hoping to introduce termly workshop style mornings where teachers can demonstrate to parents/carers how particular methods are taught in maths and English, and children will be able to show you what they have learnt. More details to follow.

Foundation Unit

Our Foundation Unit continues to thrive. We have over 55 children registered to attend from September and this is fantastic!

Teachers continue to plan together to ensure we provide the highest quality learning from 2 years old. We are looking forward to welcoming the Squirrels in to Owls (Reception) in September. They certainly enjoyed their transition days at big school! Thank you to Mrs Roadnight and her team for preparing them so well for school.

Uniform

Could I please ask that children come back to school in September wearing the correct uniform and shoes? Children should wear black shoes and not coloured trainers. (This is in line with most secondary schools). Girls' tights should be grey, black or green. No patterned tights please! Boys or girls socks should be plain grey, black or green. Thank you for your cooperation.

PE kits

Children must have a PE kit in school every day. Participation in practical PE lessons is dependent on pupils having their full PE kit. Without a full PE kit, pupils will be given PE theory tasks to complete. Therefore, please ensure children come back to school with a full PE kit comprising of black / green / navy plain shorts, a plain white t-shirt, and trainers.

PE is an integral part of the curriculum and it is important that children are correctly dressed. From September, the school will not be holding any spare PE kit to loan to pupils without kit.

Sporting Events

This year we have participated in so many matches and tournaments, it would be hard to name them all! These events are brilliant opportunities for children to develop their skills and experience playing team sports against other schools. Again our children have behaved impeccably at these events. Children are selected for these events not only on their sporting talents but on their behaviour in school, and sometimes with a name picked out of a hat to give as many pupils as possible the opportunity to participate. It has been great to see so many children taking part and representing our school. Thank you to parents who have ferried their own and other children to these events. We could not attend these events without your support. Thank you to Mr Davis who has taken on the role of PE lead and has certainly had a positive impact!

Sadly we say thank you and goodbye to parent volunteers; Mrs Cutler and Mrs Rooke who have been coaching our netball team for a good few years now. Thank you for all your time and the dedication that you have put into our netball team. They really have done incredibly well this year under your guidance.

Morning Drop Off

From September, to tighten up our safeguarding procedures we will be trialling a new dropping off routine for Key Stage 2 only.

The playground gate will be unlocked at 8.45am, please drop your children off at the playground gate between 8.45am-8.55am.

At 8.55am the whistle will be blown and the children will line up in their class groups as they do at break times. The gate will be locked and children will be led into their classrooms.

As teachers are busy preparing for the day before the children arrive, they will no longer be available to meet with parents in the mornings. If you have an urgent message for your child's teacher, you may pass a note to the Admin team who will ensure the teacher gets the message, or you can email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk.

Owls and Key Stage 1 will continue to be dropped off at the gate to the left of the main entrance.

Early Collection

Collecting children early from school for extra-curricular activities such as swimming or dance lessons has been discussed at a recent Parent Forum meeting. I took the discussion to the Governing Body for a final decision as to whether children can be picked up early for such activities. It has been decided that from January 2019 early collection from school will not be allowed. It has caused too much disruption for children and staff and created additional administrative tasks. The school day is 9:00am-3:30pm.

Early collection for unavoidable or emergency medical appointments, or under exceptional circumstances will be allowed, please provide evidence of any medical appointments, although we do ask that you endeavour to schedule appointments for outside of school hours.

PE Premium

I know I have thanked our amazing Daily Mile fundraisers, but we really are truly thankful for all the hard work you put into the Run for Fun fundraiser. We still can't quite believe the amount raised! Quotes for the track are currently being collated and more news will follow in the autumn term.

We have also used some of our PE premium funding to buy into Crediton School Sports Partnership programme from September. This will give us access to six sporting events across the year for various year groups with transport being paid for too. This is very exciting! We have the option to buy additional outdoor education days and Year 2 have already enjoyed a team building day at Haldon forest, and some Key Stage 2 children had the opportunity to kayak in Exeter. Great opportunities for our children and we look forward to our next sporting year!

Friends of Winkleigh School

Many of you will have read that Tim Rhodes is stepping down as Chairman of FOWS. Tim has been at the helm for many years now and under his guidance FOWS have donated a great deal of money to the school over the years. Each year FOWS donate £200 per class for trips, this really helps keep the cost of trips to a minimum. Thank you Tim and your team, I know you will be sorely missed. Thankfully, Tim will still be on hand to provide FOWS with the ever popular termly discos!

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. We have implemented many changes over the years to ensure that we keep up to date

with the latest procedures and policies, for example all our parent/carer volunteers undertake an online safeguarding course.

Once children are out of the safety of the school environment over the summer period, or in fact any time at all, if you have a concern regarding the well-being of a child - any child - then you 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](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/underwear) and [nspcc.org.uk/shareaware](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/shareaware). We hope you find this information useful.

Thank you

I would like to express my thanks to all staff for their continued work in ensuring that children are given the best possible learning experiences. Looking back over the year is a pleasure as it reminds us of all the events, activities and learning opportunities the children have taken part in. Everyone in the school has a key role to play in ensuring the children come to school and go home with smiles on their faces.

We say farewell and thank you to Mr Gilkes and wish him well in his new school. We also send our wishes to Miss Compton and her partner on the safe arrival of their baby girl. We look forward to seeing the new bundle of joy in September.

Thank you especially to Mrs Crosby, Mrs Hawkins and Mrs Singer who have done such a good job front of house and behind the scenes as without them the school could not function as effectively as it does!

Thank you to parents for supporting our school in such a positive way and working together with us to ensure the school continues to move forward. We have really appreciated all the kind and supportive messages we have had over the last year. We do appreciate your feedback (both positive and negative) and hope that together we can continue to improve our school. Your suggestions and comments are always welcome.

Year 6 Leavers

What a brilliant Year 6 class we have had this year. Their enthusiasm, engagement, resilience and perseverance has seen them all grow into terrific young people. We are incredibly proud to

send them on to secondary school. The year has been challenging for them in many ways but they have shown resilience and overcome many obstacles. Year 6 - WE WILL MISS YOU ALL - thank you for being such fantastic role models for the rest of the school.

Finally, a big thank you to the children who make our school what it is.

Enjoy the summer holidays. I hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready in September. I am hoping that the glorious weather we have had continues throughout the summer.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Victoria Fenemore