

# Winkleigh Primary

# School

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## Woodland Federation

As you will be aware we federated with Kings Nympton School at Easter this year following a consultation process with all stakeholders. The Headteacher at Kings Nympton is retiring at the end of this term which means there are some changes to roles across both schools. I will take on the role of Executive Head across the Federation. Mrs Manning will take on the role of Head of Teaching and Learning at Winkleigh. My role will be focusing on the strategic development of both schools ensuring that we are providing the best possible education for our children. Mrs Manning will be managing more of the day-to-day duties that previously was my remit. She will also be assisting me in my role along with our senior leadership team in ensuring that the quality of education is at the fore front of everything we do. Our senior leadership team structure from January will be:

Executive Head – Mrs V Fenemore

Head of Teaching and Learning – Mrs Manning

Pre School and Early Years Lead – Mrs Roadnight

SENDCo – Mrs Rowcliffe

We are very much looking forward to sharing expertise across the two schools and continuing to move the quality of education of both schools forward whilst keeping up with the constant challenges and changes to our Education system.

We continue to work with other local schools to share best practice and improve outcomes for children. As always if you have any concerns / questions about any aspect of school life your child's teacher is the first port of call. If for any reason the concern cannot be dealt by your child's teacher please contact admin who will arrange a meeting with a member of the Leadership team. If your concern is more general it can be raised at parent forum meetings which are held every term and the minutes published on the website. Forms for adding items to the Parent Forum agenda are available on the school website or from the admin team.

## Reports

You will shortly be receiving your child's report for the term. We have changed the way we write reports from this academic year in order to update you on a more regular basis. From now on rather than receive a final report at the end of the summer term you will receive a briefer report every term. This will focus on progress and effort for each term as well as attendance. We hope that this format will keep you informed of your child's learning on a more regular basis. Please also look at the learning overviews produced by class teachers every week. This too, is a great way to be more involved in your child's learning.

## Attendance

We have over 80 pupils with 100% attendance this term which is fantastic. Every school day is carefully planned to cover all aspects of the curriculum, when children miss even one day of school, it can have a big impact on their learning so your support with this is appreciated. Year 6 were the class with the highest overall attendance.

## Thank you



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair, we raised over £1000 which is brilliant. A special thank you to our Year 5 and 6 classes who between them raised £235. A lot of effort went into creating and making the games and we really do appreciate you supporting your children with these and supplying the prizes! Year 6 also wrote over 50 letters to local and national companies asking for raffle prizes. All the money goes towards credit prizes which support our behaviour policy.

## Parent Help

We would like to say thank you to all those parents who volunteered to help with reading after half term now that the children are settled. We do appreciate the time you give up to support all our children. It has a really positive impact when children are able to be heard read more frequently. If you feel this is something you would like to do, please speak to our admin team who will find a slot for you in the timetable and give you the necessary safeguarding information.

## Christmas Celebrations



It was lovely to watch our pre school and reception classes perform their singing concert. There was some wonderful singing and dancing from them all. It is quite a feat to perform to so many people, but they were not fazed by this, as always they did a wonderful job. Every year the children amaze me. They all worked so hard at learning lines, dances and songs and the end results were truly fantastic. It was lovely to see our youngest members of the school on stage performing their Christmas song: to get up on stage at 2 years old and perform is astonishing. They all looked wonderful in their outfits too. We are very proud of them and we know you are too. Thank you to the staff who worked tirelessly with the children to ensure the performances were polished. Next week, although short is packed with Christmas fun. We are looking forward to the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 performances taking place on Monday and Tuesday. And we hope to see many parents / carers for our annual carol service in the church on Wednesday. This event is a lovely way to end our term. As always children can be taken early after the service, but please collect them from school.

## 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](https://nspcc.org.uk/underwear) and [nspcc.org.uk/shareaware](https://nspcc.org.uk/shareaware). We hope you find this information useful

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We hope you all have a relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Best Wishes

Victoria Fenemore