

## Newsletter 6

### Dear Parents.

It feels slightly belated...but **Happy New Year!**

This term has started well... pupils have returned to school with a good attitude and are working well.

Since the start of 2022, we have had a few cases of covid here at school, along with some other typical winter bugs. This has had some impact on pupil numbers and our staff. We cannot predict how the rest of the term will look and it is possible that staff absences may bring some further disruptions to the continuity of education. Please be assured that we will do all we can to minimise impact on pupil learning.



Your patience and support throughout the next few months will continue to be appreciated, as it has been throughout the last couple of years.

### Forthcoming dates

We had not published our annual list of school dates as advanced as we normally do, mainly owing to the unpredictability of the current situation. However, you will see below dates of events where parents are invited. Dependent on circumstances, these *may* change, but we will aim to deliver the events on the dates as per the list. More details will be released about each nearer the time.

<b>Parent consultations</b>	15:20 onwards	7-3-22 and 9-3-22
<b>Easter Services at Winford Church</b>	9:10 for Y3,4,5,6 and 9:50 for YR,1,2	7-4-22
<b>Sports Day</b>	PM	26-5-22
<b>Year 6 leavers assembly</b>	14:00	19-7-22

### Valley-Arts-The Grimm Sisters

Valley Arts has a fabulous theatre company coming to perform The Grimm Sisters. Loosely based on the Brothers Grimm Stories, it should be hugely entertaining and very funny.

The performance is suitable for ages 6 and above and takes place at St. Andrews Church Hall, Chew Magna on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. For tickets please go to [www.valleyartscentre.co.uk](http://www.valleyartscentre.co.uk)



### Bag2School Fundraiser

Having a post-Christmas clear out and not sure what to do with it all?

Donate to **Bag2School** and help raise funds for Winford Pre—School!

We will be collecting good quality clothing for re-use or recycle, paired shoes, handbags and accessories.

Please bring your items to school in black bags and leave neatly in reception before Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February!



### Christmas Gifts

Karen and Judy in the school office along with Mr Gardner and Shirley would like to express their gratitude and thanks for the lovely gifts received at the end of last term. We all really appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness of those who contributed.



### Head lice

Cases of pupils having head lice, particularly in Year 6, have been reported in the school this week. Please check your child's hair regularly for signs of head lice and their eggs. If you would like helpful information about head lice and how to treat them, please follow this link:



<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

### Food in school

Please can we ask parents to be mindful of the content of lunchboxes and breaktime snacks? We have noticed bars and crisps appearing as breaktime snacks. Please can junior pupils only bring in fruit or vegetables for a mid morning snack.

Similarly some lunchboxes are containing sweets or 'proper' chocolate bars. Snack bars are acceptable (eg Penguins / club bars etc) but **not sweets or chocolate bars**. Thank you for your co-operation with this including keeping lunchboxes **nut-free**.

### Changes to details

Could we please be kept informed of any changes to contact details? This includes changes to **addresses, phone numbers and emergency contact details**. Thank you for updating us as it is important that our records are kept up to date!



### Term time Holidays

It is now the time of year when parents often start to think about holidays for 2022. Please can I remind everyone that we expect holidays to be taken during holiday time. Term time holiday absence will only be authorised in very exceptional and extenuating circumstances. Sometimes a term time holiday will trigger a fine from the local authority. For full details, please read the attendance policy on our website or come and speak to the school.



## Healthy Lunchbox!

### Healthy things

Salad, lots of fruit, vegetable sticks, yoghurts, sandwiches and wraps, juice and water.

### Things to avoid

Biscuits, chocolate, cakes, fizzy drinks, salted nuts and crisps.

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### Celebration Assembly Certificates from the beginning of term 3

<p><b>Lion</b></p> 	<p>Bea- for showing real kindness to another child by helping them to put on their coat! Bea noticed that they were struggling and kindly offered to help. What a lovely friend!</p> <p>Dylan- for impressing Miss Thomas with his reading this week. We have started our group guided reading sessions and Dylan demonstrated some really good sounding out and blending. Keep up the good work Dylan!</p> <p>Gussy- for an all-round great week! Gussy has really impressed us with how hard he has been working in all our lessons. He has contributed lots to discussions, remembered lots of details from our class book 'Whatever Next' and has been working so well in phonics and maths too. Keep up the good work!</p> <p>Theo- also has been working fantastically hard this week. He is progressing really well with his writing and tries so hard with everything we do. It's really lovely to see how much progress Theo is making. Keep it up!</p> <p>Ruby- for working so hard in phonics this week! Ruby has really impressed me with her attitude and perseverance in learning the new digraphs we are doing in class. She is also really trying hard with her writing too! Keep up this good work Ruby!</p> <p>Robyn- for being a lovely friend to everyone in Lion Class. Robyn always includes other people in her games and will always tell me if she thinks someone is upset. She is also so helpful and a really good role model to the others!</p>
<p><b>Leopard</b></p> 	<p>Elsie, Enid, Danny and Jake for your fantastic first dance lesson with Mrs Hardy. You all listened really carefully and followed the instruction which produced some super dancing! It was such a pleasure to watch you enjoy every single moment!</p> <p>Louie, you have been amazing since you've come back from Christmas. You listen so beautifully well on the carpet and follow instructions every time. You have found your confidence and are participating on the carpet. This was particularly obvious during our maths lesson on Wednesday, giving the correct answer but also using some super mathematical language to explain how you reached that answer! Well done, Louie!!</p> <p>Ivy - You have had two fantastic weeks in school! Your reading has come on leaps and bounds, as has your confidence. It has been an absolute delight hearing all your wonderful contributions on the carpet and to see such lovely writing coming from it. You wrote some lovely pieces this week about the baddies in our book 'Send for a Superhero'. Keep up it, Ivy!</p>
<p><b>Panther</b></p> 	<p>Sonny - You are such a positive person and always have a smile and something interesting to share. Mrs Hayward was particularly impressed with your teamwork in PE last term. You have been making a huge effort with your writing this week and we are excited to see you make more progress this term!</p> <p>Jimmy - You were also fantastic in our dance class yesterday, showing off your moves! You showed such a great sense of confidence. I have also been really impressed with your writing this week. You have a fantastic imagination and your spelling is superb! Keep it up, Jimmy!</p> <p>Gabi - You are such a wonderful role model in Panther Class. You are well organised, focused and participate with your thoughtful and interesting ideas. You have made amazing progress with your writing, always taking care over your handwriting and spelling words accurately. You choose lovely vocabulary to make your writing interesting and it is always a joy to read. Well done, Gabi.</p> <p>Evie - I was so impressed with your participation in our dance class yesterday. You listened really carefully to the instructions and showed good coordination, even though the moves</p>

were quite difficult! You showed great confidence during the freestyle task and really shone. Well done!

Jimmy and Harrison - for super team work in DT this week, well done. We all worked in pairs to design a chassis for a car with working wheels, and I was very impressed with how well you began the task and organised your materials. You made good choices with the materials you chose and worked out how to put the pieces together effectively. Well done boys, for a great investigation into how a moving vehicle is made, and a lovely drawing of your model too.

### Tiger



George, for showing great determination at the start of this term. George has returned with a fantastic and hard-working attitude. Well done and keep it up!

Daisy for a great attitude with her learning in school. Daisy is always happy, upbeat and kind to everyone. She is a delight to have in Tiger class.

Jude for co-operating so well with his work and showing some good progress with numbers and handwriting. Well done and keep it up!

Lottie for working hard in all lessons particularly Maths. Lottie has worked hard to learn her times tables, well done Lottie!

Tilly - for working hard and having a fantastic determined attitude in class. Tilly worked particularly hard in the science investigation on forces and she shared some wonderful scientific ideas. Well done Tilly and keep this up 😊

Dylan - for some amazing writing this week! Dylan's handwriting and overall writing has improved immensely this week. Massive well done and please keep it up!!

### Jaguar



Oscar, Henry P, Jemima: All three of these Jaguar class members have made a superb effort with their reading over the Christmas break and as we know, reading is the most important thing we can do. Well done for your consistent and excellent reading and keep it going for the rest of the year.

Henry Hu has made a real effort with his home reading during the last few weeks and it has really shown in his confidence and fluency as a reader. He was one of our 'Readers of the Week' and I hope he can continue to keep this up and improve as a reader this year!

Willow has been very determined with her maths learning this week - she's been focused, challenged herself and she's been contributing to lots of class discussions and answering questions. This has really helped her confidence as a mathematician and I hope she can build on this for the rest of Year 4!

Eve is a hard-working member of Jaguar class and what has really impressed this week is her improvement in maths. She contributes to discussions, works quickly through the Power Maths tasks, including the challenge. Keep up the great work Eve!

Eliana has been making lots of progress with her times tables facts and her instant recall is has become much quicker. This week our learning focused on the 7 and 9 times tables and she has shown the impact of her practice at home in her class work. Well done Eliana

### Lynx



For doing lots and lots of reading over the Christmas Holidays and making great progress as a result - Maisie , Macey and Gracie.

Freya for demonstrating some excellent problem-solving skills and perseverance to solve several tricky multi-step multiplication challenges.

Regan and Darcy W for researching facts on the sinking of the Titanic and using them to produce an interesting and factual newspaper report.

Isobel and Josh for giving up part of their lunch break to help tidy the textbook and reading book shelves regularly, to help keep the classroom looking tidy and co-operating to be great class members.

Haydn and Jacob for lots of sensible, mature and well thought out contributions to discussions on internet safety and also our work on slums during Geography.

**Puma**



The whole of Puma class has just improved their times table baseline test – An utterly incredible improvement for every child, all down to their hard work

Hannah has practised her maths operations so much this last year that her speed is unbelievable! She works so quickly and has worked so hard her maths has improved hugely and it's so much fun to watch her write her calculations down at 100mph!

Jacob has worked so hard in year 6 on checking his answers, reading questions and answering debates in class in a thoughtful mature way. Jacob presented an intelligent, well thought out and mature point of view in a political debate in class this week - I was so impressed!

Lucy for competing really well with herself and improving her reading score in a practise test...and also providing us with her entertaining rendition of the character 'Nurse' in Romeo & Juliet!

Amira has worked incredibly hard to improve her own test score marks, whilst helping others when they are stuck.