

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents

As we hit the first day of Autumn this week, the mornings are certainly feeling a little less summery and more like we will be needing to wear coats again soon.

Thank you to everyone that attended the 'meet the teacher' meetings. I apologise that some classes were short notice and we will endeavour to give more notice in the future. We have revisited our home school agreement and if you were not able to collect one at the new teacher meetings, please find it attached to the email with this newsletter. We would appreciate it if you could print the document, sign the bottom of the agreement and return just the slip back to the school office. If you are unable to print, please collect a copy from the school office.

Below I have outlined the main dates for the remainder of the year which I hope will be helpful for future planning. We will aim to keep to the dates advertised.

EVENT	DATE	TIMES
School Photographer	Tuesday 27 th September	Morning
Harvest at Winford Church, parents invited	Fri 7 th October	9:00 Junior pupils and and 9:45 for infants
Last day Term 1	Fri 21 st October	
INSET 3	Mon 31 st October	
1 st day term 2	Tues 1 st November	
Parents eve 1	Tues / Thurs 8 th & 10 th Nov	15:20-18:10
Reception Nativity	Fri 9 th December	9:00
Year 1 and 2 Nativity	Tues 6 th December	9:00
Year 3 and 4 Nativity	Thurs 8 th December	9:00
Year 5 and 6 Church service at Winford Church	Weds 7 th December	9:00 and 18:30
Whole school Pantomime trip (more details TBA)	Weds 14 th December	
Christmas lunch	Thursday 15 th December	
Last day Term2	Fri 16 th December	
INSET 4	Tues 3 rd January	
1 st day term 3	Weds 4 th January	
Open classrooms morning	Weds 8 th February	8:50am finish time TBC
Last day term 3	Fri 10 th February	
First day term 4	Mon 20 th February	
Parents eve 2	Tues / Thurs 7 th & 9 th March	15:20-18:10
Easter service	Weds 29 th March	9:00 Junior pupils and and 9:45 for infants
Last day term 4	Fri 31 st March	
1 st day term 5	Mon 17 th April	
Sports day afternoon	Thurs 25 th May	
Last day term 5	Fri 26 th May	
INSET 5	Mon 5 th June	
1 st day term 6	Tues 6 th June	
Year 5/6 summer production	Weds 12 th Jul	
Final day of the school year	Fri 21 st July	

Volunteers Needed

Home-start volunteers work with local families to give emotional and practical help. The volunteers are mums, dads and grandparents from many different back-grounds and a wide age range. We look for volunteers who have a compassionate, non-judgemental attitude, understand the pressures of bringing up a family and can give 2-3 hours a week for up to a year. In return we offer comprehensive training and on-going support. Please contact us on 07771 179007 to find out more or visit <https://home-startnorthsomerset.org.uk/volunteering/>



Reading time

We have learned through our reading survey last year that some parents find it difficult to find the time to read with children. **We would like to offer you the opportunity to use our library and indoor tabled area outside of Yr1 and 2 daily if you would like to read with your child before you leave the school.** Please feel free to use this area to read so it is then one less job to do when you get home!



Bingo Evening

Winford village hall is holding a Bingo Evening on Saturday 24th September from 7.00 until 10.00pm. Families are welcome. There will be a light supper and bingo games with prizes, these are included in the price of £8 per adult and £4 for under 14's. There will be a cash only bar. Tickets available from Winford Community shop or village hall committee members.



School Photographer

The photographer will be in school to photograph children on **Tuesday 27th September.** Please can children wear the full uniform on this day so they are looking super smart!



Uniform update

Before the summer, we asked for parents to ensure that both school uniform, PE kits and school shoes are in keeping with the school uniform code, and so far this term in most cases the children are all kitted out as we would like so thank you very much!

Friday afternoons in KS2

We are very pleased to tell you that following the lockdowns and class bubbles which prevented pupils moving between classes, we have now restarted our KS2 scheme whereby on a Friday afternoon children in Yrs 3,4,5 and 6 are able to choose from a variety of options including art, science, sport, forest school and fencing. They join a mixed age group with all of the other pupils who have made the same choice and receive subject specialised teaching. This is a great way to end the week and pupils are able to learn in a deeper way the areas that they enjoy most.



General update from the school and governors

You may be aware that for the start of term, we have had a smaller suite of teaching support than we would like. This has been due to a very low level of applications from adverts placed during term 6 and into the summer break. We are pleased to inform you that we have now recruited new staff and they will soon be appearing in

classrooms.

Finally we would also like to share that during the summer, we have had some building projects completed at school. Many of you will have noticed the amazing treehouse structure in the library, which will be used as a reading den and we have also had a canopy fitted in the forest area. This project was possible by utilising funds not used for staffing or school resources and we are grateful to Bristol Airport for also funding part of this project. The aim of these are to promote both outdoor learning and to reinforce the message that reading is fun and the key to future learning.



Celebration Assembly Certificates

<p><u>Lion</u></p>	<p>We'd both like to nominate the whole class for their fantastic first two weeks at school! We have had lots of fun getting to know our classroom and each other and everyone has been playing so nicely. The whole class have had so much to learn already and we are so pleased with how settled in they already are. Keep up this great work Lion Class!</p> <p>It was very difficult to decide this week as everyone has had another great week in Lion Class! But in the end we chose- Rory and Ada- for being superstars in class this week. They are both listening so well on the carpet, playing really nicely with the other children, being great friends to everyone and are so good at helping to tidy up! Keep up this great work!</p>
<p><u>Leopard</u></p>	<p>To all of my lovely new leopards. What a brilliant first week you have all had and a wonderful start to Year 1. You have really impressed me with how grown up, sensible and independent you are already. I am so excited to spend the next year with you all and finding out all your talents. Keep up the great enthusiasm, Leopards!</p> <p>Reggie and Ivy have worked so hard this week in every single lesson. They are first to sit nicely on the carpet, listen beautifully and will often want to share with us their ideas. On top of this they will get to work straight away back at their tables. This has been so wonderful to see given that we have done so much work on the carpet and independently already. What a great way to start Year 1!</p> <p>Lola - you have begun this school year so well. As a new member of our school, you have been so happy, working very hard and you always do it with a big smile. Hearing you say 'I love school' has been wonderful to hear and we are so pleased that we have, yet another, fabulous member of our Leopard Class!</p> <p>Effie - What fantastic writing you have been doing this week. You have written not just one or two, but SIX great sentences for the beginning and middle of our story book 'Journey' and it is presented so beautifully too. Keep up the super work, Effie!</p>
<p><u>Panther</u></p>	<p>To All the Panthers! You have had a great first week back, especially as you've not had all of your normal teachers for the week. You've mostly settled in really well and started your work brilliantly.</p> <p>Lily- I have been wowed by how you have adapted so well to year 2. You have shown such a positive, calm, sensible and caring attitude towards everything you have done this week. You have also shown that you are super hardworking, focused and willing to put in the extra effort. We'll done Lily, what a super attitude and a great start to the year.</p> <p>Danny- I have been so impressed with you this week. You have been polite, respectful and worked super hard in all your lessons. I particularly enjoyed listening to you read your book, Claire at the Fair with such joy, and chuckling along to the story as you were reading it! That was so lovely and put a big smile on my face. Keep up your good work, Danny.</p> <p>Jack - you have shown such a lovely sense of respect this week, enthusiastically helping around the classroom to make sure everybody has everything they need to learn. You are polite, kind to others and you are working really hard on taking pride in your work, making sure your presentation is neat.</p> <p>Sonny - You have made some super contributions to our whole class learning this week. Your thoughts and ideas have been carefully considered, and you shared them sensibly with the class. It is clear that you have been listening very carefully and enjoying your learning so far.</p>
<p><u>Tiger</u></p>	<p>To the whole of Tiger Class for an amazing first week in year 3! You have all been fab and settled in so well! I am very much looking forward to teaching you this year!</p>

	<p>Holly - for showing great determination in all of her work. Holly has worked incredibly hard with her presentation and lays all of her work out so neatly and puts 100% into all that she does. Well done and keep this up!</p> <p>Sonny- for always being so smiley in class which is so lovely. Sonny always brightens up the class and brings so much happiness to the day!</p> <p>Elliott - for showing great determination with your handwriting. Elliott chose to challenge himself and join his writing and it was beautiful! Well done Elliott - great attitude and hard work! Keep this up! 😊</p> <p>Jimmy - for showing great determination in your writing this week. Jimmy has written a fantastic beginning of the story of the Journey and has worked hard to add in some really lovely vocabulary. On top of this, Jimmy is starting to show great improvements with his handwriting. Well done and keep it up!</p>
<u>Jaguar</u>	<p>To all of Jaguar class: Well done for settling in so well to your first week in Year 4. It's been lovely to see so many smiles and so many people determined to work hard, improve themselves and do their very best. I can't wait to see what you can achieve this year!</p> <p>This week Lottie has impressed all the adults in Jaguar class with her attitude and effort in lessons but even more so with her determination to produce neat, beautifully presented work. Her work is lovely and an inspiration to others and her books are a pleasure to read. Well done!</p> <p>George: This week we've been spending time working on choosing the best adjectives to describe and how to use persuasive language. I challenged the class to persuade me to try a new kind of chocolate and George stepped up straight away to have a go. He used a good question to get me interested and then described the chocolate really well with some excellent word choices. Well done George!</p>
<u>Lynx</u>	<p>Well done, Anna and Henry Ho. Both worked very independently on their writing this week, they listened well and just cracked on with their work. The both produced a lovely description of a picture from 'Journey'. They remembered everything Mr. A had taught them last year and also took their time to ensure their work was beautifully presented.</p> <p>Now we are at the end of our second week, I have to nominate the whole of Lynx class, they have adapted really quickly to the high expectations of them in year 5. They are already making great independent choices, helping each other beautifully and working hard on speed and presentation, they should feel really proud of themselves. Special mention to Dillion for working so hard on some beautiful handwriting yesterday and to Archie for being a great friend and supporting his efforts. Well done!</p> <p>Neve has demonstrated a lovely, positive, quiet determination this week. She gets on with every task, giving it maximum effort and always completing it to the best of her ability. Well done Neve!</p> <p>Molly for being a kind, considerate and caring member of the class. Molly has shown lovely support this week to her friends. She helps them at times if they are feeling not their usual selves and has really helped to brighten up their day. Thank you Molly for being wonderful you!</p>
<u>Puma</u>	<p>Well done to all the class for settling back in the school routine quickly, showing they can be responsible year 6s and also for working hard on their presentation skills this week.</p> <p>For always being prepared to contribute to different lessons, particularly when discussing WW2- Jack and Ultan.</p> <p>Millie and Macey, for pushing themselves to get through more questions in their Power Maths books and to have a go at more challenging maths problems, even if they find it hard at times -</p>