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## Newsletter 2

Dear Parents

We have almost got to the end of a long term 1! It is so lovely to see how our Lion Reception class have settled in to school routines and how all of the other year groups have slotted up into their new year groups.

Thank you to everyone who made donations to our harvest appeal, and to everyone who attended either or both Harvest celebrations at the church. All the donations have been taken to the Loaves and Fishes project in Bristol.

Our Collective worship this term has focussed on our value of the term, which has been **RESPECT**. We have also explored a number of other themes through our partners such as Ian Mills our rector and the Open the Book team who have done a stunning job of bringing the stories from the Bible alive for pupils to enjoy and reflect upon.

Next term our value will be **PATIENCE**, which fits in very well with advent and Christmas!

This Friday is the final day of term and it will be a **NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM** day. Please do bring in £1 for this as we have spoken to some of our year 6 members of the school council and they have carefully chosen the Children's Hospice South West Charity as the place that they would like the donations to be given.

I wish you all a super half term break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on **TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER**.

### Half-Term Puppetry, Storytelling & Performance Workshop

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

October

10am – 4pm at Winford Village Hall

Ages 6 + welcome, no experience necessary

£30 per day or £55 for both days, all materials supplied.

We will be making puppets and exploring the craft of puppetry, performance and storytelling!

For more details and to book a place please contact Alison Johnson at [winfordyouththeatre@gmail.com](mailto:winfordyouththeatre@gmail.com)



### Parking in the village

Please be mindful when parking in and around the village, particularly when manoeuvring vehicles as there are often pedestrians travelling to and from school at the same time. Please remember that there is still an option to park in the car park at the rear of the Prince of Waterloo pub at drop off and pick up times.



### Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place after school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

November from 3.20 pm with the last appointment at 6.10pm.

To book please follow the link to the School Cloud Parents Evening booking system. The link is <https://winford.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

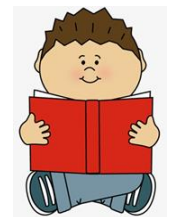
**Bookings go live on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 9.00am, until then bookings are unable to be made.**

If parents have any difficulties accessing the system please contact the school office. The link is also available via the school website.



### Reading

Please remember that our library area is open after school for any parents who would like to read with their children before they go home. We are aware that finding the time to read can be tricky so we hoped that offering the library may help to read daily without all of the external pressures of life getting in the way!



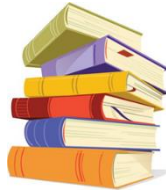
### **Tax Free Childcare**

Winford Primary School accept tax free childcare vouchers as payment towards after school and breakfast club. Eligibility depends on if you are working, your income and child's age. If your child attends after school and/or breakfast club and you think you may be eligible for tax free childcare then please go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare>

Please also advise the school if you are eligible and wish to use this system as a method of payment.

### **Reading help in school**

If you are available for even just a short time each week, we would really appreciate any helpers that could come in and hear children read. Practising the skill of reading is so important to help decoding, sight reading of common exception words and becoming fluent, and any help would be very gratefully received! Helpers can be parents or grandparents, we do not mind!



### **Young Carers**

As part of our pastoral offer, we are keen to know who are our young carers within the school, so we can plan how best to support them. If you feel that your child may be a 'young carer' then please email Mrs Gardner directly and she will get in touch with you to discuss next steps.



[LGardner@winford.n-somerset.sch.uk](mailto:LGardner@winford.n-somerset.sch.uk)

### **Free School Meals**

Did you know that there are two schemes for free school meals?

- Universal infant free school meals for all children in reception, year 1 and year 2-parents don't need to apply as they're automatically given a school
- Free school meals for people on qualifying benefits – parents will need to apply for these

If you claim qualifying benefits and your child is entitled to universal infant school meals, you should still apply for free school meals so:

- You're eligible for other financial assistance for items such as school trips
- The school can receive funding for the free school meals

### **Qualifying benefits for free school meals**

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with annual take home pay/met earnings below £7400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included

To apply please follow this link [https://nsod.n-somerset.gov.uk/kb5/northsomerset/directory/fsm\\_app\\_landing.page](https://nsod.n-somerset.gov.uk/kb5/northsomerset/directory/fsm_app_landing.page) or visit the North Somerset Council website

### **October half-term holiday club**

A Holiday Club for children from Reception to Year 6 is being run at Yeo Moor Primary in Clevedon this October half-term. Children from any school are welcome to come. As a launch discount they are offering a 20% discount off the day, making it just £20.00 from 09:00-16:00 with additional Breakfast and Late stay at an extra cost should anyone need extended hours.

Enter the code **Launch Discount** (case sensitive) when checking out, to receive the discount. All the activities are bookable online at [Shine | Holiday Clubs \(myshine.co.uk\)](http://myshine.co.uk)








### **Lunchtime menus**

There are a number of children who tell us that they do not like some of the items on the menu at lunchtimes, and consequently do not eat all of their lunches, even with plain items like pasta and potatoes. This is a concern as it creates a lot of waste and we do not want children to be hungry in the afternoons. When booking your child's lunch, please can you check that they like the items that you are ordering. Thank you.



**Free  
School  
Meals**   
**Are you entitled?**

## Celebration Assembly Certificates

<p><b><u>Lion</u></b></p> 	<p>Axel- for lots of great contributions to whole class discussions this week. Axel is always keen to participate and share his knowledge. Keep this up Axel!</p> <p>Phoebie- for being a lovely friend not just this week but always! Phoebie plays with everyone, includes others in her games and is always keen to make new friends too. Well done Phoebie!</p> <p>Baylie and Amelie- both girls have really impressed us with their reading this week! They have just started to blend words independently and have been practising their reading not just in school but at home as well! Keep up this good work girls as you're both doing so well and we're really proud of you!</p>
<p><b><u>Leopard</u></b></p> 	<p>Robyn, you have made a huge effort in both your phonics and your writing this week! You have been carefully sounding out your words to create some fab sentences. Well done, Robyn.</p> <p>Harper L, I am so impressed with your handwriting this week. You form your letters beautifully and write so neatly on the line, which makes your work a pleasure to read. Super job, Harper.</p> <p>Elena and Bea, you both have really impressed me with your maths this week. You showed how confident you are with using a part-whole model and how this can also be represented on a number line. You both showed initiative to try both methods of working, without being asked or directed. Well done, girls!</p>
<p><b><u>Panther</u></b></p> 	<p>Emily L - A big thank you for being so helpful around the classroom this week, helping others tidy and showing respect for our resources and friends. It makes such a dramatic difference when we show respect, and you have certainly been a great role model this week.</p> <p>Jack - you always come in to school with a smile and such enthusiasm to learn. This week you have put your best effort into your writing, particularly in our History lesson where we were learning about what the Wright Brothers invented. You were conscientious about your presentation and it's really lovely to see the hard work you are putting in to Year 2</p> <p>George- You have really impressed me this week with your participation in phonics this week. You have shown a great deal of focus and engagement with our whole class learning of graphemes and their alternative sounds. You have also earned many dojo points for your super sitting and respectful attitude towards others during these phonic sessions. Keep it up George!</p> <p>Cody - you have such a brilliant attitude to learning, Cody. You always listen carefully and participate in our lessons. You manage distractions around you and don't let them hinder your learning. You are polite, respectful, kind to others and it is a joy to teach you. Well done for all of the fantastic progress you are making so far this year.</p>
<p><b><u>Tiger</u></b></p> 	<p>Freddie H - for being so kind and caring when one of his friends hurt himself in PE. Freddie showed real concern and kept checking in with him. Then he encouraged him to get back involved and cheer him up. Lovely to see.</p> <p>Ava - for showing great perseverance with her writing. Ava has worked really hard to learn to join with cursive handwriting and, overall, she is working really hard with her writing in class and spellings. Well done Ava and keep this up 😊</p> <p>Minnie - for always showing determination and cooperation in all lessons. Minnie always works hard and tries her very best which is great to see. Because of this, she is already making some great progress this year, especially with her writing. Well done Minnie and keep this up!</p> <p>Oscar - for always working so hard and trying his very best. Oscar always approaches work with a positive, focused attitude and reflects the school values. Well done Oscar and keep up this amazing attitude!</p>
<p><b><u>Jaguar</u></b></p> 	<p>This week we finished writing our persuasive adverts in literacy. Both Zach and Sam did a fantastic job of using adjectives, alliteration and clever questioning to create some fantastic persuasive adverts that really sold the Galaxy product well.</p> <p>Learning times tables is one of the most important things we do to help us with our maths and Erin has been putting in an incredible effort at home on Times Table Rock Stars. She's been on TTRS for well over an hour <u>every week</u> and this has really helped her maths confidence and her times table recall. Great work, Erin!</p>

## Lynx



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Eva and Willow - For working collaboratively when typing up their acrostic Harvest poems. They had each written their own poems, but when they were sharing a laptop to type them up, they decided to take sentences from each of their poems to create a joint one! Great idea girls and super team work!!

Henry P - For always getting on with his work quickly, quietly and with maximum effort. You have demonstrated excellent focus and concentration skills and are a pleasure to teach! Well done HP!

Oscar for being so quietly determined to get on with his work and completes it to the best of his ability.

Eve for trying her very best when learning about concrete and abstract nouns...it was very tricky!

## Puma



Jess and Haydn for showing great leadership and organisational skills in their sports leaders training session on Tuesday.

Ollie - for using a series of powerful modal verbs and formal language in his speech to motivate the Rabbit Army.

George - for making a real effort with his handwriting and presentation this week, keep it up George.