

Newsletter 8

Dear Parents.



Thankyou to all the parents who came to our open classes this week. Hopefully you were able to get a picture of the work that is being done in classes. All classrooms looked like a hive of activity with books being shared and it was lovely to have so many parents in school. Thanks also to Mrs Gardner and the governors who offered teas, coffees, pastries and a warm hall space on such a cold morning! We would like to offer this again, so if you have any feedback on the event, please do let us know.

We would also like to share a special visitor who came and worked with all classes last week. Vernon Samuels spent a day in school sharing how he overcame various barriers to become a top athlete. Vernon represented Great Britain in the Men's Triple Jump in the 1988 Olympic Games and represented England at the Commonwealth Games in 1990. He has close links to Bristol and children enjoyed a very motivational day with him.



Enjoy your break next week and we look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

Goodbye Wendy!

We have said goodbye to one of our very longstanding supporters of the school, Wendy Cleghorn. Wendy was the Pre-School leader for many years and has been a governor at the school for well over 25 years! She has now moved out of the village and has had to step down from her governor role. We would like to publicly thank her for her work over the years and wish her all the best. If any parents would like to pass on any good wishes or would like to contribute to a gift that we are arranging, please let the office know by the end of the first week back after the break.

Goodbye

Attendance.

Please be aware that we are actively trying to improve our school attendance percentage as it is not as good as it should be. Peter Noble, our Educational Welfare Officer may be contacting individual families for a discussion, **especially where the attendance is below 90%**. If any parents would like to discuss attendance concerns with Peter, please do let us know and we can pass on his contact details.



Lunchboxes

We have noticed a number of lunchboxes that are containing sweets and chocolate. Please remember that we encourage a healthy and balanced diet and we would prefer not to see sweets and chocolate bars as part of a daily lunch. Snack bars like Penguins are acceptable but not full bars like Mars / Double Deckers.



Please also note that we ask for no nuts / peanut butter to feature in lunch boxes owing to allergies within school.

Thank you for your support with this.

School Crossing Patrol

We would like to thank 'CJ Hurford' our previous sponsors of the School crossing Patrol. We would also like to thank our new sponsors, 'MJ Patch'. Both companies are local to the village and we are so grateful to their financial support which means we can help parents and children arrive to school safely in the mornings. Thank you both very much!



Play Your Way

Do you want children to be able to play freely outside their own front door?

Play your way sessions are short, resident-led, road closures to let children play safely and freely outside their own front door. Streets are now doing this all over the UK and it's having really positive benefits for children and communities.

Neighbours come together to volunteer and apply for a Temporary Play Street Order (TPSO). Some streets apply to do a one-off session, others weekly or monthly. Sessions are usually between 1-2 hours.

More information can be found on [our website](#) or on the [national webpage](#).

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact GetActive@n-somerset.gov.uk or call 01275 882 730.



Winford Football report

Well done to all the players that took part in the Somerset football finals.

The school team played exceptionally well and everyone in the squad did their part during the tournament.

The team won their group emphatically, winning 4 games and drawing 1, scoring 17 goals and conceding only 1.

They then beat the other team in the semi-finals 4-1 before facing Pensford in the final.

The final was a very close game with both teams having their chances, however Pensford scored one extra goal and became the 2-1 winners. All of the Winford team can be proud of their achievements and are officially the 2nd best team in Somerset!

Also, on Monday, the girl's team headed to Sandford for the opening match of the North Somerset Knockout Girl's Cup.

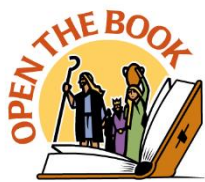
The team started in explosive fashion with Winford opening the scoring within 10 seconds, then adding another 3 goals in quick succession. The goals continued to flow, with our team all chipping in. The defence, when called upon stood firm to keep a clean sheet as well. By the end of the match Winford had racked up an impressive 15-0 score line, quite possibly a school record for a competitive match! We now wait for the draw, to see who we will play in the next round.



Value of the term



This term, our Christian value has been HONESTY, and this has been explored through our Collective Worship through stories, Bible stories and discussion.



This term the Open the Book team have presented three Bible Stories:

Monday 9th January – **Feeding the 5000 – Matthew 14 v 13-21**

Jesus wanted the disciples to feed a large crowd of 5000 hungry and tired people.

They said it would be impossible. But, a boy with them had five small loaves of bread and two small fish. Jesus takes this gift, thanks God for it, and uses it to feed over 5,000 people, with leftovers to spare! "This must be an important person sent from God"

Monday 23rd January – **I Can See –John v 1-12**

Jesus and the Disciples met a man, who had been born blind since birth. He opens the eyes of the blind man, but the eyes of others remain closed and refuse to acknowledge what is in their midst. Nothing is wrong with their vision, but they cannot see.

Monday 6th February – **The Widows Coins Luke 12 v 41-44**





The poor woman, as a widow, would have had no source of income after her husband's death. Therefore the two small copper coins were all she had - and yet she offered them to God. The rich, on the other hand, had a lot of money to spare. So what they offered to God was just loose change, money they did not depend on.




The Open the Book team pray all children will have a lovely half-term break and they look forward to seeing them next term with some more OTB Bible stories. God Bless you all from the OTB team.

Diary Dates

Event	Day	Date	Time
Start of Term 4	Monday	20.02.23	
Year 6 and Reception pupils height and weight measurement screening	Wednesday	22.02.23	
PTA quiz night	Friday	24.02.23	7pm

Celebration Assembly Certificates

<p><u>Lion</u></p> 	<p>Callum- for the brilliant dragon he made this week! We have been learning about the Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated in China. We watched dragon dances and Callum then spent a long time perfectly colouring his and making a body that moves!</p> <p>Amber- for showing real enthusiasm in phonics not just this week but every week! She always sings our alphabet song brilliantly and then expertly remembers our previously learnt sounds and words. Amber is becoming more confident at writing the given words independently and she's been reading lots at home too to support her work in school! Keep up this great work Amber.</p> <p>To the whole class for another excellent term at school! It has been so lovely to see the progress everyone is making and how much they are enjoying learning! Everyone is reading and writing so well and have really enjoyed our Space topic too. Have a lovely rest over the holidays and keep up that reading!</p>
<p><u>Leopard</u></p> 	<p>Will G, you have tried so hard this week in your writing, by really focussing on the learning objective and making sure you are writing full sentences. You wrote a description of your own superhero on Thursday that was fantastic and was even awarded one of Mrs Ashfield's special stamps! Well done, Will!</p> <p>Millie, you have worked so hard on your handwriting, as well as the content of your writing, which has allowed you to produce some really lovely work during our 'Send for a Superhero' unit. You have come up with some very unique ideas, which is such a joy to read. Well done, Millie!</p> <p>To all of Leopard class for another fantastic term! You have all shown your determination this term to push yourselves to produce your best work. Your superhero stories, in particular, were just brilliant. You were using the suffixes you've learnt, conjunctions, adjectives and your wonderful imaginations. I am so excited to see what you all produce next term. Have a wonderful half term break!</p>
<p><u>Panther</u></p> 	<p>Emily and Quinn - for excellent participation in our Phonics lessons. You always show such lovely enthusiasm when we revise our phonemes and common exception words, sounding clearly and accurately. You try your best to join your letters when segmenting to spell words and sentences. Well done!</p> <p>Lily and George - for producing absolutely AMAZING handwriting in our handwriting lessons. Your handwriting is not only improving in these lessons, but also in all of your books. Keep it up! Panther Nominations for this week:</p> <p>We've been so impressed with your tremendous progress in phonics in year 2 so far, Noah. You've proved that you can apply yourself, achieve your potential and to show your increasing understanding of all your phonics. Well done Noah</p> <p>This nomination is for a wonderfully bright and cheerful, Matilda! It is always so lovely to see you arrive everyday with such a positive attitude. You are very self-motivated and always do your best to produce super work in whatever lesson we are doing. Your bubbly character really shines through everyday, especially in your reading where you show so much lovely expression, which brings your reading to life.</p>
<p><u>Tiger</u></p> 	<p>Fire - for a fantastic first week at Winford. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome Fire into Tiger Class - he is so hard working, focused and an absolute delight to teach. Already a brilliant role model!</p> <p>Cody - for being such a kind and helpful member of the class. Cody has welcomed Fire in so nicely and helped guide him through his first week at Winford.</p>

	<p>Khali - for much improved handwriting and general writing. Khali is writing more AND her presentation has improved enormously! Well done for great determination and focus Khali! Keep up this up!</p> <p>Sam - for showing great determination with his handwriting. Over just the last week, Sam's handwriting has suddenly improved immensely which is so lovely to see. Keep this up 😊</p> <p>Ellie - for always showing great cooperation and determination in lessons. Ellie always tries her best and works hard to achieve well in lessons. Great attitude and keep this up!</p> <p>To the whole of Tiger Class for a fantastic term - you have all worked exceptionally hard and it has been a joy to watch you progress and mature this term. A massive well done and enjoy your well-deserved break whilst still reading and times table rockstarring!</p> <p>Also, a special mention to Tommy who's attitude in class has improved so much over the last couple of weeks. Tommy is working so very hard and putting 100% into his work, as well as listening more carefully! As a result, Tommy has made some fantastic progress. Well done Tommy - it has been lovely to see such a positive change! Keep it up!</p>
<p><u>Jaguar</u></p> 	<p>Olivia's made a really big effort this week with her home learning, particularly with learning her times tables on TTRS.</p> <p>Eleanor has chosen some amazing adjectives and created interesting similes to help her in the description of a frost giant. Her writing was imaginative and creative and really fun to read.</p> <p>Amelia is a super kind, thoughtful and helpful person in Jaguar class. She puts other people first, she always offers to help and often does something lovely and kind to help someone before they've even realised they needed it! She sets a fantastic example to everyone else and is thoroughly deserving of being worker of the week!</p> <p>To ALL of Jaguar class, for an amazing term full of hard work, wonderful writing, pen licenses and incredible times tables speeds. I can't wait to see what you can achieve next term. Have a great break!</p>
<p><u>Lynx</u></p> 	<p>Molly and Ultan, for producing a terrific chapter re-write using speech – they even had a twist at the end!</p> <p>Eve has written a great introduction for her Sci-Fi story. She has a brilliant (and scary) original idea and is remembering to include dialogue as the story continues.</p> <p>Well done to all Lynx class who have done a fantastic job this term. You have persevered and worked hard and deserve a good break next week.</p> <p>Lola has worked incredibly hard to master paragraphing, she listened so well and has managed to paragraph the final draft of her story using great opening vocabulary which has helped her story to flow.</p>
<p><u>Puma</u></p> 	<p>Dylan and Josh, for working hard on their general maths skills and significantly improving their speed and accuracy recently.</p> <p>Millie and Ava - for showing real effort and perseverance in maths this week whilst learning about algebraic equations, they can be quite tricky and confusing but both have started to really get the hang of it now and were able to answer lots of questions quickly and independently.</p> <p>Well done to all of year 6 for their hard work this term. I know it has been a lot faster and a bit harder but you have all coped well. Keep it up after the break!</p>