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## Newsletter 9

Dear Parents

We have got to the halfway point in the year! As we reach the end of term 3, I have reflected on the lovely range of class assemblies this term, which culminated with an amazing spoken and musical synopsis of the Romeo and Juliet story in about 10 minutes!!! I've also spent a lot of time walking classrooms this term and I have been very impressed with a lot of the work that I have seen, with children taking so much care in what they are doing, it has been a pleasure.

Next term we will be looking forward to parent evenings, and the Easter service, which we anticipate will be in school this year owing to the church having major renovations.

I would like to wish you all a super half term break and I hope that the weather is kind to us! I'll see you all back in school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### Free School Meals

Is your child eligible for free school meals? Universal infant free school meals are offered to all children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2

but free school meals are also offered to people on qualifying benefits. If you claim qualifying benefits, you are eligible to apply for free school meals, whatever year group your child is in.

Qualifying benefits are:

Income support, income based job seekers allowance, child tax credit, working tax credit, pension credit. To check if you are eligible and to apply, please follow this link: [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)



### Sirona Care and Health Services

Please find a link for a web page containing details of all the services Sirona care & health

provides for children and young people at different ages/stages of their education. These include services for all – such as health visiting, school nursing and immunisations – as well as specialist services which children may be referred to.

<https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/services-list/>



### Measles cases prompt

#### MMR vaccine call

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has reported an increase in measles across the country and is encouraging people to check that they and their children have had two doses of the MMR vaccine. Currently, there are no cases of measles reported in North Somerset, but action is important now to prevent cases of measles and stop it from spreading.

The free MMR vaccine is a safe and effective way of protecting against measles, as well as mumps and rubella.

It is important for you to take up the offer of MMR vaccination for your children when it's offered at 1 year of age and as a pre-school booster at three years, four months of age. If children and young adults have missed these vaccinations in the past, please ask your GP for a vaccination appointment. This is particularly important in light of the recent cases in other parts of the UK.

Check your child's Red Book to see if they have received MMR vaccinations as scheduled or check with your GP surgery if you're unsure. For more information about measles, see the [nhs.uk/measles](http://nhs.uk/measles) website.



**The West of England Youth Music Festival 2024.**



This festival is **FREE** to take part and open to all musical styles, group sizes and standards. We welcome applications from musicians who are aged 18 or younger and play in a group of 2 or more.

The festival will take place over two days: **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** and will be held at: **Trinity Academy, Lockleaze, Bristol, BS7 9BY**

This is a fantastic opportunity for young musicians to perform live, share their music, listen to other groups perform and receive advice and guidance from our Music Guide – a professional musician and educator.

As an exciting additional opportunity, a small number of groups, handpicked by our Music Guide, will be invited to perform at our annual West of England Summer Celebration, as we celebrate musical excellence across the West of England.

To register, click the link below, or scan the QR code.

Deadline to register is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

<https://forms.office.com/e/bBYTJOHyjI>

**Bingo Evening**



This is taking place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00-10.00pm in Winford Village Hall. Families are welcome. A light supper and bingo games with prizes are all included in the ticket price of £8 each for adults and £4 each for under 14's. There will be a cash only bar selling wine, beer, cider and soft drinks. Tickets available from the village shop and committee members.

**Open The Book**

The Open the Book team presented the Bible story, Temptation, from Matthew chapter 4 v1-11.

After Jesus was baptised, the Holy Spirit led him farther into the wilderness. However, there was someone who had plans for him and wanted to keep him from doing God's work. This someone came to test Jesus after 40 days when he was hungry, tired and weak. It was the devil. The sneaky serpent who had tempted Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. Jesus knew what the devil was trying to do, he knew the devil was trying to distract him and use his powers selfishly. So Jesus opened the bible and answered the devil with words from the book.

You should worship God alone, serve him and no one else.

And then the devil left, the angels came and they took care of Jesus, just as God said.

Dear God, help me be strong and not give in to doing things that I know are wrong. Amen



UPCOMING DATES			
Event	Day	Date	Time
First day of Term 4	Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
World Book Day	Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> March	
Parents Evening	Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30-6.20pm
Parents Evening	Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30-6.20pm
<b>ONE CHANGE OF DATE, SEE BELOW</b>			
Apologies for this very slight date change, but we hope that there is enough notice for you to re-arrange diaries. Hopefully it will be dry!			
<b>Sports Day afternoon</b>	Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	1:00 – 3:10 pm

## Celebration Assembly Certificates

<p><b><u>Lion Reception</u></b></p>	<p>To the whole of Lion Class! For another amazing term at school! We have learnt so much in these past few weeks- lots about different countries, your phonics and maths is amazing and we've enjoyed dance every week and music too! Keep up the reading over the holidays and we'll look forward to term 4!</p>
<p><b><u>Leopard Year 1</u></b></p>	<p>Well done to the whole of Leopard Class for an amazing term and for ending my time at Winford on a high! You have been such a lovely class to teach and I wish you all the best with the rest of year 1 and beyond. I'm sure you will continue to be the fab lot that you are 😊</p>
<p><b><u>Panther Year 2</u></b></p>	<p>Bea and Edith, well done for the resilience you have both shown this term. You have continued to work hard and show more dedication towards your learning which will enable you to achieve your potential. Keep up the hard work next term.</p>
<p><b><u>Tiger Year 3</u></b></p>	<p>To the whole of tiger class for another fantastic term. It's been a short one but we've fit a lot in, including an amazing class assembly. You have all worked so hard and have developed many new skills as well as lots of you moving up another book band - we'll be a class of free readers before we know it. Have a wonderful, well deserved, half term Tigers.</p>
<p><b><u>Jaguar Year 4</u></b></p>	<p>To all of Jaguar class, an enormous 'well done' for another brilliant term of learning. You've done some engaging and exciting writing about Grendel, you've performed sea shanties, you've aced multiplication and division and wowed the parents with your class assembly! Have a great half term and don't forget to do your TTRS!</p>
<p><b><u>Lynx Year 5</u></b></p>	<p>Mia, for her consistently excellent attitude to her learning. She is always listening carefully and shows a love of learning which is a pleasure to see. Mia has also shown an excellent understanding of fractions this week! Well done Mia!</p> <p>Ollie P has been a wonderful friend this week and shown kindness towards others in the class. He has shown how showing a little kindness can go a very long way. Well done Ollie for being a great friend!</p>
<p><b><u>Puma Year 6</u></b></p>	<p>This week, the whole of Puma class performed an outstanding class assembly. A lot of time and effort went into learning the complex lines for Romeo and Juliet, and they executed them brilliantly. All of the parents loved singing along with their musical performances! Well done Pumas, we can't wait to see what you manage to rustle up for the summer musical this year!</p>