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Dear Parents

Thankyou to everyone for your support this term. There have been so many events, such as the Exploradome visit, World Book day, Red nose day, the Easter services and lots more! Another item that we would like to share with you is a very kind donation from Winford Ford! They have given us 20 helmets which will be used with our playtime scooters which will mean that more children can be active at playtime. Thankyou so much to Winford Ford, it is much appreciated! I would like to wish you all a super Easter break.



Governor opportunity

Our local governing board have a range of responsibilities delegated to them and they bring their many skills from outside school to help us continue to flourish.

We are seeking a new governor to join the school governor board, and we **are especially seeking someone with experience in the finance sector.** If you know of someone that may be interested, from either within our parent circle or beyond, please let us know!



Valley Arts Rising Waters

Community Play

Valley Arts are writing a brand new play for the Chew Valley. They are looking for members of the community to get involved as actors, musicians and backstage in areas of technical, design and costume. Come along on 20th March to St Andrews Church Hall, Chew Magna at 7.30 -9.00pm to find out more. RSVP rising.waters@valleyartscentre.co.uk or visit www.valley-arts.co.uk



Yoga classes near you

Jo Green offers adult yoga classes in the Chew Valley Area, including Chew Magna, Litton Village Hall and Timsbury. For further information contact jogreen242@gmail.com or 07746 948679 or visit www.yogawithjogreen.com



Family holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral



Celebrate Easter with our family trail (available throughout the holiday) and themed craft activities.

Tuesday 2nd April - Treasure Hunt

Follow our Easter crosses trail, collecting beads to make a cross necklace.

Wednesday 3rd April - Easter Gardens

Follow our Easter story trail then make an Easter garden to tell the best part of the Easter story.

Thursday 4th April – Get growing

Decorate a mini pot and get planting!

Friday 5th April - Spring into Life

Celebrate new life with spring themed crafts.

Sessions at 10-11:15, 11:15–11:30 & 2:00-3:15

£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; accompanying adults FREE

Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities

To book visit wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays – or drop in on the day (subject to availability)

School lunch price

increase

Our catering provider, Aspens, are committed to providing nutritious menus, catering for a wide range of dietary preferences while also ensuring good value for money and using locally sourced produce.

However, after two years of frozen prices they have had to take the difficult decision to increase the cost of our school meals. From 1st April 2024, the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.65. The new price reflects a necessary adjustment to cover continued high food inflation and increasing operating costs.

We want to reassure you that this decision was made after careful consideration and understand the financial concerns this may raise for some families.

As a reminder, all children in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2, are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Please speak to your school office if you need support setting this up. If your child is in Years 3-6 and your circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to free school meals. To find out more please visit <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>.



Thankyou

Thank you for your recent donations and contributions

towards Comic Relief

Red Nose day which raised £122.30 and for the Lion class cake sale which raised a massive £151.45 for the class!

We appreciate your support.



PCSO Update

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team, PC James and PCSO Aisha, want to say hello to all the

adults and children at Winford Primary School.

As the Neighbourhood Policing Team we want to remind parents and guardians when dropping and picking up children from school to park legally and considerately. Please be aware that leaving your vehicle in a **dangerous position** or causing or permitting a vehicle to cause an **unnecessary obstruction** of a road is an offence – this can include obstructing pavements, parking on junctions and parking on the yellow zig-zag lines. Parking in such a manner poses a risk to other road users and pedestrians and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Please park responsibly and help make our community a safer place.



Preventing infections

As is usual during winter months, UKHSA are seeing increasing levels of winter illnesses including flu, COVID-19 and other illnesses like whooping cough and measles in some areas outside the South West.

We are writing to share simple steps everyone can take to reduce infections spreading in the community – helping children make a healthy start to the year and minimising the impact of illness on attendance.



What infections are circulating in the South West?

At this time of year, other types of illnesses that circulate are respiratory infections (colds, covid, flu) and whooping cough, scarlet fever and chickenpox, as cases usually peak in late winter and early spring. Symptoms of [respiratory infections](#) can include a runny nose, high temperature, cough and sore throat. For most children, these illnesses will not be serious, they soon recover.

Symptoms of [scarlet fever](#) include sore throat, fever, swollen neck glands, a bumpy rash on the tummy, flushed cheeks and 'strawberry tongue'. If you suspect your child has scarlet fever, contact your local GP; and if diagnosed stay away from nursery or school for 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics. Chickenpox is highly contagious, with the most common symptom being an itchy, spotty rash. If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

[Whooping cough](#) starts with cold like symptoms and progresses to bouts of coughing which may make a 'whoop' sound (a gasp for breath)

Spot the signs of when to keep your child at home

While children are encouraged to stay in education or childcare with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough (if otherwise well and do not have a high temperature), children should stay home from school or nursery if they're displaying the following symptoms:

- If your child has a **fever and is unwell**, they should stay home from school or nursery until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend.
- If your child has **diarrhoea and/or vomiting**, they should stay off school or nursery for at least 48 hours after their symptoms clear up – this will help stop the spread of stomach bugs.

UPCOMING DATES			
Event	Day	Date	Time
Start of term 5	Monday	15.04.24	
Year 4 and 6 Field to Food Learning Day trip	Wednesday	17.04.24	
Year 5 camp meeting	Thursday	18.04.24	3.10pm
Class photographs	Monday	20-5-24	
Sports Day	Wednesday	22-5-24	1:00pm

Open The Book

The Open the Book team presented the Easter Story for the children this week. The whole team would like to wish children and families a Happy Easter.



Celebration Assembly Certificates	
<u>Lion Reception</u>	<p>Elsie- for always being a wonderful member of Lion Class! Elsie is a very kind friend, she makes us all laugh and is so helpful! She always has a story to tell, makes some very mature comments in PSHE or at story time and can always be trusted to do any job for us! Well done Elsie!</p> <p>Daisy- for super phonics work this week! Daisy is always ready to learn, she tries her very best at remembering the sounds, common exception words and works hard to read and write words and sentences too. She is also usually one of the first people to finish this as she is always focusing. Amazing work Daisy!</p> <p>Cole- for fantastic work in Maths this week! We have been learning to double numbers and Cole did an amazing job of quickly remembering all the doubling facts. Great work Cole, keep up this super Maths work.</p> <p>Ada- for some super art work this week. We went on a spring walk and saw lots of daffodils so decided to have a go at drawing our own. Ada looked really carefully at them and used the oil pastels to create a lovely drawing. We've put it on the wall in our class for everyone to see!</p> <p>To the whole class for another excellent term in Lion Class! Not only have the class made so much progress in phonics, reading, writing and maths but just recently have put on an amazing dance show for their Parents and taken part in the Infant Easter Service. Everyone in Lion Class is growing in confidence every day, are such kind and caring friends to each other and are a joy to teach every day. Keep reading your books over Easter and have a lovely rest too ready to come back in Term 5!</p>
<u>Leopard Year 1</u>	<p>Barney has done some excellent writing this week. He has really listened to all our teaching and taken on board advice and feedback. He has produced an outstanding story based on our class text Stanley's Stick.</p> <p>James works hard in every lesson. He tries his best and always aims to do the right thing. Well done James, keep up the good work.</p> <p>Freddie always comes to school with an excellent attitude. He comes into class ready to learn and shows excellent learning behaviours at all times. He is always polite and focused and he works hard in every lesson.</p> <p>Lonnie, Mrs Standing and I have noticed how much effort you are putting into your work Lonnie. You listen well and try your best in every subject. Well done for your excellent attitude to learning. Keep up the good work!</p>

	<p>Well done to all of Leopard Class. You have adapted well to having a new teacher and have made me feel very welcome at Winford. Your focus throughout the term has improved hugely and I have been impressed at your resilience and eagerness to learn. Keep up the good work!</p>
<p><u>Panther</u> <u>Year 2</u></p>	<p>James and Gussy - You have both had a really great week! Your attitude towards your work has been exceptional - always doing your best and listening carefully. You haven't given up, you've risen to the challenge every day. Keep up the great attitude.</p> <p>Jax- For always being ready to learn whether it's when we are working on the carpet or at the tables. You are a pleasure to have in the class and a great role model to your peers. Keep up the super work!</p> <p>Harper - For writing some amazing questions for the Owl and the Pussy Cat. Harper worked hard to remember to use punctuation and to sound out her words carefully. Well done Harper!</p> <p>An enormous well done for an amazing term. You have all shown enthusiasm, positivity and resilience. Your handwriting is looking beautiful! Have a brilliant Easter and don't forget to keep reading books that you enjoy!</p>
<p><u>Tiger</u> <u>Year 3</u></p>	<p>Mila, you have brought such energy to Tiger class since joining us after Christmas. Your reading has really progressed and you are so pleased to show this off to the adults. This has now built your confidence in producing some lovely writing. You have great and creative ideas and this is really coming through during literacy. You also made a fantastic effort with your World Book Day costume. Well done, Mila!</p> <p>Livvy, you are really demonstrating your strength in writing recently. You are so determined to work independently and are ensuring your using great sentence openers. You specifically impressed me when writing a recount about our visit from the explorer dome last week. Keep this up, Livvy!</p> <p>Nomination: to the whole of tiger class for a brilliant term 4. You have all proven to be fantastic readers and are continuing to fly up the book bands. We have even seen our first batch of free readers this term - this was such a proud teacher moment. You have tackled lots of new learning in your maths, especially when conquering fractions. You should all be very proud of your successes this term. Have a wonderful Easter break and enjoy some very well-deserved rest and relaxation (and maybe throw in a bit of TTRS and reading into the mix!)</p>
<p><u>Jaguar</u> <u>Year 4</u></p>	<p>Kai made some fantastic contributions to our Year 4 philosophy session this week with John. He gave each subject a great deal of thought and made careful and considerate points which helped move our discussions on to some really interesting places.</p> <p>Harrison has worked extra hard on his timetables this week and has showed great dedication to TimeTable Rock Stars. Not only is he using this to support his own learning but also the learning of others in the class, offering help to others during their maths learning if and when they need it. Well done!</p> <p>To all of Jaguar class, for an incredible term of hard work, amazing learning and lots of fun (not to mention your rendition of Lord of the Dance!) Have a brilliant Easter break and remember to keep up the reading and times table practice</p>
<p><u>Lynx</u> <u>Year 5</u></p>	<p>Elsie is a wonderful, friendly presence in the classroom. She is always there for her friends and makes sure that everyone is included and happy, always looking out for others. Well done Elsie!</p> <p>Darcey has shown excellent resilience in all areas of the curriculum this week. She has worked hard to increase her understanding of decimals and percentages in maths and really</p>

	<p>embraced all of our World Book Day activities yesterday. Darcey has an impressive knowledge of texts and authors. Well done Darcey!</p> <p>Lottie, for her fantastic, clear explanations of our experiments in Science, making our own parachutes and testing different shapes dropping through water. You completed some very detailed work. You are brilliant!</p> <p>Lynx class- We have had such a fun term in Lynx class and I have been so pleased with the progress that everyone has made across the curriculum! You have all shown your creative skills in your baking this week and your fantastic science projects. You have also shown how focused you can be when you put your minds to it and how caring and kind we can be to each other. Have a wonderful Easter break!</p>
<p><u>Puma</u> <u>Year 6</u></p>	<p>Jesse has been brilliantly supportive of his classmates over the past couple of weeks. Jesse is a true mathematician who constantly completes endless challenges. A new challenge for him recently has been to take on the role of 'maths mentor' by supporting others in working towards his great level of understanding. It has been incredibly helpful having him do this in class and a great experience for him to have a go at teaching the methods that's he understands so deeply.</p> <p>Indie has had a consistently positive attitude to learning recently. She is helpful in the classroom, she is always ready to learn, she is completing extension tasks and challenges. Generally, I am just incredibly proud of the learner that Indie has become and her brilliant progress reflects her motivated attitude.</p> <p>Molly, Ore and Anna for their brave participation in the Rock Band workshop yesterday. It was awesome to see these three children volunteer to try something new - especially in front of the whole school! I hope that they will delve deeper into this opportunity and explore their musical talents further by 'rocking on'.</p> <p>This term has been an incredibly and busy one for the Year sixes. They have been working incredibly hard revising and preparing for their SATS assessments. It has been wonderful to see every child push themselves and to strive to improve upon their previous learning. There is a huge maturity that comes with being able to see where you have gone wrong and to go away and work on these areas of learning. I know that they are working their hardest and this is all we can ever ask for. They really do deserve this Easter break and I am so excited for our final two terms together this summer. Well done Puma Class!</p>