

## Newsletter 1

Welcome back to a new school Year at Winford Primary School!

All classes appear to settled in well and I have seen lots of work produced already.

Following consultation with the governors, we have reviewed our school vision. For many years, the school vision has been *Winford School – where children flourish*. We are still very committed to this being the vision for the school but we are keen that our vision for flourishing extends beyond children.

Therefore we have made a small but important change to the vision, which is now:

***Winford School – Together we flourish***

I hope you agree that this is a positive change.

We are also reviewing our 12 Christian values. They are currently

*Peace, respect, cooperation, curiosity, happiness, determination, honesty, wisdom, forgiveness, patience, hope, trust*

All of these are very important to help shape the next generation. However, we would like to develop **3 core values** that will sit under the vision, within the context of the 12. We have produced a very short survey so parents, staff, governors and pupils can have an input into what you think are the three most important values...or to have your say on what the values should be if they are different to those above.

Please do visit the following [LINK](#) to tell us what you think!

### Valley Arts-September Family fun

The Old Pier, Sat 21st Sept, 2.30pm

St Andrews Church Hall, Chew Magna

For more info and tickets - [The Old Pier - 21 Sep 2024 - Valley Arts Centre](#)

A ghostly steamship arriving in George's bedroom leads to a night of adventure, as the echoes of those who once roamed the pier come together for one last revel beside the sea.

Using live music, vocal soundscapes and poetic storytelling, Jordan weaves a tale of adventure that explores the forgotten memories of Weston-Super-Mare's iconic Old Pier & the magic that can be found right on your doorstep.

### Shoes

It has been lovely to see so many new school shoes for the new school year! Please remember that shoes should be sensible, all black and not emblazoned with easily visible trademarks.



### ASDA-Parentkind

Asda are working with Parentkind to help raise money to state primary school's PTA. Between 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. Every time a customer chooses Winford Primary School, Asda will donate £1 to the school's cash pot. All parents and carers that shop at Asda need to do is download the Asda Rewards app and sign up, then select their primary school of choice. Thank you!

### **Time to apply for Secondary School 2025**

Applications for transfer to secondary school in Year 7 open on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and close on the National Deadline at 11.59pm on 31 October 2024. Applications that are received before the National Deadline have a higher chance of being offered a place at their preference schools than those received after the National Deadline. To apply online visit: <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place>

### **Playground Equipment**

Please note that children should **not** use the playground equipment either before or after school as it is not supervised by school staff at these times. Children had a reminder at the very beginning of term to remind them of this along with which ages they can access different pieces of equipment.



### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Please come along to our Macmillan coffee morning (part of a National fundraising event) on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 8:30 onwards. Please come and support this worthwhile cause and have tea/coffee and cake at the same time! This is open to all members of the community so please feel free to bring along other family members! Any donations of cake for this would be gratefully received.



### **Attendance**

North Somerset Council have changed their holiday penalty notice fines which are now greater than they were previously. Our attendance policy has been updated with the new information and can be found on the school website. Only very extenuating circumstances for absence can be authorised. We have also attached a leaflet to this letter outlining the importance of good attendance at school.



### **Welcome**

We would like to officially welcome to our school community Mrs Kelly Nash who is teaching in Year 2 and Miss Abi Lawrence who is teaching in Year 1.

### **Parking**

Please remember that the school car park should not be used for drop offs and the school bus needs space in order to deliver children safely, along with parents and children walking across the car park when parking in Parsonage lane. If you need to use the car park specifically for drop off or pick up, please agree your use with the school.



You are able to park in the pub car park behind the Prince of Waterloo to bring your child to school.

### **Census Day and special free school meal – 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct**

In conjunction with Aspens, our Trust-wide caterer we would like to invite all pupils in all primary school year groups to enjoy a free lunchtime meal on Thursday 3 October. For this special event, Aspens will be serving some classic British food favourites using local British ingredients. We are grateful to Aspens and the local supply chain for partnering with us for this special event.



We hope all children will take this opportunity to try the excellent hot meals served in our schools. Additionally your child's participation in this event will assist their school with future funding. To book a free school meal on this day, please follow this link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRYj-Diq4Sy2D4X1-qHA877iXuHiORQgfg4UCgpjHh1IWt-w/viewform> Meals for this day cannot be booked on Select.

### **PTA AGM Meeting- 27<sup>th</sup> September 3pm**

As many of you know, we were unable to hold our AGM at the end of last year in order to re-elect our members for this current academic year. Therefore, we are hoping to hold a very short AGM on Friday 27 September at 3 pm in order to fulfil the re-election process so we can continue to organise and raise valuable funds to enhance the children's education. The meeting should be finished in time for school to end at 3.10pm. We need at least 12 members of our school community to be present, so if you do arrive early to collect your children, please join us in the hall so we can elect the committee.



Here is a list of dates for the year. We will endeavour not to change any dates unless there are unforeseen circumstances. There may be some additional dates as we go through the year but here are the majority of the dates for your diaries.

Date	Event	Time if applicable
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee morning	8:30-10:00
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Services at Church	KS2- 9:00 KS1- 9:40
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Term 1	
<b>Term 2</b>		
25 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET for Teachers- Writing focus	
4 <sup>th</sup> November	First day of Term 2	
12 <sup>th</sup> November (Tues) 14 <sup>th</sup> November (Thur)	Parents evening	3:30-6:30
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity performance	9:00
10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity performance	9:00
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance	9:00
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5/6 Church Service	6:15pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime whole school trip- details to follow	
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day Term 2 Non- School uniform	
<b>Term 3</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Inset Day	
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First day of Term 3	
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last Day of term 3 Non- School uniform	
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET-	
<b>Term 4</b>		
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	First Day of term 4	
18 <sup>th</sup> March (Tues) 20 <sup>th</sup> March (Thurs)	Parents evening	3:30-6:30
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Services at Church	KS2- 9:00 KS1- 9:40
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 4 Non- School uniform	
<b>Term 5</b>		
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	First Day of Term 5	
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 Class assembly	
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year EYFS Class assembly	
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Class assembly	9:00
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Class assembly	
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 Class assembly	9:00
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class assembly	9:00
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Sports day	1:00-3:10
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Last Day of Term 5 Non- School uniform	
<b>Term 6</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Inset Day	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First Day of Term 6	
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 Summer production	6:00?
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Church service – Yr6 Parents invited	9:00
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' service in school – Yr6 Parents invited	2:00
23 <sup>rd</sup> July (Tues)	Final day of the school Year Non- School uniform	

## Celebration Assembly Certificates

<b><u>Lion Reception</u></b>	<p>We'd like to nominate the whole class for a fantastic first few days at school! Everyone is settling in brilliantly to Lion Class and are playing really nicely together. We have so many new routines to learn and everyone is doing so well. Keep up this great work Lion Class!</p>
<b><u>Leopard Year 1</u></b>	<p>Can I nominate my whole class for settling into year 1 so well and being so amazing at welcoming me to the school!</p> <p>Lilli for always setting such a good example to the rest of the class. She is always ready for learning and faces everything with a smile 😊</p>
<b><u>Panther Year 2</u></b>	<p>The whole of Panther class- I have been blown away by the way the class have settled back into school. The children have shown real enthusiasm for their learning and have worked so hard on their Panther poem.</p> <p>Lonnie has had a wonderful start to term. It has been great to see her coming in with a smiley face and a positive attitude to her learning. Lonnie is always in the right place at the right time and is a wonderful example to others in the class. She has shown real perseverance and resilience with her writing about the Snail and the Whale this week and I am really proud of her. Keep it up Lonnie.</p> <p>Henry has been a super star this week, always listening and following instructions and showing a wonderful example to others. I am particularly impressed with Henry's attitude to learning. He has worked really hard in both his writing and his maths and has impressed me with how he just gets on without any fuss. Keep it up Henry</p>
<b><u>Tiger Year 3</u></b>	<p>A huge well done to the whole of Tiger class this week for a brilliant start to the new school year. It's been a short week but a full week of learning new routines and new ways of working now that you are Key Stage 2 children. You have already impressed me on so many things, however, your handwriting skills have been the one that stands out the most! Also, you have demonstrated how grown up you can be with your developed listening skills and a maturing learning attitude. Keep this up, Tigers!</p> <p>Well done Harper for being a model student this week. You have been giving your full 100% attention, which means you will be getting the most out of your learning. You are also setting a wonderful example to the rest of the class of how to be "ready to learn". Keep it up!</p>
<b><u>Jaguar Year 4</u></b>	<p>To all of Jaguar class: Well done for coming back to school this week with such fantastic, positive attitudes towards the new school year. You've impressed with your learning, thoughtful responses to our discussions and willingness to contribute as we talk in class. We're going to have a fantastic year!</p> <p>Darla has been super focussed throughout the week. She's contributed to class discussions, made sure her work is well presented and always done her best to get through each task. Well done!</p>
<b><u>Lynx Year 5</u></b>	<p>I have been really impressed with the way you have all settled into our new classroom. It hasn't been straight forward, with more than one technical hitch, but you have remained polite and patient. I look forward to the rest of the year with such a fantastic class!</p> <p>Oscar, you have really impressed me with your 'ready to learn' behaviours. You are always looking, listening and engaged in your learning. You are a model pupil and set an excellent example to the whole of Lynx class. Well done and keep it up.</p> <p>Gabi, you too show excellent engagement in your learning. You are calm, polite and hardworking. I am sure you are going to have an excellent year in Year 5.</p>
<b><u>Puma Year 6</u></b>	<p>I have been so impressed with our new Year Sixes this week! We have got stuck into our work with a really positive attitude. I have really noticed the wonderful manners of the new Puma's and this has made our classroom a super happy place to be. I am very excited to see how this group of children become positive role models for the rest of the school. I have a feeling that it is going to be a very successful year. Keep it up!</p> <p>What a wonderful start to Year 6 Grace has had. She is without -a-doubt the ultimate role model both in class and around school in general. It has been such a pleasure -a-doubt to have her positive attitude in every lesson and I am sure that the rest of the school will be seeing her beautifully presented work as an exemplar very soon!</p> <p>Olivia has shown me just how resilient she can be already. Despite feeling under the weather this week Liv has just got on with school life like an absolute trooper. She has worked hard in every lesson, even when it has seemed challenging and I am so proud of the start she has made in Year 6. Keep it up Liv!</p>