
Newsletter 9

Dear Parents

I write to you as we near the end of the most bizarre year in most of our lives. Never would we have anticipated the changes that have occurred over the past 9 months both at home and at school!

Through the initial lockdown, we remained open for children of key workers and offered online learning for everyone else, before being able to open for selected year groups in June. Thank you again for your engagement, creativity and hard work at home during this challenging period, I know from personal experience as a parent how hard it could be at times!

Since September, we have tried our very best to maintain a level of normality for your children and they have simply been amazing! From our new starters in Reception to Year 6, the pupils have accepted the new arrangements and offered a sense of fun and determination that has been wonderful to see!

Staff have worked tirelessly to adapt our curriculum where needed and ensure that pupils have settled back into school routines so smoothly. It has been wonderful to have the school filled with children again albeit in separate bubbles. Thank you to parents for the many encouraging comments that we have received this term. It has really been appreciated.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and peaceful New Year. I will look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 5th January 2021!

Nik Gardner



Website

Over the past few weeks, Mr Gardner and the office have been working hard to populate a new website for the school. There are a few areas that still require tweaking here and there but please do visit the website for a look.

<https://www.winford.n-somerset.sch.uk/>

If you have any feedback on information that is either missing or could be improved to make it more accessible, please do let us know.



Important COVID holiday reminder

Reporting a confirmed case of Covid to School

We will be monitoring the school email system for the first 6 days of the holidays. This is to conduct contact tracing if a case of Covid 19 is confirmed at our school.



If your child has a confirmed case of Covid 19 up to and including Wednesday 23rd December please email the main school email address to inform us. office@winford.n-somerset.sch.uk

Christmas treat...

As we were unable to get to the Hippodrome for our annual theatre visit, we have been lucky enough to have a visit from a small theatre company last week to bring us Dick Whittington. They offered a number of performances to separate classes during the day so that we would be able to maintain the correct distancing protocols.

A huge thank you to the Winford PTA who financed this great opportunity.



Thanks also to the PTA for organising the wonderful craft day on the same day. This really was a fun-packed festive day!



LOST PROPERTY WILL BE PUT OUT IN THE PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL TODAY!!! PLEASE CHECK IT IF YOUR CHILD HAS LOST ANY JUMPERS OR CLOTHES THIS TERM!

Celebration Assembly Certificates 16th December

<p><u>Lion</u></p> 	<p>I'd like to nominate the whole of Lion Class for another excellent term at School. Everyone is working hard, making great progress and playing together nicely too. We have lots of fun everyday and it's lovely to see how the class are becoming independent and enthusiastic learners. Have a great Christmas break everyone!</p>
<p><u>Leopard</u></p> 	<p>Lucas for showing such interest and enthusiasm when joining in with our 'Christmas in a box' sessions. You looked at and discussed the objects so well and took such care when adding things into your own box.</p> <p>To all of leopard class for a FABULOUS term! You have all worked so so hard during a very long, tiring and odd term. You have made lots of progress, shown determination and kindness as well as becoming very grown up year 1s. It's so nice to have such a happy and enthusiastic class that always tries their best.</p> <p>Your teachers are very proud of you! Enjoy your well-deserved rest and happy Christmas leopards and we hope that Santa is kind to you this year. It's very exciting!!!!</p>
<p><u>Panther</u></p> 	<p>To all of Panther class for an amazing term full of learning, laughter and hard work! Have an awesome Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all next term!</p>
<p><u>Tiger</u></p> 	<p>To all of Tigers for a brilliant term! You have all worked incredibly hard, been a delight to teach, made me laugh a lot and just been an amazing bunch! Have a really lovely Christmas break whilst slipping in the odd bit of reading and TTRockstars here and there!!!</p>
<p><u>Jaguar</u></p> 	<p>Wow! What a year we have had (so far...) Thank you so much for coming back to school with positivity, curiosity and eagerness to learn. It is such a pleasure to come in each morning and see your smiling faces. Even though Christmas at school has been a different experience this year, you have all embraced the Christmas spirit and we have had lots of fun and laughter, regardless of all the things we 'can't' do at the moment. We hope you all have a magical Christmas and we look forward to all of the fun and learning we will do as a class next year.</p>
<p><u>Lynx</u></p> 	<p>For all your hard work this term, despite many challenges in different areas. You have all demonstrated resilience and perseverance, and have always started each day with positivity and a smile. We hope in 2021 you can continue this excellent approach to your work and learning. And above all else remember to be kind to yourself and everyone else around you. Have a super Christmas, and a well-deserved break. Merry Christmas!</p>
<p><u>Puma</u></p> 	<p>Well done to all the class for their hard work this term in what has been a very strange time in school.</p> <p>Congratulations to the whole class for winning the Times-Tables Rock Star Competition. In our three matches we have scored an amazing 388,000 correct answers! In the final Tom G achieved an incredible 41,069 correct answers, whilst Blake and Lola scored 33,500 each as well.</p>