



# Winkfield St Mary's C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2019



Dear parents,

### Staffing news

I am delighted to let you all know that Mrs Beavan gave birth to a baby boy on Wednesday and that both are well and back home.

This week we welcomed Mrs Purcell as our new Year 5 TA and lunchtime controller. The children have been marvellous at helping her to settle in and get to know our school - great job, Year 5!

As Mrs Andrews heads towards her maternity leave, Mrs Alley-Mohindra will be in school to help support her and to get to know all about Year 6 for some days over the next few weeks.

On Tuesday I was delighted to welcome Rachel Morgan, Assistant Director: Education and Learning, to our school and to show her around every class. She has good links with the school but has not visited in person for a couple of years. She noticed how happy the children were and how engaged in their learning in every class. She was very impressed by the increased consistency and expectation across every class too - I was one proud headteacher to show off the great work that is going on in every class - well done everyone!

### Life Education Bus

We have been delighted to have the Life Education Bus on site again this week and I always enjoy the children's anticipation as they arrive and see it again. This year several parents were able to attend the parents session and have given very positive feedback. They really enjoyed seeing the stimulating resources that are used and the well thought out programme of work that builds across the school. This week you may have heard about the coming changes to teaching children about mental health etc in the news. I am happy to say that the Life Education Bus provides us with a year long programme of study which will meet all of the proposed changes. I would like to thank the PTA for part funding this experience - which is also part funded by our Sports Premium too.

Thank you for your feedback on the information we sent out on the MOMO challenge. You may have seen conflicting information in the press this week about this. Please take this opportunity to reinforce messages about staying safe online and checking your parental controls. More information about staying safe online can be found at [www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/) and at [www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/44074704](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/44074704)

Takeover Tuesday saw our Year 4s exploring what makes them unique - and therefore very special!

Well done to our netball team who had a match on Wednesday against St Joseph's. The opposition were very strong but our team made us proud with their courage and sportsmanship.

*J Evans*

Miss J Evans  
Headteacher

### Star of the Week and Attendance

Reception	Asha
Year 1	Ben M
Year 2	Corey
Year 3	Seraphina
Year 4	Jade
Year 5	Imogen
Year 6	Finlay

The attendance award went to Year 6 with 100% and the lunchtime Star of the Week is Alorah in Year 1

### Orator of the Week

Reception	Jonty
Year 1	Heath
Year 2	Theo
Year 3	Ava
Year 4	Neil
Year 5	Emily
Year 6	Eva

### BAG 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION

Thank you for all your contributions, we had 224kg which raised £89.60.

Thank you to Mrs Small for her help in organising this event.

### WORLD BOOK DAY—Thursday 7th March

Just a reminder that staff and children will be dressing up as characters from children's books on Thursday. The children will also be asked about which book character they would love to meet and why.

Thank you to everyone that has sent in their photos of the Extreme Reading Challenge, if you have any others please send them to Mrs Edwards at [secretary@wsmschool.org](mailto:secretary@wsmschool.org)

### RED NOSE DAY—Friday 15th March

We are once again supporting Comic Relief's Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March. On that day children may wear clothes with a red theme for a donation of £1.

We are selling Red Noses at school for £1.25 each from Monday 4th March. The children should not wear noses at school until Red Nose Day on 15th March.

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th March	Parents' Evening (4.30-7.30pm)
Wednesday 6th March	Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7th March	Football Match vs Owlsmoor—Home
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19th March	Year 6 Trip
Wednesday 20th March	Netball Tournament
Friday 22nd March	PTA Children's Disco
Friday 29th March	PTA Mother's Day Gifts
Wednesday 3rd April	Easter Service 2pm
<b>Friday 5th April</b>	<b>SPRING TERM ENDS 2pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 23rd April</b>	<b>SUMMER TERM STARTS</b>
Friday 17th May	PTA Family Disco
<b>Friday 24th May</b>	<b>Inset Day — School closed</b>
<b>Monday 27th – Friday 31st May</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 3rd June</b>	<b>Inset Day — School closed</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (R and KS1 in the morning, KS2 in the afternoon)
15th—17th July	Year 6 Cycle Training
Tuesday 2nd July	Year 2 Trip
Friday 12th July	Year 6 Leavers Party
Friday 19th July	PTA Family BBQ
<b>Tuesday 23rd July</b>	<b>SUMMER TERM ENDS 2pm</b>
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<b>Tuesday 3rd September</b>	<b>Inset Day — School closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 4th September</b>	<b>AUTUMN TERM STARTS</b>
Tuesday 8th October	Harvest Service 2pm
Sunday 13th October	PTA Sponsored Swim
<b>Friday 25th October</b>	<b>Inset Day — School closed</b>
<b>Monday 28th Oct—Friday 1st Nov</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Tuesday 3rd December	Reception Trip
Tuesday 17th December	KS2 Carol Service 6pm