



# Winkfield St Mary's C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2019



**'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full' John 10:10**

Dear parents,

### Staffing news

I am sad to inform you that we have 3 members of staff leaving this half term.

Mrs Frost will be retiring on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October after many years of working at St Mary's. She is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren.

Miss Sobrado will be leaving the school at half term due to personal circumstances. It has been a very difficult decision for her and we will miss her drive and enthusiasm enormously. However, Mrs Beavan will be returning from maternity leave after half term (part time) and has agreed to move into Year 1 for the rest of the year. I have also been able to recruit Mrs Tait, a very experienced teacher who has worked at St Mary's previously. Mrs Beavan and Mrs Tait will job share the Year 1 class for the rest of the year – Mrs Beavan Mon – Weds (PPA time with myself and Mrs Lee covering on Weds pm) and Mrs Tait Thurs – Friday. Both teachers will be coming into school before half term to meet the children and plan together.

Mr Turner will be leaving on 24<sup>th</sup> October to take up a role for TSI and Bracknell Bees where he will be able to utilise his strengths and interests.

### Charity news

As you are aware, the school has moved to a 2 year rolling curriculum for our themes and topics. We are also finalising a 2 year plan for extra events and charity support so that parents are not over loaded with requests for money and they are spread more evenly across the year. We would also like to have more input from children on the charities that we support. Consequently this year the school will **not** be supporting Children in Need as we did so last year.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
2019 – 2020	Jeans 4 genes Foodbank Romania Pupils choice for Harvest and Christmas events	Comic Relief	TBC
2020 - 2021	Children in need Foodbank Pupils choice for Harvest and Christmas events	Sign to sing	NSPCC

**Jeans 4 genes** day last week raised £164.50 for the charity. Thank you for your support.

### **Romania**

This year I will be leading a trip to Romania with the charity that I support at my own church - check out our FB page 'Romania Link' with this image:

We support an orphanage and a social project that works with families in desperate, destitute conditions. Once again I am asking for donations of good coats or uniform that I can take out with me to give personally to a child in need. Many of our children will have new coats for the winter and I hope that you will feel moved to donate the old one to this cause. Our children's lives are so 'full' when there are others that have so little. I thank you in advance for your great generosity, as I know that you have been very supportive over the last 2 years.



### PTA

I was pleased to see a few new parents attend our AGM last Wednesday and thank the committee for being willing to continue in their roles this year.

### Coming up

We have been offered a visit from a known theatre company for a bargain price as they are in the area. M & M productions will be performing 'The Railway children' to children from Y3 – Y6 on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. I am delighted that the PTA have agreed to fund this special opportunity.

Parents will have received a letter about our upcoming Harvest Festival this week. Don't forget to return the slip either online or printed out.

### Health and Safety

Please can parents keep children off the play and gym equipment before and after school as they are not supervised at these times.

Parking has been brought to my attention with examples of parents parking on the banks, verges and even on the yellow zigzag lines. Whilst we appreciate that parking presents difficulties for all parents, for the safety of the children, please only park in the safe, legal places.

### MUGA

Pentagon Play will be re-laying the MUGA pitch in the next few weeks as it has not met the Pentagon standard.

I have been made aware of a new app called Own It, that can support children in making good choices online - <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/about-us/own-it-app-faqs>. Although it is early in its development, it is now usable and I recommend parents to take a look at it.



Miss J Evans  
Headteacher

## PTA/Owlet Swimathon

*We are looking for more swimmers to take part in the Sponsored Swim on Sunday 13th October. Swimmers from all year groups and any ability are welcome.*

*Once we have our full team we will be looking for you to sponsor them to raise money for your school's MUGA. House points will be awarded to all swimmers. Further information to follow.*

<https://www.justgiving.com/winkfield-st-Mary-school-swimathon>

### Star of the Week and Attendance

Reception Marcy

Year 1 Ollie N

Year 2 Reese

Year 3 Oliver

Year 4 Eva

Year 5 Isabelle

Year 6 Logan

The attendance award went to Year 4 with 100%, well done- and the lunchtime Star of the Week is Alorah in Year 2

### Orator of the Week

Year 1 May

Year 2 Josh

Year 3 Amelie

Year 4 Seraphina

Year 5 Ellis

Year 6 Jody

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st October	Year 4 Football Tournament
Friday 4th October	Year 1 & 2 Trip
Friday 4th October	Netball Tournament—Ascot Heath School
Monday 7th October	Theatre Production of 'The Railway Children'
Tuesday 8th October	Harvest Service 2pm (Years 1-6)
Wednesday 9th October	Year 5/6 Netball Tournament
Thursday 10th October	Year 2 Football Tournament
Sunday 13th October	PTA Sponsored Swim 11am
Tuesday 15th October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations (All Years)
Monday 21st October	Year 3/4 VR Experience Day
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 6 Tag Rugby Tournament
<b>Friday 25th October</b>	<b>Inset Day — School closed</b>
<b>Monday 28th Oct—Friday 1st Nov</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Tuesday 5th November	Individual School Photos
11th—15th November	Antibullying week
Monday 11th November	Bag 2 School Collection
Tuesday 12th November	Parents' Evening 4.30-7.30pm
Wednesday 13th November	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Friday 15th November	Cross Country Competition
Friday 15th November	Netball Tournament—Ascot Heath School
Tuesday 26th November	Year 5 & 6 Trip to Ufton Court
Tuesday 3rd December	Reception Trip
Friday 6th December	Netball Tournament—Ascot Heath School
Tuesday 10th December	KS1 Nativity 1.30pm
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 Nativity 1.30pm
Tuesday 17th December	KS2 Carol Service 6pm
Wednesday 18th December	Years 1 & 2 to South Hill Park Pantomime
<b>Thursday 19th December</b>	<b>AUTUMN TERM ENDS 2pm</b>
<b><u>2020</u></b>	
<b>Monday 6th January</b>	<b>Inset Day — School closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 7th January</b>	<b>SPRING TERM STARTS</b>
Thursday 30th January	Life Education Bus Visit
Friday 31st January	Life Education Bus Visit
<b>Monday 17th —Friday 21st February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>