



# Winkfield St Mary's C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2020



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

Dear parents,

It's been an exciting week in school this week, with most classes spending time on their Black History Month work. I have been really impressed at the quality of their discussion, the questions they have raised and the depth of their understanding about the issues raised. It gives me great hope for the future. Examples of their work will be shared with parents after our school assembly on Wednesday (Zoom of course!).

### Parents Evenings

We are planning to hold our Parents Evenings via Zoom this year. We feel that face to face discussion is hugely important and that it will allow for an experience closer to our usual practice. Parents will be able to sign up for a slot via a link as in previous years and then a link for the meeting will be shared. Parents can then access the meeting in the comfort of their own homes without needing a baby sitter!

In Zoom we can have one long meeting, with parents arriving in the virtual waiting room at their given time (or just before) and then admitted when ready. We have never done this before – so please be understanding! We will do our very best to keep to time and to make it run smoothly. Should there be a glitch technically and you miss your slot, we will ensure that the meeting is rebooked at a convenient time.

### School Dinners

I have attached the new menu from Caterlink which will start after half term. As we are coming into the cycle part way, we will start on **week 3** choices. We have been in discussion with Caterlink this week regarding the menu and portion sizes as both staff and parents have mentioned issues to me. I am confident that this has now been ironed out and that the new hot menu will be welcome as the weather changes. **In addition to the choices listed, our kitchen will also offer jacket potatoes as a choice every day with either cheese or beans.** The meals will be served up onto an airline style tray with a lid which will keep them hot and make them safe to transport to the classrooms.

### Harvest

Our Harvest celebration will be on 9<sup>th</sup> November in school. Each class will be contributing to a whole school zoom experience, sharing what they have learned. As well as thinking about harvests around the world and the difficulties faced in our changing climate, we are all looking at the impact that Coronavirus has had on these countries.

As Children in Need happens at the end of this week, we are suggesting that Harvest donations be made to either the Bracknell Foodbank or Children in Need.

Miss J Evans  
Headteacher

### INSET DAY—Friday 23rd October

Just a reminder that Friday is an Inset day and the school is not open to pupils. School re-opens after half term on Monday 2nd November which is also school photo day!

### Star of the Week

Reception	Rosie
Year 1	Esmae
Year 2	Frank
Year 3	Henley
Year 4	Tyler
Year 5	Ava
Year 6	Jasmine

### Orator of the Week

Reception	Leo
Year 1	Vinnie
Year 2	Kian & Presley
Year 3	Sofiya C
Year 4	Mala
Year 5	William
Year 6	Ellis

### Diary Dates

Monday 19th October	Year 5 Trip
Tuesday 20th October	Year 6 Trip
<b>Friday 23rd October</b>	<b>Inset Day — School closed</b>
<b>Monday 26th—Friday 30th October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 2nd November	Individual Photos
Thursday 10th December	Flu Immunisations (All Years)
<b>Friday 18th December</b>	<b>AUTUMN TERM ENDS</b>
<b><u>2021</u></b>	
<b>Monday 4th January</b>	<b>Inset Day — School closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 5th January</b>	<b>SPRING TERM STARTS</b>
Thursday 28th January	Life Education Bus visit
Friday 29th January	Life Education Bus visit
<b>Monday 15th—Friday 19th February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Thursday 1st April</b>	<b>SPRING TERM ENDS</b>
<b>Monday 19th April</b>	<b>SUMMER TERM STARTS</b>
<b>Monday 3rd May</b>	<b>Early May Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Friday 28th May</b>	<b>Inset Day — School closed</b>
<b>Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 7th June</b>	<b>Inset Day — School closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 21st July</b>	<b>SUMMER TERM ENDS</b>