



# Winkfield St Mary's C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020



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

Dear parents,

As we enter yet another chapter in the 2020 story, I emailed out to parents yesterday a tweak I have made to drop off arrangements which I hope will help make things easier and safer for everyone – please make sure that you (and anyone else who might drop off) are aware of the routes in to school. The biggest change is that **children** may now come in to school through the pedestrian gate as well as the park gate, rather than walking round through the mud. **Please can parents refrain from parking in the drop off bay to leave it free for others to pull in and drop off.**

This week we had our first experience of a teacher needing to self isolate as a contact. Mrs Alley-Mohindra did an inspiring job zooming in to the class to teach each lesson with the great support of Mrs Turney and Mrs Hobbs in the classroom. This meant that the children continued their learning as usual and proved to be a pattern that we can adapt in an age appropriate fashion should we be in this position again.

### Reading Challenge

The Reading Challenge has been a huge success and it is a real treat to see so many children enjoying reading at random times at school! Thank you so much for all your support – the sponsor money is going to make a significant difference to the quality and quantity of books in school, particularly our stock of class readers. With only a fraction of the sponsor money in, we have already raised £712 which equates to a £1140 spend – amazing! Please see the link for sending in your sponsor money. Please complete the following online form (<https://forms.gle/aXQtpDnvPE5ikRQQ6>) and provide your mobile number for a secure online payment link to be sent to. You will then receive a text message with a link to pay your child's sponsorship money securely. Please ensure payment is made by 13th November 2020.



### Coming up

**Parents Evenings – 10/11/12 November.** Parents should be booked on to a time for their parents evening session via zoom. The link for accessing the meeting will be sent out to parents on Monday – each class has one link and the plan is to 'admit' parents from the waiting room at their allotted time.

We have had to change a few dates to ease our workload over the coming weeks:

**Children in need** – children will be following aspects of the theme 'five to thrive' throughout the week. On **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** children may wear non school uniform on trust that you make a donation online! (Spots are always a good choice for Children in Need day). Please do not bring donations into school.

**Remembrance day** – there will be a Remembrance assembly on 11/11 at 11am. **Poppies will be on sale after school at the rainbow gate for children and parents on Monday and Tuesday next week.**

**Harvest** – we will be celebrating our harvest assembly in school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November. We are inviting parents to make donations to the **food bank** via the supermarkets or to donate to **Children in Need**.

**Anti-bullying week** - will now be 23-27<sup>th</sup> November.

*J Evans*

Miss J Evans  
Headteacher

### Star of the Week

Reception	Lily
Year 1	Olivia
Year 2	Melody
Year 3	Oscar
Year 4	Whole Class
Year 5	Poppy
Year 6	Anna B

### Orator of the Week

Reception	Brandon
Year 1	Jake
Year 2	Evie
Year 3	Tillia
Year 4	Theo
Year 5	Mason
Year 6	Nathan

### Diary Dates

10th, 11th & 12th November	Parents' Evenings via Zoom
Wednesday 11th November	Bag 2 School collection
Friday 13th November	Children in Need Day
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>