



Winkfield St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 22nd January 2021



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

Dear parents,

Thank you for your positive feedback from my letter earlier in the week regarding being kind to yourselves and all of the positive messages to staff via Seesaw. They really mean a lot to us at the moment – we all need some encouragement right now!

You will have heard in the news about the roll out of the Lateral Flow Device tests for primary school staff. The aim of this initiative is to identify people who are asymptomatic so that they can isolate and reduce the spread of the virus. All staff who are on site are able to access this and we expect our tests to be delivered early next week. Tests will be carried out at home twice a week – on Sunday and Wednesday evenings (to allow time to inform parents if necessary). Should any of the staff get a positive result, they and their contacts will have to isolate immediately whilst the staff member takes a PCR test to confirm the result. **This could clearly have an impact on the bubbles currently operating in school.**

Staff well being

We are making a small change to the provision on Seesaw to allow teachers to have a more defined period of time to complete their Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) tasks as they would do in school. This is an entitlement for all teachers which is usually covered by other members of staff. Seesaw is all-consuming for the teachers and it is easy for them to spend every waking moment preparing and uploading tasks or responding to posts.

Therefore, we are going to allow them all to take Friday afternoon as their official PPA time from next week. Instead of work that requires uploading and responding to on Seesaw, they will be sharing some ideas for appropriate tasks that you may wish to choose from and engage with, possibly as a family. I'm sure you will have your own ideas or you may want to use this time to catch up on tasks that are unfinished. There is no requirement to upload evidence as this creates a notification for the teachers to respond to and defeats the object of protecting this time for their other work. (To be really clear, they are not taking Friday afternoon off!!!).

Miss J Evans
Headteacher

Star of the Week

Reception	Frankie
Year 1	Poppy
Year 2	Oli N
Year 3	Heath
Year 4	Nikita
Year 5	George
Year 6	Charlie

Diary Dates

2021

Monday 15th—Friday 19th February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 30th March	Easter Service 2pm
Thursday 1st April	SPRING TERM ENDS
Monday 19th April	SUMMER TERM STARTS
Monday 3rd May	Early May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 18th May	Life Education Bus visit
Wednesday 19th May	Life Education Bus visit
Friday 28th May	Inset Day — School closed
Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June	HALF TERM
Monday 7th June	Inset Day — School closed
Monday 14th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 21st July	SUMMER TERM ENDS

2021-2022

Wednesday 1st September	Inset Day — School closed
Thursday 2nd September	AUTUMN TERM STARTS
Tuesday 12th October	Harvest Service 2pm
Friday 22nd October	Inset Day — School closed
Monday 25th Oct—Friday 29th Oct	HALF TERM
Friday 3rd December	Year 1 & 2 to Panto
Tuesday 14th December	KS2 Carol Service 6pm