



Winkfield St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 5th March 2021



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

Dear parents,

We made it! We are all looking forward to being back all together in school next week, almost as much as you are! Just a few reminders:

- Stick to your colour time slots and routes for drop off / pick up
- Don't gather in school and especially in the park after school
- Y2 and Y4 parents should wait by the water fountains / at the bottom of the ramp at pick up
- Children should wear school uniform – summer uniform is allowed 'early' and PE kit on PE days. Choose appropriate alternatives if you have a problem buying new uniform.

Make use of other clubs in line with Government guidance – *'only use one out-of- school setting in addition to school as far as possible.'* We will be phasing in our own extra clubs slowly.

I have been asked whether children can wear masks – this is the current advice:

'Children in primary schools do not need to wear a face covering and they should not be asked to wear one. Dr Susan Hopkins, the Chief Medical Adviser for NHS Test and Trace, has said that "the consensus among educationalists, public health and clinical specialists is that it is not advisable for primary school children to wear face coverings. That is why Public Health England has not recommended to the Department for Education that they should be worn by primary pupils in the classroom. Children need to see facial expressions to develop their communication and language skills and practically, they can have difficulties keeping them on all day."'

Clubs

After school club starts up next Monday – you can book at <https://www.completecoaching.org.uk/book-a-school-club/>

We are hoping that Breakfast Club will begin after Easter.

Other sports clubs are being pencilled in for Summer Term - watch this space!

LFD Tests

All staff will be completing LFD tests twice a week. Parents can access home testing kits for themselves , details here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?priority-taxion=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>

We look forward to spending time with the children and getting them reconnected with each other and with their in school learning. There will not be a homework grid for these 4 weeks – I'm sure you will be relieved to hear! However the spellings, reading books and tables learning will still be sent home.

Have a good weekend and see you all on Monday. Let's keep working together to keep our school community safe, in school and learning. Don't go mad – as I explored in my TFTD last week, 'Patience is the ability to count down before you blast off'. In Covid terms, I think we are still on 10, 9, 8... so don't blast off yet!

Miss Evans

Headteacher

Star of the Week

Reception	Ewan
Year 1	Harlan
Year 2	Whole Class
Year 3	Whole Class
Year 4	Whole Class
Year 5	Whole Class
Year 6	Whole Class

Diary Dates

2021

Monday 8th March	Children return to school
Thursday 25th March	Bag 2 School collection
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
Wednesday 9th June	Bag 2 School collection
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