



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

***Our vision is 'Let your light shine'. The rainbow symbolises God's unconditional love for each individual. We seek to reflect that light in all we do: in our community, both local and wider, in our communication, both word and action, with curiosity and courage, and with care and compassion for everyone, inspiring a love of learning.***

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed welcoming the children back into school this week following the half-term break; I hope that you managed to have some enjoyable family time together. Time outdoors improves children's health, supports engagement in learning and leads to a greater connection with nature, and today the children have been enjoying opportunities for learning outside the classroom as part of 'Outdoor Learning Day' across the school.



Reception children enjoyed collecting leaves from our garden. They talked about the leaves being wet, soggy and cold and found some leaves in the reading den that were crunchy and dry. After the children had collected some boxes of leaves they sprinkled them all across a parachute and had fun tossing them up in the air.

Year One have taken their maths learning outside, using natural materials to make their own part-whole models and comparing length using stones, leaves and pinecones. Year Two have been learning maths outside too while developing problem-solving skills in a treasure hunt activity. They later produced pieces of artwork in the style of artist Andy Goldsworthy using natural materials found in the school grounds.



Year Three held their very own Stone Age Day, exploring cave paintings and making tools, jewellery and fossils before cooking smoked fish and marshmallows on a campfire.



The woodland area provided the inspiration for Year Four to develop their own piece of artwork based on the *Wounded Dear* by Farida Kahlo. After drawing their own animals and self-portraits, the children created the background while in the woodland area. We are looking forward to seeing their finished pieces.

Making the most of the space and opportunity learning outside brings, Year Five have used the playground to record thoughts and feelings in PSHE lesson about friendships.

Year Six have been reading the poem '*The Listeners*' by Walter de la Mare this week. Today, they have created their own verses inspired by the outdoors. It has been wonderful to see the children learning from experience and connecting with nature.

In Collective Worship this week, the children have learned about the invention of fireworks and how they are used for celebrations and events, discussing safety around fireworks and bonfire night. I do hope you enjoy bonfire night whatever you are doing and stay safe.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Dimbleby

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

## Road Safety

We are always mindful for the safety of our children near to roads and conscious of how vulnerable they can be. Therefore, we are sending out an important reminder to these dangers as autumn draws in. At this time of year, there is reduced visibility for drivers and pedestrians and as a result, your child can become even more vulnerable near to roads. Whilst we want our children to get out and about more and have active healthy lifestyles, we also want them to be seen by drivers especially at night or in poor light conditions. Please remember with darker evening and the clocks changing to be sure you can be seen. Wearing brightly coloured clothing shows up well in daylight but as it gets dark, reflective clothing and accessories are far more effective in highlighting pedestrians through car headlights or street lamps.



## Child of the Week

All our children seek to 'Let their light shine' as they reflect our Christian values in their daily life. Many congratulations to the following children this week who have shone particularly brightly and been awarded 'Child of the Week':

Year 1: Class 1SB & Vienna

Year 2: Josiah & Amelia

Year 3: Chloe, Fearne & Class 3CC

Year 4: Eddy & Oliver

Year 5: Carmen, Thalia & Poppy

Year 6: Leo & Maisie

## House captains

Congratulations to the following children who are our House Captain Representatives this year. Our captains represent the teams and encourage their team members on Sports Day as well as throughout the year, spurring them on to collect golden tickets and valuable team points. The winning team each term wears their team colours with pride on one day during the final week. Congratulations to Barnardo House who earned House Mufti day this Friday

<b>Parks</b>	<b>Barnardo</b>	<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>Anning</b>
<b>Maisie Edi</b>	<b>Jack Leo</b>	<b>Mia Zach</b>	<b>Arthur Eva</b>

## What is the point of Chess?

Chess is not for everyone, but for those who enjoy the game there are tremendous educational benefits. Chess is about making decisions and involves problem analysis, the selection and evaluation of options and the application of intuition and creativity to learned knowledge.

A sense of community is also developed as it gives children the opportunity to have fun, make new friends, develop respect for others and their ideas and anticipate and react to their opponents' intentions.

Chess also helps to develop character. A child will learn more about their strengths and weaknesses, understand the consequences of their decisions and how to play with courtesy, win or lose, towards their opponents.

Next term all KS2 children involved in this term's "Introduction to Chess" will be invited to rejoin the club and may be joined by other children who have previously completed this course. The combined group will be entered for the Delancey U.K. Chess Challenge which will enable them to compete against children from other schools in the region.

B. McClellan, Chess Coach

### **FOWS AGM – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

We would like to give notice of the annual general meeting (AGM) of the Friends of Winslow Church of England School, to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> November The evening will start at 8pm in the school staffroom.

FOWS plays a vital part in the school community and all parents are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our school as well as plan ahead for the year to come.

If you want to find out more about what FOWS do, or feel you would like to contribute (by helping with events or have contacts for raffle prizes, finance, event planning or a skill that you feel would benefit us) please contact [fowswinslow@gmail.com](mailto:fowswinslow@gmail.com) to register your interest.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM if you can make it!

### **Safeguarding**

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Tracy Thomas or Mrs Katie Epps via the School Office on 01296 712296 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays visit <http://www.bucks-lsrb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns. For more safeguarding information please visit our website.

### **FOWS Second Hand School Uniform**

FOWS have a uniform website for Pre loved Uniform. We have started with two main items and will add to this. Simply click the link to see the Logo jumpers and PE T -shirts available to purchase for a small fee via bank transfer. Your purchases will be delivered to the classrooms.

<https://uniformerly.co.uk/listing-category/winslow-church-of-england-school-mk18-3en/>

## Diary Dates

Please find below our autumn term calendar of events for your immediate attention. This will be published on our school website and updated as appropriate over the coming weeks.

Date	Event
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance in Winslow
wc 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week/Odd Socks Day (Date TBC)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November (9:30am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Y6 Holdenby House Visit
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	SENDCo Drop in Clinic
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWS Christmas Fete
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December (9:30am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
wc 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Book Week
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm) and Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December (pm) and Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December (am)	KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (pm) and Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (am)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (6:00pm)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm – 3:00pm)	EYFS Stay and Play for Reception Parents – Crafts
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December (2:30pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	FOWS Bags2school (Details to follow)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of School for pupils
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	INSET DAY
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	INSET DAY
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b> Children return on Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	