



Friday 20th January 2023

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,

Despite the cold weather and dark mornings the children at Winslow CE School continue to let their light shine, showing determination, a love of learning and challenging themselves to achieve their best. Over the last couple of weeks I have held pupil progress meetings with teachers and have been impressed with their knowledge of each individual child. Information about Parents' Evenings will be shared via ParentMail next week and we look forward to discussing your child's progress and attainment at these meetings after the half term break.

Year Two visited the Living Rainforest this week as part of a curriculum enrichment activity to support their learning in science. The children enjoyed learning about the rainforest as a habitat and the animals that live there and the experience will provide the basis for further learning across the curriculum. Staff leading the sessions commented on the children's exemplary behaviour and good manners and we are very proud of them all.



This week I have been informed of, and witnessed some inconsiderate driving and parking outside the school during drop offs and pick-ups. If you have no other choice but to drive to school, park further away and walk the remainder of the way to ensure that the roads remain a safe place for our school community. Please can I remind everyone of the following:

- Cars should not park anywhere on the school grounds unless you have a specific agreement with the school and this is for good reason
- The staff car park should not be used by parents at any time
- Parking behind the bungalows is for residents only and should not be used for parking by parents dropping off or collecting
- Dropping off children in the morning using the turning circle is permitted. The drop off point is outside the Site Manager's bungalow and not anywhere else
- Speed limit on site is limited to strictly 5mph
- Parents, carers and children should enter through the pedestrian gate and keep to the footpath

Please can you pass this message on to any of your extended family or friends who on occasions bring or collect your children. If you do witness any inconsiderate driving/parking on the roads around the school, please report it via the police non-emergency website.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend!

Samantha Dimpleby
Headteacher

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Child of the Week

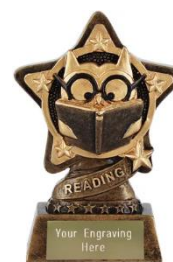
All our children seek to 'Let their light shine' as they reflect our Christian values in their daily life. Many congratulations to the following children this week who have shone particularly brightly and been awarded 'Child of the Week':

Year 1: Abha & Jacob
Year 2: Darcy & Mason
Year 3: Miami & Lola
Year 4: Eli & Billy
Year 5: Taang & Sean
Year 6: William & Alfie

Accelerated Readers

The following classes have been awarded the Reading Trophies this week for completing the most Accelerated Reader Quizzes:

2YM
3CC
4SW
5KE
6FD



This week Mrs Epps and Mrs White gave out Sunflower awards to celebrate progress and achievement in reading. Children using Accelerated Reader were awarded certificates for reaching their points targets for the second half of the autumn term. Teachers were also asked to nominate children for exceptional effort with their reading, whether or not they are using Accelerated Reader. Well done to all of those children.

In order to encourage children to challenge themselves, those on Accelerated Reader are set a Book Level target as well as a points target. The names of children who reached their points target by reading books at their book level target, along with those who received nominated awards, were entered into a drawer to win our Sunflower bag of goodies, which includes books, stickers, hot chocolate, pens and a notepad, as well as an invitation to choose a new book for the library.

Emily W from Y6 was the lucky winner this time. Congratulations Emily

Please let Mrs White know if you have any questions about Accelerated Reader, or the library.

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Overcoming Childhood Anxiety

Supporting Together – Environment, Parents, Schools

STEPS

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) would like to offer parents an opportunity to join them on a short workshop presentation in Overcoming Childhood Anxiety.

The workshop will help you as parents understand when anxiety might be a problem (as opposed to a 'normal' developmental phase) and describes different anxiety issues. It is also an opportunity to learn brief key treatment strategies and understand the important role you play as parents in supporting your children and young people that may be struggling with anxiety.

There are various sessions planned to take place on:

Monday 20/2/23 – 18:00-19:30 – Virtual via Teams

Wednesday 1/3/23 – 13:00-14:30 – Virtual via Teams

Friday 10/3/23 – 09:30-11:00 – Virtual via Teams

If you are interested in attending either of these events, please click on the link below or scan the QR code to complete a short form of interest. Further details and links will then be sent out closer the time.

<https://forms.office.com/e/uTyjnsmkxr>



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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-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns. For more safeguarding information please visit our website.



Understanding the Playground - Fortnite

Since its release 2017, the battle-royale simulator – Fortnite, has become ubiquitous in classrooms and playgrounds throughout the world. The game, which features cartoonish renderings of characters, bright colours and non-visceral consequence free violence, has had a mass appeal to children.

Each Christmas another draft of young pupils are induced into its overcrowded multi-player lobbies, to the point that there is not a school pupil in the country who hasn't owned it, begged their parents for it or played it round a friend's house. As a result more children than ever are exposed to multi-player chatting with strangers, and financial exploitation via the game's spend-to-gain-advantage operating style, allowing children to use real world money to gain perks and costumes.

From criminal blackmailing, to the coercion of nude exchanges by online 'friends' posing as children, the danger this game presents from a safeguarding perspective is clear. As an added complication, the verbiage surrounding the game used by pupils is near-incomprehensible, frustrating adepts to secure their safety. Fortunately to allow for greater comprehension of reports to staff involving the game, Internetmatters.org has published a guide to understanding the game and its terms. You can find the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/fortnite-battle-royal-parents-guide-keep-kids-safe-gaming>

What can we do even better as a school?

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do get in contact with Mrs Dimbleby via the school office, or better still, come and chat to her at the start or the end of the day on the playground.



Diary Dates Spring Term 2023

Date	Event
Tuesday 24 th January (9:00am- 10:00am)	Phonics Information Session for Reception and KS1 Parents
Thursday 2 nd February (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
wc Monday 6 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Date TBC	Internet Safety Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 7 th February (5:00pm- 6:00pm)	Year 6 SATS Information Evening for Parents
Thursday 9 th February (9:00am – 10:00am)	Reception and KS1 Maths Stay and Play Session
Friday 10 th February 2022	Interim Report to Parents
Friday 10 th February – Monday 20 th February	Smarties Challenge
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February)	
Monday 20 th February	Children return to school
Monday 20 th February (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 22 nd February (4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 28 th February (5:00pm- 6:00pm)	Year 2 SATS Information Evening for Parents
Thursday 2 nd March (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
wc 13 th March	Science Week
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform fundraising day
Friday 17 th March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale
Tuesday 21 st March – Thursday 23 rd March	Year 4 Woodrow Residential
Tuesday 21 st March	Reception and KS1 Stay and Read Session
Wednesday 22 nd March	Reception and Y6 Group Photographs
Thursday 23 rd March (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
wc 27 th March	Year 3 Bikeability
Friday 31 st March	FOWS Break the Rules Day
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 17 th April 2023	