



Wincle CE Primary School

Wincle School creates an enriching and outstanding rural education, nurturing the whole individual: body, mind and soul, inspiring rounded, happy, courageous children who shine in all that they say and do, exhibiting a passion for learning, a confident faith, a loving concern for community and an inclusive respect for all.

Wednesday 28th February 2024

A message from the Headteacher, Mrs Smith:

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a lovely half term and feel rested ready for the remainder of the spring term. We have a busy and exciting five weeks with lots of events for the pupils.

This half term, we also have a very exciting competition for the pupils to take part in that links with our approach to spirituality. This language of spirituality begins from a Christian understanding that everyone is a valued creation, individually and uniquely made by God, like pots made by a potter (Isaiah 64:8). Yet, in life, things happen that impact on the physical 'pot' of life and create cracks that provide a glimpse of something 'beyond' the tangible. Christians would view this as an opportunity to relate to the Divine Creator God.

Cracks may be caused when something so good and breath-taking happens that the pot expands and cracks - the wows of life. Cracks may happen when something challenging happens and threatens the comfort of everyday - the ows of life. Cracks can also happen in the stillness and ordinariness of everyday - the nows of life, when a moment of stillness, a pause or prayer creates a crack in the normal, physical every day.

Wincle uses this language and the concepts of wows, ows and nows. These are used to explore relationships with ourselves, others, the wider natural world and beyond, and offering the invitation to relate to God.

To help cement our approach, we would like to create an image to represent an ow moment, a wow moment and a now moment and we would like the children to design these images. These images will be used to support our work in school, on our Facebook page and on our website. We will be launching this competition in worship this week, but support from home would be greatly appreciated. Please take your time as a family to discuss these moments and help your child think of images that could be used. All entries are to be returned to school by Friday 15th March. The winning images will be announced in worship on Friday 22nd March.

Best wishes,
Sarah Smith

General Information

School Behaviour System

We follow a card system in school to ensure the children shine like a star in all that they do and do not stop other children also shining. We have three cards which give a clear, consistent approach so children know exactly what is expected and what is going to happen across the school.

Very often, saying a child's name, making a stop sign with our hand or raising an eyebrow is enough to make a child realise that they need to change something, but if their choices don't change, we don't assume they're 'naughty', we assume that we need to explain our expectations more clearly. The yellow card helps us to do this. A yellow card shouldn't be a serious situation. Yellow is any situation where a child needs to be reminded of the expectation. Using yellow at the right time prevents the behaviour progressing and prevents red from being a sudden shock.

Orange - to give a warning.

Red- a consequence, for example, the child might miss playtime so we can talk about what help they need.

Parents will be informed if their child has received an orange or red card through their home/school diary.

Money owed from the autumn term

We are currently outstanding £211.50 from the autumn term. These are invoices from clubs, All Stars, lunches and Preschool. In order for us to close the financial year, please can we ask that these be paid promptly.

Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club now begins at 7.30am and runs until 8.45am when the children are supervised outside on the playground. The costings for Breakfast Club are:

Child arriving between 7,30am and 7.44am: £3

Child arriving 7.45am onwards: £2.50

We are also running All Stars on a Friday evening this half term as a trial to see if it will be financially viable to run moving forwards. Miss Kershaw will be running the session and normal costings apply.

Science Morning to celebrate British Science week 24

Children will work scientifically in their teams on Thursday 14th March throughout the morning, taking part in different activities following this year's theme on 'Time'.

Macclesfield Town Football Competitions

Having had a break from this competition during the spring term, we are keen to enter again. Below are the dates of the competitions. If your child would like to take part in the summer term, please email Mrs Smith before Friday 8th March so that we can confirm teams.

	BOYS YEAR 5&6	GIRLS YEAR 5&6	BOYS YEAR 3&4	GIRLS YEAR 3&4	MIXED YEAR 2
TERM 5	24th APRIL	1st MAY	8th MAY	15th MAY	22nd MAY
TERM 6	12th JUNE	19th JUNE	26th JUNE	3rd JULY	10th JULY

Community Lunch

Wincle CE Primary School are opening their doors to members of the local community every Monday from the 4th March. We will be offering a delicious two-course lunch for £3.50 and serving at 12.15pm. Our oldest pupils will serve and entertain you for 45 minutes, finishing with a hot cup of tea or coffee.

All are welcome to stay for Collective Worship at 1.10pm with the school children.

To book your place each week, please email admin@wincle.cheshire.sch.uk by the Wednesday before.

We can't wait to welcome you!

Easter Activities

Decorate egg competition

It is nearly time for our annual Decorated Egg competition. We would like to invite all pupils to take part and decorate an egg in an imaginative way. All entries are to be brought to school on Wednesday 27th March where they will be judged by the school staff. The winners will be announced in worship that afternoon. Look out on Facebook for photographs.

Easter Café

We would like to warmly invite parents into school on Thursday 28th March at 2.15pm for our Easter Café. Here, you will be able to sit with your child/children and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a tasty treat before going into the classes at 2.45pm to look at their work. Please bring loose change to purchase your goodies.

REQUEST - donations of cakes/biscuits would be greatly appreciated. We are a nut free school.

Class Information

Preschool:

Summer Term Funding

We are now asking all parents of preschool children, who will be using the preschool in the summer term, to complete a new declaration form. This has to be done each financial year. The form will be attached to this newsletter. Please return to Mrs Smith before Friday 8th March.

If your child will be 2 before 1st April 2024, you may be eligible for the new EYFS funding. Please see [Free Early Education \(FEEE\) for 2 year olds \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk) for more details.

Preschool parents to lunch

This will take place on Tuesday 19th March. Bookings must be made, and paid for, before Friday 15th March. Unfortunately, we will be unable to take bookings after this date.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will begin on Thursday 29th February at 9.15am. even if your child is too young to attend

Preschool by themselves or Thursday is not their usual day, all are welcome. Please come prepared to get muddy!

Mars:

Mars parent to lunch

This will take place on Tuesday 19th March. Bookings must be made, and paid for, before Friday 15th March. Unfortunately, we will be unable to take bookings after this date.

Spring Walk - Thursday 21st March

Please send children into school that day with warm outdoor clothing on. In a bag, please send in wellies, waterproof trousers and a coat with a hood. We will be leaving school after lunch and return for 3.30pm. We will be walking through the local area spotting signs of spring and gaining a better understanding of how we can look after God's world. No snack or bag is needed and this trip is free of charge.

Saturn:

Multi-Skills at Macclesfield Academy

Y3/4 will be taking part in a Multi Skills event at Macclesfield Academy on Thursday 29th February. The high school are providing transport for the class there, but parents will be required to pick up their children from the academy at 3pm. If your child normally stays for All Stars on a Thursday, please liaise with other parents who may be able to bring your child back to school. Unfortunately, staff are unable to transport.

Please send your child into school that day with their PE kit and a water bottle.

Football competition

This will involve all pupils in Saturn and Jupiter and take place within the school day on Friday 15th March. The competition will involve pupils from Wincle, Pott Shrigley, Kettleshulme and Bosley and take place on the field by Wincle Brewery. All pupils will need warm PE kit (long trousers) on this day with suitable footwear and a coat.

Winmarleigh Residential

Please ensure that all payments are up to date for this residential. February's payment to be made by the end of the week please.

Jupiter:

Catwalk

Jupiter Class will be showcasing their fantastic Shang Dynasty costumes in our Celebration Worship on Friday 15th March. We hope you can come and see them.

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Winmarleigh Residential

Please ensure that all payments for November, December and January are up to date for this residential. February's payment to be made by the end of the month please.

Reminders

Parents Evening

Please arrive a few minutes before your appointment and wait in the pupil entrance. When the bell rings, a member of staff will open the door to the hall.

Please note - All Stars to be collected through the hall also.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating all things books and we would like each class to come dressed as a character from one of their class author's books. Please see below for each class:

Preschool - Julia Donaldson

Reception/Year One - Eric Carle

Year Two - Tom Fletcher

Year Three/Four - Dr Seuss

Year Five/Six - Malorie Blackman

KEY DATES

Thursday 29th February - Saturn Multi-Skills at Macclesfield Academy

Parents Evening from 3.30pm

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 8th March - Mothering Sunday Service led by Mars Class

Tuesday 12th March - School Games Training for School Games Leaders

Thursday 14th March - National Science Day

Friday 15th March - Jupiter catwalk in Celebration Worship
 Football Competition for Saturn and Jupiter
 Tuesday 19th March - Online assembly with Imran Kotwal focusing on Ramadan
 Preschool and Mars parents to lunch 12pm-12.45pm
 Thursday 21st March - Mars spring walk
 Friday 22nd March - the closing date for our spirituality competition
 Tuesday 26th March - Whole school faith day on Holy Week
 Wednesday 27th March - Decorated Egg competition
 Easter workshops for Y2 and Jupiter
 Thursday 28th March - Easter Service led by Saturn and Jupiter
 Easter café from 2.15pm
 Looking at work at 2.45pm
 School closes for Easter
 Monday 15th April - School open
 Thursday 18th April - Mars trip to Macclesfield
 Friday 19th April - Brass lesson begin for Jupiter
 Friday 26th April - Mars Multi Skills event at Tytherington High School
 Tuesday 30th April - Saturn parents to lunch
 Monday 13th May - Year 6 SATs week
 Friday 17th May - KS2 Archery Competition at Bosley
 Monday 20th May - Year 2 SATs week
 Tuesday 21st May - Jupiter parents to lunch
 Friday 24th May - Inset Day
 Wednesday 5th June - My Bank workshops for Saturn and Jupiter
 Tuesday 11th June - Y1 Phonics Screening
 Wednesday 12th June - Y4 Multiplication Times Table Check
 My Bank workshops for Saturn and Jupiter
 Wednesday 19th June - My Bank workshops for Saturn and Jupiter
 Thursday 27th June - Y2 sleepover at Back Dane
 Friday 28th June - Mars Class at Back Dane
 KS2 cricket competition at Back Dane
 Thursday 4th July - Macclesfield Music Festival
 Monday 8th July - KS2 Residential to Winmarleigh
 Tuesday 16th July - Whole School RE day: Change the World
 Friday 19th July - School closes
 Monday 22nd July - Inset Day
 Tuesday 23rd July - Inset Day