



# 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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

## **A message from the Headteacher, Mrs Smith:**

Dear Parents,

The autumn term is moving swiftly and the children are continuing to shine like stars and work very hard. When I walk around school, it is delightful to see so many smiley faces. In our Preschool, we have lots of new children starting and it is lovely to see them making friends and having fun. The pupils in Reception have really grown in confidence and settled in very well. They are busy learning their sounds and working out where everything is in the classroom. They are also really enjoying the role play construction site creating some amazing sculptures! Year One and Two are enjoying learning about The Great Fire of London and the use of MRS GREN to identify the seven life processes that all living things have. We have been really impressed with their concentration and hard work. Saturn have been creating beautiful autumn poetry and learning about the rocks and soils around us as well as really focussing on their French skills. Taking that step to a full key stage two class has meant the pupils have become more independent in their learning and they are enjoying scoring their work after each session. More information on this will be available at our Parent Information Meetings.

Jupiter Class have been working really hard preparing for our Harvest Service as well as a very exciting visit from MP David Rutley. It is wonderful to see the children so passionate about their local area and wanting to make a difference.

As a school, we were very pleased with the number of parents who responded to our homework consultation. You will see from the attached analysis that there is a general consensus regarding homework moving forward. We have our Parent Forum on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 9am where parents are welcome to come and discuss homework with me so that decisions can be made. Then, each class will have their homework explained and modelled at the Parent Information Meetings next week. Please can any parent hoping to attend on Monday confirm attendance by emailing me.

It has been a great start to the year - thank you for all your support. If you do have any questions of concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,  
Sarah Smith

## **New information:**

### **Harvest Service**

This will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 9am and all pupils will be involved.

Please be aware that there is limited seating in church and some parents may have to stand at the back. We will do our very best to accommodate everyone.

There will also be a collection amongst the parents during the service.

### **Staffing**

After a very exciting summer, Mrs Burrow has decided to step away from education for the time being and will be leaving us at half term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Burrow for all her hard work and the dedication she has shown over her time at Wincle. We will all miss her, but know that she will be popping in frequently to say hello.

We are interviewing for a replacement next week and parents will be updated in due course.

### **Parent Information Meetings**

These will take place on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** at the following times.

5.30pm-6.15pm - Preschool

6.00pm-6.45pm - Mars

6.30pm-7.15pm - Saturn

7.00pm-7.45pm - Jupiter

There will be a creche available for all children, led by school staff. This will enable all parents to be able to receive all of the information and enjoy the refreshments we will serve.

Each class teacher/teachers will introduce parents to their child's new year group by presenting information about

the rules and routines of the class, expected outcomes and how parents can help at home. We will also announce the new homework routine following the consultation and parent forum.

These presentations will last for 30 minutes and then there will be a 15-minute question and answer session after each one. If you need to move to the next presentation, you can do so during the Q&A sessions.

### **Inclusive School**

At Winkle, we pride ourselves on respecting all pupils as individuals who learn in different ways. Around school, it is commonplace to see fidget toys, movement aids, adapted equipment, movement breaks, and other interventions taking place. Indeed, few children at school do not need access to at least one form of support.

Children are naturally curious and sometimes, they might ask why another child accesses a different resource or activity. When these questions arise, we have open discussions, in line with our learning about neurodiversity in PSHE, and help the children understand that everyone needs different help at different times. We ask that, when your children raise similar questions at home, you further these discussions, to help ensure that the next generation is tolerant and accepting of diversity. If you would like any advice regarding how to respond to specific questions, please ask a member of staff. We are all happy to help.

### **Online safety policy and declaration**

Online safety is an important part of our safeguarding policy and teaching. In a world where most things can be over the internet, we need to ensure that our pupils know how to keep themselves safe and understand how to behave towards others. In light of this, we have reviewed and rewritten our Online Safety Policy. Please can all parents read this policy and all pupils will be working on it in an age appropriate way in their classrooms.

**At the end of the policy, there is a declaration for pupils and parents to sign. Please discuss this with your child and return to school as soon as possible.**

We have also updated our website and on our Online Safety page, there are a large number of guidance documents for parents about apps their child may use.

### **Parent Volunteers**

Each week, the children all read to the teachers in guided reading and the children in Mars read on a more frequent basis, one-to-one. The more reading the children can do, the better so we are looking for parent volunteers who may have an hour to spare to help.

If you would like to come in and listen to the children read, please let Mrs Smith know which day is best and which age group you would like to work with.

### **Church Access - REMINDER**

Access to the church is via the steps at the side of school. If you, or a family member, require access via the church gate, please can you let the school know prior to a service.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

This will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9am and replace our normal Celebration Worship.

When the bell rings, the children will go into school with their teachers. Year 6 will be helping welcome parents into the hall for a hot drink and delicious cake. They will also be running a number of games so please bring your change.

We will collect your child for you and bring them to you to enjoy the delights as well. We ask that parents do not walk around school and remain in the hall.

Please can we ask for lots of cake donations so we can raise money for this charity.

### **Bags to school**

The PTA have organised a Bags To School collection for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

### **After-school Clubs for this half term**

Day of the week	Mars (reception/y1/y2)	KS2 (y3/y4/y5)	Y6
Tuesday	Forest School	Sports	English Booster
Thursday	Judo	Judo	Maths Booster

### **Class information:**

#### **Preschool:**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, parents of Preschool children are invited to come and enjoy a delicious lunch served by Gloria. If you would like to attend, please email [admin@winkle.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winkle.cheshire.sch.uk) to book your place. The normal charge of £2.25 for a dinner will apply.

Please arrive at 12.15pm and come to the visitor entrance.

## **Mars:**

### **Reception parents to lunch**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, parents of Reception children are invited to come and enjoy a delicious lunch served by Gloria. If you would like to attend, please email [admin@wincle.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@wincle.cheshire.sch.uk) to book your place. The normal charge of £2.25 for a dinner will apply.

Please arrive at 12.15pm and come to the visitor entrance.

### **Year Two Back Dane Trip - to be confirmed**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, year 2 will hopefully be walking to Back Dane for a day of adventures. The children should come to school at normal time and be collected from Dane Bridge at 3.15pm. They will need to wear warm, waterproof clothes with wellies or walking boots. They should carry a small backpack with one healthy snack and a water bottle. A school packed lunch will be provided. Miss Jones will be leading this trip supported by PAS.

The cost of this trip will be £5 per person to cover the costs of hiring Back Dane for the day. Please pay using Cheshire East E Payments.

## **Saturn:**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, Saturn Class are planning to spend a day in Macclesfield Forest investigating rocks and soils. Please could you bring your child to Trentabank car park at 9am in suitable outdoor clothing and then pick them up from the same place at 3:15pm. Please note that siblings can be dropped off at school for breakfast club and we will look after siblings at the end of the day if required.

We will provide them with a packed lunch but a water bottle and a snack are to be brought in a small rucksack. We should also have time for a walk guided by Martin from Peak Park and maybe a couple of games of Ninja Squirrels. The trip will be free of charge.

## **Jupiter:**

### **Danes Moss**

We are currently involved in helping to save Danes Moss. We are very passionate about the importance of the local wetland/peatland area and feel it is vital to preserve it as it is such a rare and important home for such a wide range of wildlife (a large percentage of which are endangered). Due to this, we have invited our local MP (Mr David Rutley) and our councillor for Wincle (Chris O'Leary) to come in and see us. We are also writing letters to all of those involved from the council, local celebrities, King Charles III, Steve Backshall and many others. A huge thank you to Mrs Prince for helping us to arrange all of this.

### **Air Quality Workshop**

Jupiter will be taking part in an Air Quality Workshop on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.



## **Science**

In Science, we are carrying out different investigations on shadows and need a variety of torches. If you have any torches that we could borrow, please send in for **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September**. The children will return these the same day.

### **Back Dane Residential for pupils in Y5/6**

This will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November with the children returning to school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The children will need a sleeping bag for their stay along with a change of clothes and both indoor and outdoor shoes. Due to the time of year, they will also need warm outdoor clothing that is waterproof.

We are organising activities at the moment and a more detailed letter will follow. If you have any worries or concerns in the meantime, please let school know.

The cost will be £5 per child to cover the cost of hiring Back Dane, the food and some of the resources required for the activities. Please note: this cost has been reduced from £10 using our PTA funding quota per child.

We do need parent volunteers to accompany on this trip so if you are able to help walk to Back Dane on the Thursday

morning, or back to school on the Friday morning, please let us know.

### **Imperial War Museum North**

We are in the process of booking a trip for Jupiter Class which is due to take place in November. More information will be available shortly.

### **Starting secondary school.**

Applications are now open for children transitioning to secondary school. Parents are strongly advised to apply for three preferences.

Applications must be submitted to the child's home local authority by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**.

### Reminders

#### **Football at Macclesfield Academy**

	<b>BOYS YEAR 5&amp;6</b>	<b>GIRLS YEAR 5&amp;6</b>	<b>BOYS YEAR 3&amp;4</b>	<b>GIRLS YEAR 3&amp;4</b>
<b>AUTUMN TERM 1</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> SEPT	27 <sup>th</sup> SEPT	4 <sup>th</sup> OCT	cancelled
<b>AUTUMN TERM 2</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> NOV	15 <sup>th</sup> NOV	22 <sup>nd</sup> NOV	cancelled

**Please note, we do not have a coach for the Y3/4 girls team.**

#### **PTA Events this term**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Autumn disco pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Bonfire celebration/sparkle disco

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November - family quiz

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fayre

More details will be sent closer to the time of each event.

### KEY DATES

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Harvest Festival at 9am  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Autumn disco ran by the PTA  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Parents' Forum with a focus on homework  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Air quality workshop for Jupiter  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September - David Rutley visiting Jupiter  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September - Parent Information meetings  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan coffee morning instead of worship  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - preschool parents to lunch  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - reception parents to lunch  
Saturn trip to Macclesfield Forest  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Y2 trip to Back Dane  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Y1 parents to lunch  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Vision and values morning 9.00-12.00pm across the school with parents  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Ethos Group Trip  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Mars Autumn Walk  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - finish for half term  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - School open  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Parents' Evening  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Mars trip to Peak Wildlife Park  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Bonfire celebration/sparkle disco to be confirmed  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Service  
Y2 parents to lunch  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Y3 parents to lunch  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Back Dane residential for Y5/6  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Family quiz night ran by the PTA  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Y4 parents to lunch  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Y5 parents to lunch  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Y6 parents to lunch  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fayre  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December - possible Christmas music concert with school and local community

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Preschool Christmas play at 2pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Christmas play at 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas play at 2pm and 6pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas dinner

Come and look at work at 2.45pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - 9am carol service followed by Christmas café. Close for Christmas

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - start back at school