



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 19th January

Dear Parents,

The year has got off to a very good start here at Wincle and we already find ourselves nearing the middle of January. The pupils have returned to school displaying a positive attitude and working very hard in school. I have the delight in being able to visit all of the classrooms on a daily basis. Mars class are working hard with their winter topic and have produced some fantastic writing. I have been enjoying watching reception play with numbers and begin to understand the rules of calculation. The children in key stage one have enjoyed the start of their geography topic learning about the United Kingdom and the places that can be found there. The pupils have also been working hard on their art skills and I have seen some fantastic collages in both RE and geography. Hopefully, you will have seen the photographs on Facebook showing their excitement at their dance lessons last week too.

Saturn have started reading a book called 'The Flood' and last week, they were very surprised to find an actual flood in their classroom. Mrs Metcalfe reports that these real-life experiences are helping the children in the writing and I have seen first-hand some of the fantastic writing of children in year three and four. These pupils have started their history topic which has a focus on Macclesfield and Wincle in the past. I found them walking around school last week looking for elements of the school from the different time periods. The pupils are looking forward to their trip to Macclesfield next week. Satin pupils also went swimming for the first-time last week and were exemplary when it came to behaviour, attitude and relationships.

Jupiter class are reading a book called 'The Nowhere Emporium' and again, experience lessons, which have included drama have helped develop the pupils' understanding of the of the text and their vocabulary. The class are working hard on their fractions work and thoroughly enjoyed getting their brass instruments last week. The pupils in Jupiter class are taking part in an athletics competition tomorrow and so they have been practising very hard for this.

As you can see, there is lots going on in school and all parents should have now received their spring term curriculum newsletter. This outlines all of the learning your child will do this term. Please discuss your child's learning and support it at home. This term, there will be another 'looking at books' session as well as a parents evening. All dates are coming very soon.

Hopefully, all parents are receiving the Covid-19 updates that I send via email. The guidance has now once again changed. If your child tests positive for Covid-19 then they must stay at home for five days. If on day five, they test negative on a lateral flow, and again on day six, they may return to the school on day six. If they are positive, please do liaise with the school on a possible return date. Cheshire East have also decided to drop the guidance for close contacts. If someone tests positive in your household, your child can continue to attend school now, testing each day for seven days. Hopefully, this will mean that more children will remain in school for the rest of the half term.

Please do remember that we operate an open-door policy at Wincle. If you have any questions, worries or concerns, no matter how small, it is always better to come and talk to us about them. You can talk to the teachers at the end of the day, or if you would like to organise an appointment, please contact the admin team.

Best wishes,

Sarah Smith

General school information

Committees update:

Ethos Committee:

Last week, the Ethos Committee met up and celebrated their successes in the autumn term. The pupils reported that they really enjoyed sharing the Christmas Story with the children in school and were really pleased with the number of presents collected for their Christmas mission. In the meeting, the pupils discussed many fantastic ideas for the spring term. The committee plan to spend 2-3 weeks updating the rest of the school on our sponsored child Phionah who we sponsor through Compassion UK. The pupils will be leading a short presentation in each class and are busy planning a fundraising event to take place on Wednesday 2nd February to help raise money to pay for our sponsorship.

After this focus, the committee have decided to lead worships each week identifying who the twelve disciples were. They feel this will lead nicely into the focus of the Easter story in spring two. To finish the meeting, JF led us in prayer asking God to help with our efforts. What a fantastic committee we have leading our school ethos.

Healthy School Committee:

The Health Committee have been busy organising events for Children's Mental Health Week, taking place on 7th February. This year's theme is *Growing Together* and the committee would like to encourage the school to consider how we can help each other to grow in terms of our strengths, but also our ability to care for ourselves. Throughout the rest of the term, the committee are also going to begin sports competitions for lunchtimes, and encourage the school to get drinking!

Eco Committee:

The children have decided to try to recycle more and save on energy use in the school. They have investigated 'food waste' in the kitchen, and found out from Gloria, that the majority of waste is compostable. With regards 'energy' waste the team are going to research the use of electricity in the classrooms and recycling of other class items, other than recycling of paper.

In the Jupiter classroom, where our most recent Eco meeting took place, children did not feel the lights were needed so switched all of them off. The lights were not switched on all afternoon, and no one noticed! The Eco club are going to promote using less energy with the message - 'Do we need the lights on?' Isla (Chairperson) and the team are busy preparing to tell all the staff and children all about their ideas and hoping that this will pass the message on to save energy, and save on bills.

Safety Committee:

Safety committee are always thinking about how they can keep everyone safe in school all year round. This time, we discussed winter safety in school and what they can do to help us all stay safe when the weather is cold and icy especially when playing outside at break times. They will be on the lookout for children who are feeling cold and advising them to put hats and gloves on to keep warm. They will be looking out for ice on the playground so they can warn others to stay off it to avoid slipping and falling. If it snows, they will be reminding others not to throw snow balls at each other because the snow can be icy or have grit in it which could hurt. Stay safe everyone!

Request for help

Hopefully, you have noticed the school's new fence along the side of school. This has created a brand new and exciting outdoor area for the Saturn class. There is some physical work to do clearing the area before we can install the equipment we have purchased. Would any parents be available to possibly come and give an hour of their time to clear the area? It currently has two flower beds in which need dismantling, with the wood going to our minibeast area and the soil, to the compost area. If you have time and would like to help, please contact Mrs Smith.

Homework Record

We are extremely grateful to all parents for helping and supporting their child at home. It makes a big difference and helps the pupils grow in confidence as well as ability. All pupils have a home/school diary. In this diary, you will find your child's spellings/sounds for the week. The teachers will record when they have listened to your child read and this is where teachers will record any messages to parents. If you have a question about your child's learning, parents can record it in the diary and the teacher will respond with 2 working days. The diary is also where we ask parents/children to record the learning completed at home. This could be:

- *Listening to your child read/sharing a book at home.
- *Practising sounds/spellings.
- *Time spent on KIRFs/maths homework
- *Completion of set homework tasks (class dependent)
- *Time on TT Rock Stars.

Recently, we have had more families join the school and so attached to this newsletter, are a few examples of completed diaries to help parents know how and what to record. We hope this helps.

PTA disco:

To link with Valentines Day, the PTA have organised a school disco on Friday 18th February.

Twinkle and Mars - 5.15-6.30pm

Saturn and Jupiter - 6.30-8.00pm

Tickets are priced at £2.50 and include a hot dog and a drink. There will be a tuck shop available on the night. Please complete and return the attached slip.

After-School Clubs

After-school clubs have begun this week. All parents will be invoiced for these clubs at half-term.

Day of the week	KS1 - Mars	KS2 - Saturn and Jupiter
Tuesday	Gloria/Mrs Kerr - Craft Mr Kerr - Sport	
Thursday	Street Dance Club with Sylk Dance	
Friday	Mrs Massey's Book Club	PAS (separate charge and booking required)

Twinkle information

Author Visit

Pupils in Twinkle and Mars will be visited by author Mike Morris on 4th February and will listen to him read his book 'Dogchester PD: The Great Bone Robbery'. If you would like to purchase a copy of this book for £7.99, please let the school office know.

Mars information

Fri 21st Jan- Winter activities for Mars

This is a non-uniform day in the school grounds. We will be participating in winter activities during the day and taking part in the PE session in the afternoon. Children are to arrive at school wearing clothes suitable for PE and wear PE shoes to school. Please send in named:

- *waterproof boots in a labelled bag (an extra pair of socks if needed),
- *warm waterproof coat,
- *waterproof trousers
- *hat and GLOVES.

Please note that Mars class will not be attending Praise worship on the 21st January.

PSHCE

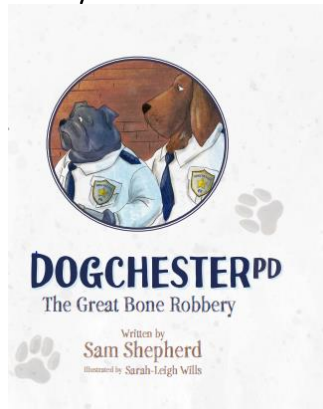
As part of our PSHCE lessons this half term, Mars will become Health and Safety Inspectors, learning how to assess and react to a range of risks safely and independently. We have two visitors coming to enhance our learning.

27th January - We are very pleased to have Mr Malcolm Sweetlove to train Mars class in First Aid skills. This will take place in school, during the school day.

4th February - The second is a visit by an author. Previously a policeman the author will help us to hone our investigation and safety skills.

The book is available to buy for £7.99.

If anyone would like to purchase a signed book, please send the money into the school office, in an envelope, clearly marked with the name of the book and your child's name, by Thursday 3rd February.



Tapestry

The children in Y1 and Y2 are no longer using Tapestry. Their Learning Journals are available to download as a PDF file until 2nd Feb 2021. This will be a record of all the photos, work and observations since they started at Wincle school or Twinkl. If you have any problems downloading the files, please speak to a member of the Mars team who will be able to help.

Superhero Day

On Monday 14th March, the children in Mars will be having a "Superhero Day". There will be a Lego workshop in the morning and superhero activities in the afternoon.

The children can dress up as their favourite superhero. This could be anyone they consider to be a superhero: Superman, Spiderman, a princess, fireman, police, doctor, nurse anything goes! During the day, we will talk about how everyone is a superhero in their own way.

Saturn information

Macclesfield Museum Trip - REMINDER

Our meeting place is **the Macclesfield Silk Museum Entrance on Park Lane, SK11 6TJ**

Please drop your child off at 9.30am. If your child normally attends breakfast club because of parents' work commitments, please let the school office know **by Wednesday 19th January**. We will be able to transport a minimal number of pupils in staff cars. Pick up is 3.00pm and the school staff will keep younger siblings safe until you are able to get back to school.

The school will provide a packed lunch, but you are welcome to send your child with one snack for the morning (please no sweets). Please ensure that they have a full **water** bottle too.

The cost per pupil for this trip is £9.50. Please complete the attached permission form and send in your contributions by **Monday 4th October**.

Macclesfield Music Festival Rehearsal.

All pupils in Saturn and Jupiter will be taking part in a rehearsal at Macclesfield Academy on Friday 11th February. All pupils will need to be dropped off at the Academy for 9.15am. We do require helpers to transport the pupils back to school at 11.30am. Please let Mrs Smith know if you can help.

Tickets for Macclesfield Festival have gone on sale this morning. Due to space, they are currently limiting tickets to 1 per performer. You can book your ticket at: <https://www.lovemusictrust.com/macclesfield-festival-tickets/>

Please note that we are being charged per child for this event. If your child is NOT taking part, please let school know by Monday 24th January. If we do not hear from you, we will expect your child to attend the event and if they don't, we will need parents to reimburse school for their attendance fee.

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Dates for the Diary

Thursday 20th January - Y5/6 Athletics at Macclesfield Academy

Friday 21st January - Winter activities for Mars class

Tuesday 25th January - Saturn trip to Macclesfield

Wednesday 26th January - KS2 SATS information meeting

Bags to School collection

Thursday 27th January - KS1 First Aid morning

Tuesday 1st February - Chinese New Year celebrations

Wednesday 2nd February - Ethos Committee Fundraising event

Friday 4th February - Author visit for Twinkle and Mars

Monday 7th February - Mental Health Week

Thursday 10th February - Second Edale payment due of £50

Friday 11th February - Saturn and Jupiter pupils at Macclesfield Academy for Music Festival rehearsal

Thursday 17th February - Saturn and Jupiter at Macclesfield Music Festival - evening

Friday 18th February - School disco

Monday 28th February - School opens

Thursday 3rd March - Y3 multi skills even at Macclesfield Academy

-Sustainable use of water workshop for Jupiter Class

Thursday 10th March - Third Edale payment due of £46.50

14th March - Super Hero Day

Thursday 24th March - Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Competition

Sunday 27th March - Mothering Sunday service - pupils to be involved if possible.

Monday 25th April - Jupiter residential

Monday 27th June - Saturn and Jupiter to Edale

PTA Disco

Child's/Children's name: _____

Please find enclosed £2.50 per ticket.

Signed: _____ (parent)
