

Winchcombe Abbey newsletter

24th May 2018 – Summer term



Term dates:

Summer 1 term ends
Friday 25th May
3.15pm

Summer 2 starts
Monday 4th June

Term ends
Wednesday 25th July
at 2.15 pm

Important dates:

Friday 25th May - Term ends 3.15pm

Sports day Friday 15th June. (Parents are invited to join us in the afternoon, further details to follow)

14th June 1.30pm meeting for parents of children starting in Reception in September 2018

Important contacts:

Website

www.winchcombe-pri.gloucs.sch.uk

Contact:

admin@winchcombe-pri.gloucs.sch.uk

01242-602447

Prayer meeting

There is an informal monthly prayer meeting to pray for our school, if anyone would like to join us, it is held the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th June. Any questions do email Sarah Clarkson, kinginboots@yahoo.co.uk.

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

It has been a very busy half term with a fantastic celebration of music evening, a visit from the Carducci String quartet, trips, sporting fixtures and children in Y2 and Y6 completing their end of key stage assessments. There are many other events and successes that have contributed to such a fantastic term. Further details can be found on the website in the gallery and class pages.

Mr Jones, School Business manager/Senior leadership team member has also had a busy term. Not only has he settled into school life and is supporting me in moving the school forward in many ways, he has also successfully bid for National Lottery funding in order to help us develop our outside space. Accompanying this email are two documents detailing how we intend to use this substantial amount of money. Please do take a look and contact Mr Jones if you can assist with his request.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sally Johnson

Headteacher



Staffing news

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Tomlins. Mrs Tomlins (formally McCauley) got married in Cyprus this week. She will return to school after half term as inclusion leader for two days a week initially. My thanks to Mrs Stranack for all that she has done in the inclusion leader role whilst Mrs Tomlins has been on maternity leave. Thank you also to Mrs Claassens who has been teaching in Reception, she will continue to do this until the end of term to ensure continuity for the children. I am very grateful to her for this.

Mrs Stranack has been asked by DGAT, our multi academy trust, to take on the role of Acting Head teacher at one of the other trust schools. As a result of this secondment opportunity Mrs Stranack will be out of school part time for the remainder of the summer term. She will then take up the full time position of Acting Head teacher from September 2018 for the following academic year, before returning to her role at Winchcombe in September 2019. I am delighted for Mrs Stranack and we wish her every success in this new and exciting venture.

Mrs Bullingham will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to take up the position of EYFS leader at Fairford Primary School. Mrs Bullingham has worked at Winchcombe for many years and has been instrumental in the development of provision for our reception children and the strength of art in our school. We wish her every success in her new role and will mark her departure at the end of term.

Miss Jessica Jones will be leading EYFS from September with Mrs Duffy teaching alongside her. The remaining staffing arrangements will be shared nearer the end of the summer term.

In the meantime, it is business as usual with many exciting events between now and the end of term. I hope you have restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 4th June.

Happy Holidays

Mrs Johnson

Highlights and achievements:

Celebration worship

The children whose achievements we have celebrated in the last two weeks are:

Reception Red: Ella, Henry and Suzanna
Reception Yellow: Sebastian, Ollie and Scarlet
Year One: Millie, Leo and Teddy
Year one/Two: Nathan, Callum and Kaiden
Year Two: Eden, Bayleigh, Maisie
Year Three Red: Sophie, Callum and Theo
Year Three Yellow: Jenson, Cerys, Jack
Year Four: Albert, George, Finlay and Alice
Year Five: Jasmine, Islay and Klaudiusz
Year Six: Sydney, Tom and Danny

Polite reminders:

Please ensure that your child has adequate protection for the sunny days we are enjoying. Water bottle, sun cream and a hat are essential. Thank you for your support with this.

Y5 Parents

We would like to invite you to a meeting on Thursday 14 June regarding the Y6 residential to St Georges House, Devon. Yes, it really is that time!



Christmas Card Competition DIOCESE OF GLOUCESTER

(It's never too early to talk about Christmas!)

Announcing an exciting opportunity for the Diocesan Christmas card for 2018 to be designed by one of our children!

Bishop Robert is inviting entries to his Christmas card competition - the design must be linked in some way to the biblical Christmas story.

£50 book token on offer for the overall winner

£25 vouchers for a KS1 winner and a KS2 winner.

Competition Rules and Info
Designs need to be on A4 paper using coloured pencil or felt tip pen with the entrant's name, age, key stage and school on the back.
Design must be linked to the biblical Christmas story.
Closing date for entries is 7th June 2018.
Please send entries to:
Claire Digby, 2 College Green, Gloucester GL1 2LR
Winners will be announced in early July.

We can't wait to see the entries. Happy designing.

It's never too early to be thinking about Christmas... please see the Christmas card competition being run for Bishop Robert by the Diocese. We have many creative children in our school and it may fill a spot of time in the half term holidays.

PTA update: SUMMER FAYRE

Please support the summer fayre which will take place on Friday 22nd June. There will be lots of communication after half term. Raffle tickets are being sent home tomorrow. Please offer any help you can, the PTA are a small but very hard working group who need all of our support with their events, before, during and after they happen. Thank you in anticipation.