

# WINCHCOMBE ABBEY CE PRIMARY

THE OFFICIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome Back To School

**BY MRS JOHNSON  
(HEADTEACHER)**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to School. I hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and made the most of the lovely weather. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children into the School community next week and hope they enjoy all that is planned for them. We would also like to welcome our new staff members to the team.

Mrs Ellison, teaching Year 3/4 and Year 4 and Miss Parker 1:1 TA support have joined us this week. We also congratulate Mrs Hucker (formerly Miss Evans) who got married in the summer holidays.

We have a very busy term in store and all the dates are available to view 24/7 on our school website [www.winchcombe-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.winchcombe-pri.gloucs.sch.uk). We update the calendar as and when we arrange activities and you should check it regularly for changes. The term dates for this academic year are also available to view.

Schools' term dates may vary from those shown on the Gloucestershire County Council website so you should always check our school website rather than the GCC one. For your convenience, here are some of the events coming up in the next few weeks:

## CLASS INFORMATION

As stated in the end of term newsletter, today at 3.30 -4.00pm class teachers will be available in their classrooms for you to pop in and say hello and to find out about the routines of your child's new class(s). However, don't worry if you can't make it as the information will also be available on the class pages of the website. Y6 parents will be updated about the forthcoming residential to St George's centre. Again, all information will be on the website and relevant forms sent home, if you are unable to attend.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is essential we have up to date contact information for you if we need to get hold of you urgently and also because more and more of our communication is by email and text. We will presume that last year's information is unchanged unless you inform us otherwise. We will be sending home paperwork for you to inform us as to who can collect your child(ren). Please ensure that these are returned promptly.

Parking permits for 2018-19 which allow parents to park free of charge in the public carpark at school drop off and pick up times are available from the school office now. Don't be caught out by the traffic warden who is often around at these times.

## SCHOOL MEALS

A reminder to Year 3 parents that their children are no longer in receipt of free school meals now that they are in key stage 2. Meals cost £2.25 and should be paid for via parent pay prior to your child receiving the meal. Please do keep your account in credit to avoid the office having to chase up payments. Free School Meals: Did you know that if you get any of the benefits below your child may be entitled to receive free school meals? School gets extra funding for every child registered as eligible for a free school meal - don't let us miss out on this important extra funding that will benefit your child. Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available at [www.gloucestershire.go.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.gloucestershire.go.uk/freeschoolmeals). If you are eligible, please apply even if you do not wish your child to receive the meal this will ensure that school receives all of the Government funding to which it is entitled. This applies to all pupils, including those in YR, Y1 & Y2 who currently receive a universal free school meal.

• Income Support (IS) • Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA) • Income-related Employment and Support Allowance • Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 • Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC), that does not exceed £16,190 • The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit • Working Tax Credit 'run-on'-paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit • Universal Credit

## SAFETY

The safety of all in our school community is always our prime concern. Please note that the school site opens at 8.40 am and there is no one to take responsibility for your children before this time and no one should be in the playground until 8.40 am. Thank you for your support with this.

We very much look forward to working with you and your children this year. You should always speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any questions or queries regarding your child but myself, Miss J Jones or Mrs Tomlins are available should you need to discuss anything with us.

With best wishes



# Social Media

BY MR JONES (SBM)

The school is now trialing social media accounts with both Facebook and Twitter as an alternative source of information. These accounts will be used to share information with you, the parents, about upcoming events, letters home and other general information about what's happening around the school. Please continue to direct any questions to the office or class teacher as messages sent will not be read or responded to.



## Your one and only news portal to Winchcombe Abbey C of E Primary School

To follow the school on Facebook search for Winchcombe Abbey Church of England Primary School then 'LIKE' and 'FOLLOW' the page. We will create events as we go through the year and you can also find the up to date School Menu in the ABOUT section.

Or

To follow us on Twitter search for either WA CofE Info or @Info\_WA\_CofE

The information will be duplicated from Facebook onto Twitter to ensure both social media accounts provide you with the same information without discrepancies.



# Non Prescribed Medicines

BY MR JONES (SBM)

As an academy school in the DGAT we are governed by some general trust policies. The medical policy states that we are now unable to administer non prescribed medicines to our pupils.

If you require your child to have non prescribed medicines, during the school day, an adult will need to attend school and administer the medicines to the child themselves or request your doctor prescribes the medicine for ongoing use.

Whilst we understand this is not ideal we have been advised we must adhere to the DGAT policy.



**Any outstanding medicines that have been left in the office over the summer break will be disposed of if not collected by 9am Friday 14th September**

## Prescribed Medicines

Prescribed medicines will be administered by our office staff following the completion of our new Consent to Administer Medicines Form which requires the medicine to be in date, in its original packaging and with dosage instructions included.

For pupils with an Individual health Care Plan we request a parent/carer attends the office to complete a new form to include all relevant details of your child's care.

# Building Work

BY MR JONES (SBM)

Unfortunately our plans to complete the building of our new Lottery funded outdoor learning areas during the summer break hit a stumbling block. Due to the Monument Status of our grounds we have had to apply for special permissions through British Heritage before the works can commence. This, as all planning permissions, has taken longer than expected.



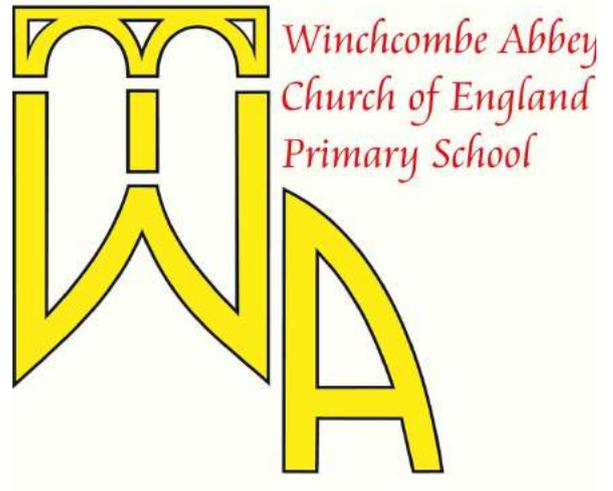
**Respect**  
**Courage**  
**Humility**  
**Forgiveness**  
**Truth**  
**Fairness**  
**Responsibility**  
**Compassion**

Whilst we are obviously disappointed with the delays we are excited to see the finished results and we will keep you updated with the progress of the project. Upon completion we will be looking for volunteers to help with the preparation of the building and surrounding areas to protect it from the weather and our 287 children ! Please keep your eyes peeled on our social media accounts to see further news and dates we will require our band of volunteers to help out.

# Uniform

BY MR JONES (SBM)

Over the last year we have managed to accumulate a small mountain of lost uniform in our cupboard and would like to remind all parents and carers to please label all items of uniform to ensure they can be returned where possible.



## Uniform for Winchcombe Abbey Primary School



**All uniform that is unclaimed by Friday 7th September will be donated to charity**

## Last Opportunity

With storage space being a premium in schools we are unfortunately not in the position to continue to store all these lost items of clothing as we start a new school year. Please check if your child has lost an item of uniform over the past year and if so you may come and check if we have it by Friday 7th September. After this date we will be donating all remaining items to charity.