

WINCHCOMBE ABBEY CE PRIMARY

THE OFFICIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Heads Update

BY MRS JOHNSON

Many thanks to the School Parliament members who attended our school development planning session last week.

They gave us some interesting insights into ways we can further develop school life and you will be able to read about some of the things we will be implementing in the rest of this letter. Thank you also to the children, staff and parents who supported our attendance at the Gloucestershire active Schools Awards ceremony last week. We were nominated for an award that recognises increased confidence and skills of staff in teaching PE and Sport.

Unfortunately we did not win but we were very proud runners up. My thanks go to Miss Mackenzie who leads PE in our school and utilises the sports premium funding so effectively.

Special recognition to Mr Hill for all he does to promote sport in our school and his tireless enthusiasm in everything he does.

HEAD PUPILS

Congratulations to our newly appointed Head Pupils; Heather, Joanna and Cameron in Year Six were chosen after the completion of a selection process which included them writing a letter of application to me. I am incredibly proud of all of the children who applied. They demonstrated their school values throughout the process and particular through their personal disappointment.

We now look forward to House captain and school parliament elections.

We have decided to remove our smart chart behaviour system (red, amber green) as we utilise our school values to reinforce behaviour. I will be updating our behaviour policy and will give you further details shortly.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Please could I ask everyone to enter the school via the pedestrian entrances. The school car park is in use all day and no one should be accessing school through the car park gates. Please also refrain from walking across the car park and ensure you walk around the path at the edge

RAISED BEDS AND QUIET AREA

After the very hot and dry summer that we had we are experiencing some issues in the playground. The wooden raised beds outside 43-6 have dried out and as a result are rather loose. This will be rectified as soon as possible but in the meantime please be aware of their fragile state. For the same reason the quiet area is currently out of bounds.



Social Media

BY MR JONES (SBM)

We've welcomed all the page likes on our Social Media pages and are now up to 135 Likes on Facebook. Please do share our page with other school families as we will be giving regular updates through these pages of whats going on in and around school.



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

Library Car Park

BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE)

Please note Winchcombe Library car park will be closed from 6pm on Tuesday 2nd October to 6pm on Wednesday 3rd October for repainting.

Reminder also that parents should NOT park here during school drop off/pick up as it is reserved for library and clinic users only.



A Pupils Story

BY KATIE, YEAR 5

In June my Auntie, that I love very much, was told she had cancer. Her treatment started just before the summer holidays so she wasn't able to come and have fun days out with me.

I wanted to show my Auntie how much she means to me, so on the 29th September I am going to brave the Shave for Macmillan, in her name. I am not going to shave all my hair off but I will be having a very drastic hair cut to my shoulders, that will be just over 11/2 feet of hair. I have heard about children that lose their hair because of the treatment they have for cancer, so I will be donating my hair to the Little Princesses Trust to make a wig for a little girl and make her feel a little bit better.

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause please do so via the School Office.

Junior Tennis Programme

BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please see the attached flyer regarding a new junior tennis programme at the Civil Service Tennis Club in Cheltenham.



NEW Junior Tennis Programme at The Cheltenham Civil Service Tennis Club

- Fun games based tennis coaching - learn to play like the professionals!
- Bring your friends...make new friends!
- FREE taster session with this flyer
- FREE Friday open play tennis sessions

For more details of the tennis programme please visit:
www.cheltenhamtennis.club/coaching/

Or contact Joe Chadwick at:
joechadwicktennis@gmail.com / 07872 645 230

[f @joechadwicktennis](https://www.facebook.com/joechadwicktennis)

Pate's Grammar School Open Evening

BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please see the attached flyer regarding an open evening for Pate's Grammar School on 2nd October 2018.



Open Evening

Tuesday 2nd October 2018
between 5.30pm & 8.30pm
(no pre-booking required - just drop in)

**Head Master's presentations will take place
at 5.45pm & 6.45pm**

There will be student-guided tours of the school and staff will be available to answer any questions. Pupils are invited to join in with experiments and demonstrations, as well as tackle the climbing wall!

Pate's is a free grammar school for boys and girls aged 11-18 years. Our students achieve the highest academic standards, whilst benefitting from exceptional pastoral care and first-class facilities.

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