

# WINCHCOMBE ABBAY CE PRIMARY

THE OFFICIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Head's Update

BY MRS JOHNSON

We say a sad farewell to Mrs Shurmer today who leaves us to take up a new job. She has given 17 years of dedicated service to the Winchcombe Abbey CE Primary School and she will be greatly missed.

The children have spent the last week focusing on wellbeing and have taken part in many activities related to this. Further details can be found in a separate section of this letter. My thanks to Miss Palmer who organised all of the events and to the staff team for their enthusiasm in embracing this important area.

I had the pleasure of joining the Friends of the school at their committee meeting last night. They have lots organised and will be seeking your help and support in the coming months and years. Please do offer your help with events, and support their work. We discussed ways in which the valuable funds they raise are used to support the children.

### REWARDS

You will have received an emailed letter from me last week explaining about the changes to our rewards systems. Parents of children who are being celebrated for their extra efforts this term were sent a letter yesterday inviting them to attend worship the first week back.

Please do return the slip or email us to confirm which day you would like to attend and how many places you require, please ensure your child's name is on the return slip.

### BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Just a reminder that we have a system in school for celebrating your child's birthday. The office has a selection of books that you are able to give a donation for in honour of your child's special day.

A dedication to your child is then placed in the book and, after having it presented to them in worship to mark their birthday, it is put into their classroom book selection for them and their friends to enjoy. I am sure you will agree that this is a lovely way to mark their Birthday and many parents choose to do this rather than giving out sweets. If you wish to take part in this, please visit the school office in the few weeks prior to your child's Birthday to choose a book.



## Social Media

BY MR JONES (SBM)

We've welcomed all the page likes on our Social Media pages and are now up to 166 Likes on Facebook. We think it is an excellent source of information for our parents. Please do continue to 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**

## Clinic & Library Car Park

BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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



# Wellbeing Week

WELLBEING WEEK 15TH OCTOBER 2018

This week in school we have been focusing on wellbeing and mental health. We started our week with a visit from the NSPCC who came and spoke about their 'Speak out, stay safe programme'. This involved a KS1 assembly where we were introduced to their mascot 'Buddy' and found out all about how we can speak out and stay safe. Key stage 2 also had an assembly and a further two workshops in year 5 and 6 based on what they can do to stay safe.

On Tuesday and Wednesday all of reception, year 1 and year 2 took part in yoga ran by Miss Hext. They were really focused and enjoyed this massively. On Wednesday we also ran a whole school massage session. In this session children learned about the importance of consent and how to do peer massage. Key stage 2 explored anxiety and how to cope with stress and anxiety in positive ways.

Thursday was our workshop day. All the teachers ran a workshop based on wellbeing. This ranged from play dough therapy to Lego therapy to music therapy! In their key stages the children moved from room to room during the day to ensure they could visit each workshop. All the children were fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed their experiences.

On Friday we focused on Growth Mind set, we explored the learning pit and how it links with building our resilience. We also explored the 4 R's- Resilience, Reflectiveness, Reciprocity and Resourcefulness during this day. We finished the day with a celebration worship to show all of the amazing things we have been doing.



# Forthcoming Dates

BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE

October 22nd – 26th - Half Term

November 6th - Parent Phonic Workshops at 2.30pm

November 8th - Parent Phonic Workshops at 5.00pm

November 9th - Flu Immunisations

November 12th - Prospective Parent Open Session at 2pm

November 16th - Non uniform day for Children In Need

December 5th - Christingle Service at 2.15pm, St Peter's Church

November 12th - ISing Pop Concert at St Peter's Church, time tbc

November 15th - School Disco for KS1 & KS2 – time tbc

December 21st - Term Ends

