

WINCHCOMBE ABBEY CE PRIMARY

THE OFFICIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Head's Update

BY MRS JOHNSON

Dear Parents and Carers

Today marks the end of a very busy 8-week term at Winchcombe Abbey CE Primary School. What a lot we have squeezed into it! The Wiggly nativity performed by Reception, Tinsel and Tea towels by 41 and 2 and the iSing pop concert in St Peter's Church, were a wonderful celebration of Christmas and a fitting end to the term. The choir performed in the John Lewis department store in Cheltenham, the Winchcombe shopping evening and then delighted the residents of Winchcombe's day care centre. Thanks to all the staff for making these events such lovely occasions and for all of the additional work that goes into making them happen. The parties and lunches went with a swing, with Father Christmas popping by to say hello on Wednesday. We are most grateful to him for finding the time to visit. Thanks to Marianne, Amanda and Chris in the kitchen for providing such a delicious Christmas meal two days running

FRIENDS

My heartfelt thanks to the Friends of Winchcombe Abbey CE Primary school for the disco nights and the wonderful Christmas fayre which was so well attended and raised an incredible £1318.00

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We received a letter of thanks from The Children's Society following the Christingle Service at the beginning of December. Your small change amounted to a fantastic total and we will update you on the final figure in the New Year. Thanks for your generosity.

MORNING ARRANGEMENTS

We are going to change the morning arrangements for Y3-6 in January. On arriving at school between 8.40-8.50 am the children should go straight into their classroom via the playground door (as Key stage 1 currently do) rather than waiting on the playground). Teaching staff will be in the classroom ready to receive the children from 8.40 am. All children should be in their classroom by 8.50 am.

ABSENCES

May we remind you that if your child is off sick you should contact the school first thing on the first day of absence. Mrs Clarke spends a lot of unnecessary time chasing parents for explanations of absence. If you leave a telephone message, please can you give a brief description of any illness which is keeping your child away from school. We have some children in school with medical conditions which make them vulnerable to certain bugs.

**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.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

As we move into 2019 we will be launching a new menu on Monday 7th January. Please find the new menu accompanying this newsletter. It can also be found on our website and Facebook page.



And finally ...

A huge thank you from the staff team for all the lovely cards and gifts you have so generously given to us. We are always very appreciative.

We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

With best wishes

Mrs Sally Johnson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sally Johnson".

Pupil Fundraisers

Year 5 Fundraisers

This Autumn term, some of Year Five pupils have been busy going the extra mile (some of them quite literally) to raise money for good causes. At the start of the term, Katie started the ball rolling by having her hair cut short and raising over £400 for Macmillan. Toby then raised a staggering £2000+ for the WAM Youth minibus appeal, by walking for 12 miles over our local hills. Finally Rebecca took part in a sponsored silence (this is not easy on a Monday Year 5!) and she collected over £100 for The Alzheimer's Society. We are very proud of your achievements and hope that you will inspire others to do something special too! Well done!

Parent Pay

A lot of office time is spent chasing up ParentPay debts. If you pay for your children's lunches (Year 3 upwards and non-free school meals), do please ensure you have enough money in your account before ordering a lunch. If you are having difficulty setting up your Parent Pay account please come and see Mr Jones in the office.



Upcoming
Events:



Forthcoming Dates

BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE



Dates for Spring 1

Monday 7th January - Children return to school 8.40am

Wednesday 9th January - Years 3 and 4 trip to We The Curious - Departs at 8.45am

14th-17th January - Annual visit of Life Education Bus

Thursday 17th January - Years 5 and 6 perform at the Young Voices concert in Birmingham