



### **Snow!**

The children were fantastic on Friday when we had our covering of snow. Thank you to you all for your support on that day, it's always a challenge! The Year one children had a great time at Forest school in the afternoon as due to them having a full set of clothing appropriate to the weather; we could allow them to go outside. If we are fortunate enough to have another day of snow could I ask that you send your child in with appropriate clothing (warm and waterproof coat, trousers and a pair of wellies) then we might be able to let them all go out and enjoy the snow.

### **E safety**

Last week Year 6 were visited by the Gloucestershire Constabulary's Schoolbeat Officer (SBO). The SBO delivered a lesson on Internet Safety to our Y6 pupils as part of our Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE).

The lessons have been created by the Constabulary and Lead Teachers from Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning (GHLL). The resources are aimed at children and young people to help them learn about the risks they may encounter whilst using the internet and other interactive technology. Lessons are designed to be emotionally engaging and impactful. It was very interactive and used a number of scenarios to educate and inform young people about the risks they may encounter whilst using the internet, and importantly sought to empower young people to know how to deal with a problem should it arise.

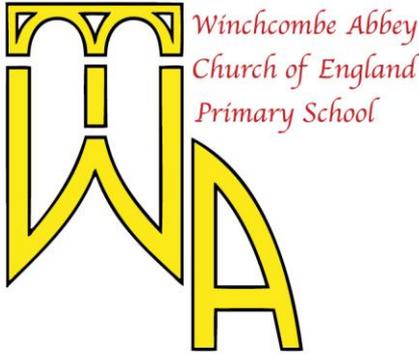
The School Designated Safeguarding Leads welcome the Gloucestershire Constabulary's Schoolbeat visit as an important contribution to keeping our pupils safe.

It's great to take an active interest in your child's life online and we'd encourage you to talk openly with them about the things they do. Remember, the internet is an essential part of young people's lives and provides them with tremendous opportunities. We would urge Parents and Carers to visit the website



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<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/staying-safe/staying-safe-whilst-online/> and [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) to learn more about how to keep children safe on the internet.

If you have any questions about this, please do come and see me.

### **Mental health awareness week**

This Week (4th of February) is Children's mental health awareness week. The theme this year is Healthy Bodies- inside and out. In school the children will be taking part in PSHCE lesson with this focus. Some children will be talking about the importance of sleep, some children will be talking about exercise and some will explore the meaning of being healthy. It is extremely important for children to talk about Mental Health as 1 in 8 of 5-19 year old have a mental disorder. If you wish to find out more on this please visit: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

### **Charity News**

The Children in Need Appeal raised an amazing £273.30. We are most grateful to everyone for their support of this charity.

### **Before and After School Safety**

#### **Parking**

May we remind you that parents and children should NOT use the clearly marked vehicle entrance to access the school at any time. Staff/visitor cars and delivery vehicles may be entering or leaving the school throughout the day and we do not want any accidents. Parents should also park in designated parking spaces before escorting their children into school. We have had a complaint from a local resident about cars being parked very close to road junctions making it very difficult for pedestrians to cross safely. I would very much appreciate your support with this and ask that you park thoughtfully to ensure the safety of all.

Please do not park near the road junction with Barnmeadow Road or across any drives, blocking access and impeding pedestrians' view of traffic. One resident has said that if

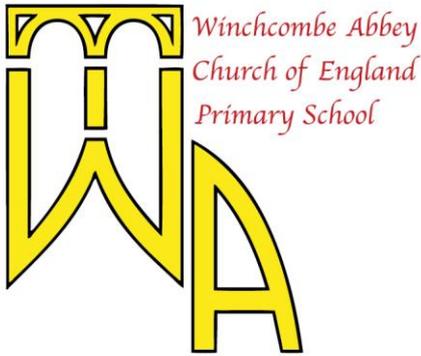


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cars are parked there they will be photographing cars and passing registration numbers to the police.

I would also ask that parents do not pull up outside the school entrances and let their child out of the car

### **Attendance**

The Government regards 100% as the required attendance for a Primary School pupil. In line with the Governments expectations for Primary age children, we expect children in our school to have an attendance as near to 100% as possible. We will not authorise absences unless we believe that the occasion is exceptional ie: a one off (never to be repeated) and cannot be avoided on a school day because of unique circumstances beyond your control.

Leave of absence is unlikely to be granted for the purposes of a family holiday or for early travel to attend an event either in this country or abroad, routine medical appointments or because of a lack of childcare etc.

Leave of absence is likely (but not guaranteed) to be granted for the purposes of a funeral or wedding (1 day only), exam (1/2 day only), consultant appointments (medical card or appointment letter must be seen), transition tours for Y6 pupils at secondary school and for induction days at a new school. If a child's attendance is below 95% we will not authorise absence under any circumstances.

### **Punctuality**

School starts at 8.50 am for all pupils; they can enter school between 8.40 and 8.50am.

After 8.50am they need to go to the office and will be marked in as late.

In the event of your child being unable to attend school due to illness we require that you contact the office as early as possible each day by phone or email to

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Failure to do so will result in the school contacting the parent or guardian, in order to check on the child's whereabouts.



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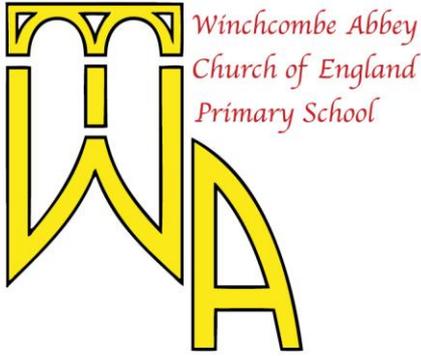
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### **Social Media**

As a school we always wish to work with you to enable your child to flourish in our care. Our school vision is for all in our school community to 'Be the best they can be'.

A polite request that any issues you may have with us as a school are discussed with your child's class teacher or Mrs Johnson. It is simply not acceptable to use social media to air your thoughts or opinions about school matters. I am very aware that we don't always do everything to everyone's satisfaction but would request that you give us the opportunity to discuss issues with you rather than hearing about them via a social media platform.

### **Dates for your diary**

- Wednesday 6th February – Wednesday 13th February Book fair visits school
- Friday 8th February - Mrs Wheatcroft's class (Y3 and Y4) will be performing their class worship in the hall. Parents/carers are welcome to attend at 9am.
- Friday 15th February – Term ends 3.15 pm
- TUESDAY 26th February – Spring term 2 Starts at 8.50 am
- Thursday 7th March – 21st March DGAT Readathon. Further details to follow
- Friday 8th March - Mr Mooney's class (Y3) will be performing their class worship in the hall. Parents/carers are welcome to attend at 9am.

Keep up to date with events via the calendar on the school website  
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