

Dear Parents/ Carers

What a wonderful first week we have had back on school. The weather on Tuesday and Wednesday enabled us to utilise the field for the first time this year, I'm hoping it won't be the last! The children have enjoyed sharing their experiences from half term with us and clearly enjoyed the good weather we were lucky to have had.

The children have quickly got back into their learning and we have many things to focus on this term. Please see the website for details and to keep up to date with forthcoming events.

Miss K Jones and Mrs Twine today accompanied two of our Y6 children to St James CE Primary school for the launch of the Readathon. All of the schools in DGAT, our multi academy trust, are taking part in it. You have already received details of this and our World Book day plans in letters from Miss J Jones.

### **Uniform**

We have had a few deviations from uniform lately; please ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately.

Jewelry, other than watches should not be worn.

Make up and nail varnish are also not acceptable.

Long hair should be neatly tied back with small, school coloured accessories.

### **Boys**

- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt
- Sensible, flat shoes – preferably black
- An overall or painting shirt with sleeves is useful for practical art/crafts activities

### **Girls**

- Grey or black school skirt or trousers.
- White blouse/polo shirt or red and white check summer dress
- Red sweatshirt/cardigan
- White socks /grey or black warm tights



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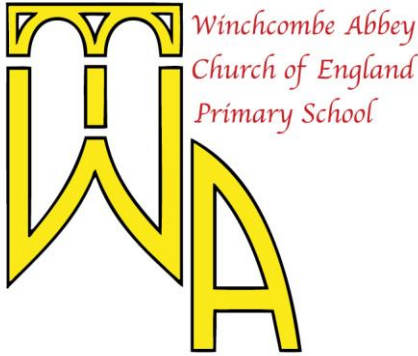
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- Sensible, flat shoes – preferably black. They should be comfortable and not ‘fashion shoes’ which could be dangerous in school
- An overall or painting shirt with sleeves is useful for practical art/crafts activities
- P.E. Kit for boys and girls
- Red T shirt and black shorts, plimsolls or trainers. Tracksuit bottoms and top for the colder months.

Some parents have outstanding debt on ParentPay for meals, as well as trips and swimming. Please can you pay off any outstanding debt as soon as possible. Any shortfall in income from parents has to be taken from the budget which means we have less to spend on the children’s education.

### **Sport**

On the 14th and 28th of February the Cross Country team competed against hundreds of other children from many Schools in Gloucestershire. The first race was at Cheltenham College Prep School where the weather was sunny and the course was flat! We then ventured over to St Edwards for the second race where the course was very different! The weather wasn't as kind and the children were quite nervous about the hills involved, however they did Winchcombe Abbey proud as they gave it their all and even sprinted through to the finish line! Miss Mackenzie and Mr Hill were so proud of all the children that took part, a real credit to our school.

### **Eco News**

Congratulations to the following pupils, who were selected to join 'The Eco-Team' before Christmas:

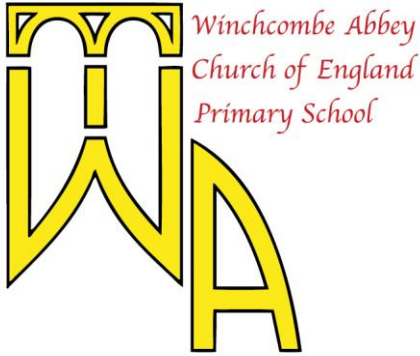
Alfie O (Y1), Caleb (Y2) Lowenna (Y1/2) Zara and Ruby (Y3), Dora and Isabel (Y4) Alice Y, Katie and Beau (Y5) and Lilia and Sophia (Y6)

We will be looking at ways of reducing waste and saving energy in school, and are looking forward to sharing our ideas with the classes and encouraging people to do their bit for their local environment and the planet. After half-term, we will be meeting once a month on a Wednesday lunchtime.



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Mr Jones has organised to replace our class lighting with low wattage LED strip lights when the old units need replacing, and the first few have already been installed. We have already removed plastic straws from school for class milk and **Cool Milk** have supplied us with reusable beakers to use. They now supply our milk in 2 litre bottles rather than individual bottles which has already reduced the plastic waste in the school. These are our first little victories, watch this space for more Eco News!

#### **Forth coming dates**

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| 7 March     | World Book Day  |
| 7– 21 March | Readathon   |
| 8 March     | Y3 class worship (Mr. Mooney) at 9am in the hall Parents/carers welcome |
| 13-15 March | Y4 residential  |
| 18 March    | Maths through stories day   |
| 28 March    | PTA discos  |
| 29 March    | Lent Lunch  |
| 3 April     | Parent consultation evening   |
| 4 April     | Parent Consultation evening   |
| 5 April     | Term ends at <b>2.15 pm</b>   |

Tuesday 23rd April Summer term starts

With my very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. Johnson".



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