

5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors**

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term break and are ready for this last term which not only is going to be a very busy one but will take us to our summer holidays! We have already achieved a lot in just the first 3 days!

We are currently part way through our Arts week which has been organised by Mrs Wheatcroft. Our grateful thanks to her for all that she has arranged. The theme is the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Commonwealth and we will share the things that the children have been creating with you after the week is complete.

Yesterday the Year 6 children attended Gloucester Cathedral for the annual leaver's service, along with other Church of England primary schools. The children were given a gift of a holding cross and shared in song, prayer and worship to celebrate their Primary School Years. Our Head Pupils Cameron, Heather and Joanna took part in the service, carrying our school banner and a reading which Jo delivered beautifully. We will have our own leavers service in St Peters for parents of Y6 to enjoy on the final Wednesday of term.

### **Staffing News**

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed a new Deputy Head to replace Mrs Aisling Stranack, who will not be returning to the post when her secondment ends. Mr Duncan Hutchison is currently Deputy Head at Gotherington Primary school and will join the team here in September as full time Deputy Headteacher. My grateful thanks to Mrs Tomlins and Miss Jones who have been our Acting Deputy Head teachers this year. Mrs Tomlins will continue as Inclusion Leader and Miss Jones as Early Years Foundation stage leader from September when Mr Hutchison takes up the role as Deputy Head.

Mr Mooney will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to take up a position at Linden Primary School. We will miss him greatly and wish him every success in his new role. Mrs Claassens and her family are very excited to be expecting their second child which is due in October. Massive congratulations to Anna and her family. We will update you with news of the happy event in the autumn.



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### **MUSIC EVENING**

We had a lovely evening at our annual music event. The children all performed brilliantly. They put on a great performance and were a joy to watch. They made us very proud indeed! It was lovely to see such a wonderful turnout from all the parents too. A massive thank you goes to Miss Corbett for all that she did in organising such a wonderful event.

### **REMINDER OF CLASS WORSHIP:**

Parents of children in these classes are most welcome to join us at 9am.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1/2 (Miss Palmer)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Year 2 (Miss Corbett)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Reception Red and Yellow (Miss Jones, Mrs Spicer, Mrs Duffy & Mrs Classens)

### **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

A polite reminder that children are to arrive at school from 8.40 am, and should be in class no later than 8.50 am.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

We have an increasing amount of lost property in school. Please ensure all items brought into school are named and then they can be returned to their owner. Unnamed lost property will be outside the office today and Friday. Anything unclaimed will be given to charity next week.

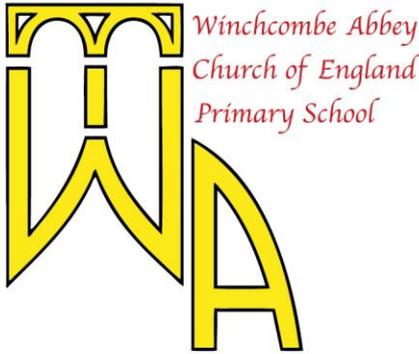
Best wishes

**Mrs S Johnson**  
**Head teacher**



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**DIARY DATES:**

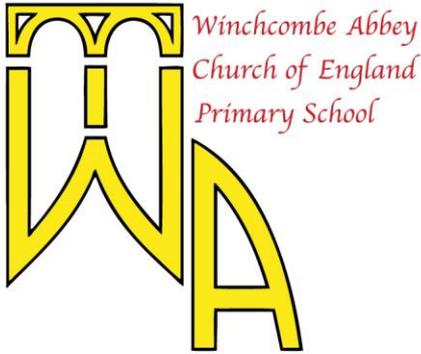
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June: Meeting for parents of Reception children starting in September 2019 at 1.45pm.
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June: School photos.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June: Sports day at 12.50pm (Parents invited to join us for the afternoon).
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Summer Fayre 5 - 7pm organised by the Friends.
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- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Y6 induction day at Winchcombe Secondary School.
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 induction day at Winchcombe Secondary school  
Years 1, 1/2 & 2 visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park (details to follow).
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 induction day at Winchcombe Secondary school.
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 performances at 2pm and 6pm (further details to follow).
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 performance at 6pm (details to follow).
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 leavers service 2pm at St Peters Church  
(Please note that due to a number of requests from children and parents about environmental impact, there will be no balloon release as part of this years' service. We are currently exploring alternatives).
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Break up for Summer at 2.15pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September: Children return to school at 8.40am.**



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Please find below some information on Digital wellbeing which had been prepared by Miss Palmer (PSHE Leader)

### **Digital wellbeing- what is it and what can be done?**

As you are aware children are growing up with more technology in their lives than ever before. This can have a positive impact on their lives but can lead to negative impacts as well.

For many children being active online can mean they are connecting with their friends, sharing experiences and learning new things. It can however mean that children can experience new things that can be challenging to deal with or they may find hard to cope with. It's really important that children know how to use the internet safely and have a level of awareness about how it may impact them.

Digital wellbeing refers to how children view themselves online, how they manage online situations and how they make choices online. Digital wellbeing is really important for children to be aware of and this can help them to ensure they have good digital wellbeing. 'It is essentially about having an awareness of how being online can make us feel and looking after ourselves and others when online. This can include recognising the impact being online can have on our emotions, mental wellbeing and even on our physical health and knowing what to do if something goes wrong' Child Net 2018

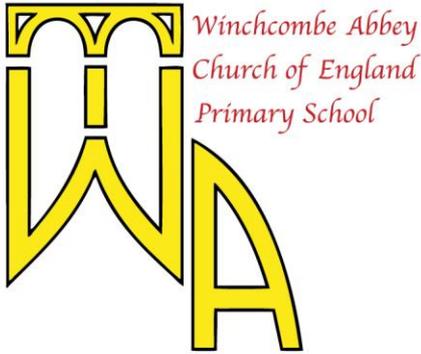
What can we do?

1. Talk about technology can make you feel. Sit down as a family talk about what apps they use and how they make them feel- if their general feeling towards that app is negative think about why and think about limiting their time on that app.



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2. Put technology to good use. Give them a purpose online- ask them to research a recipe, research for homework ect
3. Create and establish boundaries online- as a family create a set of guidelines for keeping the whole family safe online. Time limits are important to ensure children don't spend too much time on a screen.
4. Parental control and age restrictions- make sure you are aware of age restrictions- snapchat, instagram, Facebook, YouTube, whatsapp all have a 16+ age limit. Make use of parental controls on your devices such as your phone and tablet. A great website for age limits/ restrictions is <https://www.common sense media.org/>
5. Be supportive- keep talking to your child about their online health, what's worrying them? Make sure they feel valued and listened to and make sure they know who to go to for help.

The main thing is to ensure your child feels safe and happy online. Technology should be there to enhance their lives not to make them anxious, worried or upset. If you need any support or have any questions, please visit one of these websites:

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



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