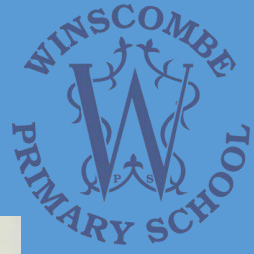


NEWSLETTER



ISSUE 1 – SEPTEMBER 2024



HEADTEACHERS WELCOME

Dear families,

Just like that ... we are back and in the swing of the autumn term and a new school year. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your children for a very friendly Winscombe welcome and to let you know how much I am looking forward to being a part of your school community.

The start of a new school year is an exciting time to think about goals for the year ahead and since last Thursday, pupils have enjoyed a range of activities as part of 'Aspirations Week'. Our chosen text, 'The Most Magnificent Thing,' has shown children the importance of not giving up and has helped them to understand the value of learning from mistakes. Each class has risen to the challenge of designing their own 'most magnificent things' and from puppets, in Oak Class, to rollercoasters, in Sycamore Class, our learning powers have been put to the test as children have been *curious* to create and *reflective* about how best to achieve their intended designs.

This week, Mrs Humphrey led a Computing day. We were inspired by a visit from Geoffroy Givry who has a wealth of experience in visual effects in the film industry. He impressed us with his CGI work, but also shared an important message with the children: that curiosity, communication and collaboration are all essential to getting a job done well.

The children then tried out some computer programming of their own with the school's BBC Micro:bits. Yesterday, Mrs Booth organised a Science day and each class was treated with a visit to the science dome, where they experienced 3D lessons about the Earth, its inhabitants, space and beyond. Another opportunity to enjoy being curious!

We finish Aspirations Week by thinking about the future and it has been super to hear the children talking about what they would like to be when they grow up. From footballers to vets and film-makers to chefs, dressing up has been a great way to remind us all of the importance of having a dream and working hard to achieve our goals - whatever they may be.

I am sure you will agree that it has been a 'most magnificent' start to the term. As the year unfolds, the children will continue to use their learning powers to help them succeed and I am very pleased to join such a caring team who are working hard to support your children in reaching their full potential.

Kind regards
Mrs Paula Baker
Head of School

REMINDERS

Please make sure you label ALL items of clothing for your child!

Just a polite reminder the car park is for staff and permit holder only.

HAVE A LOVELY WEEKEND

CALENDAR DATES

- 19.09.2024 Bikeability Y5 group 2
- 20.09.2024 Bikeability Y4 group 2 am Y5 group 2 pm
- 16.09.2024 PTFA meeting 7.30pm at the Woody
- 20.09.2024 Y4 first swimming session
- 27.09.2024 Y4 Egyptology Day
- 30.09.2024 Parents meeting re: Y6/ Sycamore Class Residential trip to Hooke Court 3.30pm
- 10.10.2024 Join us for Hello Yellow for World Mental Health Day
- 11.10.2024 Poetry performance to parents KS2 am, KS1 pm (details to follow)
- 16.10.2024 – 18.10.2024 Sycamore Class/Y6 Residential to Hooke Court
- 21.10.2024 PTFA meeting 7.30pm at the Woody
- 22.10.2024 Parents' Evening
- 24.10.2024 Parents' Evening
- 18.11.2024 PTFA meeting 7.30pm at the Woody

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CONGRATULATIONS

A huge congratulation to our ECO Warriors. Through all their hard work the school has now been awarded the ECO Green flag.



A promotional poster for 'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS'. The background is green. At the top, the text 'INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS' is written in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below this, it says 'Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate ££s to schools.' In the center, there is a smartphone displaying the Asda Rewards app interface, with a QR code and the text 'Only with ASDA Rewards' and 'Download and opt-in today'. To the right of the phone is a document titled 'HERE'S HOW' with three numbered steps: 1. Download the Asda Rewards app & sign up today; 2. Opt-in to Cashpot for Schools and follow the steps in your app; 3. Shop, scan and we donate. The 'With Parentkind' logo is at the bottom left. Small text at the bottom provides terms and conditions.

Parentkind – the charity that supports school - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

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Join us for
Hello Yellow
10 October
Wear it loud. Wear it proud.
M&S | YOUNGMINDS



FOR CHILDREN AGED 7-15
(or younger with their adult)

PUPPET MAKING **DRAWING**
ILLUSTRATION **SCULPTURE**
ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS
PAINTING **COSTUME MAKING**



THURSDAY Arts Club runs on the following dates/times:
Thursday 12th September 3.30-5pm
Thursday 19th September 3.30-5pm
Thursday 26th September 3.30-5pm
Thursday 3rd October 3.30-5pm
Thursday 10th October 3.30-5pm
Thursday 17th October 3.30-5pm
Thursday 24th October 3.30-5pm

Where is it taking place? The Scout Hut, The Lynch, Winscombe. This term is 7 weeks long so the term fees are £70. Low /No wage/Sibling discount on request.

Who are we? Arts Club is run by Alice Cunningham and Tomasin Cuthbert, two winscombe based artists, who are also Mums. Between us we hold over 40 years of experience as professional artists with socially inclusive practices, and have a wealth of skills to draw upon.

Limited places, so contact soapsouptheatrecompany@gmail.com or alice@alicecunningham.co.uk to sign up asap.



WINSCOMBE'S BAKE OFF
SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Entry to the show is FREE
Entry to baking classes is 50p each

At the 'Not the Village Show'
Classes for kids (4 age categories) and adults.

Bake Off entries will be received at the Community Centre 9-10AM
All entries and winner's rosettes will be viewable at the 'Not the Village Show' 12-4PM
For more information call: 07811 292909

Full list of classes and details for entrants here



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Is Back!!

Bring Mum and/or Dad and come and join us!

Saturday September 21st 2.30-4pm

at our Church Centre, Woodborough Road, Winscombe

To celebrate the season of Harvest, and all the good things our Father God gives us.There'll be

- crafts and games
- Songs
- Bible story told with pictures
- Drinks and Snacks

Our activities are geared to families with KS1 & KS2 children, but others outside this age group are also very welcome.

More information?... <https://winsandchurches.org.uk/messy-church/>

Or find us on Facebook : search for Winsand Churches Messy Church



Kindness • Curiosity • Determination
www.churchill-academy.org

Open Evening - Wednesday 25th September

We invite you to our Open Evening, where you can tour the site, hear a presentation from the Headteacher and speak to staff members about subjects, the transition from primary school to the Academy, and ask any other questions you may have.

Follow the link or scan the QR code below for event details and ticket booking:
<https://churchill-academy-openevening.eventbrite.co.uk>



Open Mornings

We are also holding **Open Mornings on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd October from 9 am - 12 pm** for anyone who would like to see how the Academy operates during a normal school day. For details about the Open Morning and to book tickets, scan the QR code below or visit the below website:
<https://churchillacademy-openmornings.eventbrite.co.uk>



Are you interested in singing,
acting and dancing?

Why not join...

**Winscombe Youth
Theatre**

Weekly classes
for children
aged between 4-
18 at Churchill
Academy.

Contact WYT via
email:
stagepost@hotmail.co.uk
Or visit our
website for a
taster session.

www.winscombeyouththeatre.com

Why not
check out
our pages on
socials?

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Students are
taught lessons
in drama,
singing and
dance by fully
qualified and
experienced
enhanced DBS
checked
teachers.



What we do:

- ☆ Roleplay
- ☆ Drama games
- ☆ Improvisation
- ☆ Scripted work
- ☆ Characterisation
- ☆ A range of dance styles
- ☆ Mime and movement
- ☆ Singing
- ☆ Voice production



At WYT students will:

- ☆ Develop confidence
- ☆ Work as a team
- ☆ Learn performance skills
- ☆ Develop communication skills
- ☆ Take part in full-scale productions
- ☆ Enter LAMDA exams in acting and verse and prose
- ☆ Have fun
- ☆ Make life-long friends



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