



A message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first few weeks of term have proven to be a very positive start for Windlesham School. Already we have begun to assert ourselves on the fixtures circuit. Our vast selection of clubs are well attended and our music provision has been extended significantly with the addition of new highly talented musicians. However, my favourite development is without doubt the adjustment to the timetable, which allows upper school and lower school to mix together for brief periods during the day.

I have been very impressed with the nurturing instincts this has drawn out in our older pupils and inversely with the confidence this seems to give younger pupils. As a family school, establishing these relationships which link pupils and staff across ages and subjects is crucial and I am delighted that children have responded so well to the opportunity.

Best wishes,



Music at Windlesham

During the last two weeks we have been treated to some fabulous musical assemblies. The children have really enjoyed demonstrations on the violin and viola (Miss Bates), flute (Mr Smith), trumpet and cornet (Mr Moore), and oboe (Mrs Gallant, Eli and Jakob). The children have asked many questions to the music teachers and some are already having trial lessons. Any child in years 3 to 6 interested in starting to learn one of these instruments should request a form so that a trial lesson can be arranged for them. We are looking forward to having a really thriving music department with even more instruments on offer in the future.

Reporter: Mrs Gallant



Miss Bates



Mr Smith



Mr Moore

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 28th September

We would like to invite all parents, carers and friends to our coffee morning, this Friday, in the school hall from 8.30 - 9.30. It is an ideal time for parents and carers, old and new, to meet each other, as well as to support a worthwhile cause. Donations of cakes on the day would be greatly appreciated. Please remember that we are a nut-free school. Any surplus cakes will be sold at the end of the day. Thank you in advance.

Reporter: Ms Groves

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General news



Congratulations to Mrs Lilley!

Congratulations to both Mr and Mrs Lilley! Our year 2L class teacher, now known as Mrs Lilley (formerly known as Miss Kennedy!), got married during the summer holiday.

We wish them all the very best in their future together.



Thank you Willow

We would like to say a huge thank you to Willow in year 3. She and her mum approached me and handed me a bag of money, which included a £50 note. During the summer, Willow, and her older brother Noah, an ex-Windlesham pupil, decided to raise money for the Little Princess Trust (again!). The charity provides wigs for children who have lost their hair from a cancer-related illness. Willow and Noah made lemonade and cookies and sold them outside Willow's grandparents' house in Bournemouth. The final total came to £100 which I am forwarding to the charity. What a lovely and encouraging start to the term. Thank you Willow and Noah.

Reporter: Ms Groves



A balanced healthy lunchbox

Please remember we are a nut-free school when preparing lunchboxes. It is important to check labels as many products may contain a trace of nuts.

Thank you for your help in this matter. Please do not include any sweets in your child's lunchbox. A balanced, healthy lunchbox is really important.

Also, please could we ask all parents and carers to check the Portal to ensure you have informed us about any allergies your child might have.



General news

Homework teething problems

As you are all aware, the arrangements for homework in years 1 to 6 have changed this year. The new homework model aims to cater to specific academic needs, interests and learning styles. However, as with any change, there are teething problems. It is hard to foresee, when designing a new model, all the difficulties children may experience or what administrative challenges they may encounter. Please rest assured that we are aiming to resolve any glitches as soon as possible. In the meantime, I thank you for your patience and feedback. Mr Ingrassia

Library news

Our most recent donations to the 'Books for Ghana' project have helped to provide reading centres in three villages: Bolgantanga, Tamale and Bosomadwe. The children in these rural villages were absolutely delighted to open the boxes and stack the shelves before settling down to read. The organisers and volunteers sent us these pictures and I think you'll agree that the children's smiles speak volumes.

Please send in any books you no longer need. Windlesham children will help to sort through them and either use the books to stock our library, or send them on the next shipment to Ghana.

A broader update on our collaboration with the registered charity, Reading Spots, is that there are now 17 community-led projects in Ghana; hosting vacation reading clinics, health walks and drama clubs, all run by local volunteers committed to improving educational opportunities for those in their community.

Our children always look forward to boxing up the books, writing messages for the Ghanaian children to read and are proud to be actively engaged in such a worthwhile enterprise. Thank you for all your book donations and support.

Reporter: Miss Thompsett



Reception buddies

This week, the reception children met their year 6 buddies. They enjoyed the opportunity to introduce themselves to each other and shared lots of stories together.

Reporter: Miss Jarman



Topics of Interest

WOW Day, year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic start to their Anglo-Saxons and Vikings topic on our WOW Day. The children made a huge effort with their costumes as you can see from the photo. They enjoyed cooking baked apples and feasting on some delicious Anglo Saxon kale soup! We discussed how the Anglo-Saxons cooked and where their food came from.

Many of us also shared facts about everyday life in Anglo-Saxon times which we had found out about for homework.

Reporter: Miss May



WOW Day, year 2

To launch our year 2 topic on Brighton and Hove we enjoyed dressing up and wearing something that represented our local area. Some children wore blue to represent the sea and others wore rainbow colours to support Brighton Pride. We shared some facts that we had researched for homework and located Brighton and Hove on a map of the UK. We even built our own i360! We definitely have some architects in the making and are very excited about the topic ahead.

Reporter: Mrs Lilley



Football, U11's Windlesham V Shoreham College

Wednesday 19th September

Windlesham U11 B team played in an exciting 2-2 draw at Shoreham College last week. It was an end to end match with plenty of goalmouth scrambles, goal-scoring opportunities and near misses.

Akim opened the scoring for Windlesham by following up a shot from Harry. Michael passed the ball intelligently in midfield whilst Billy and Stanley defended well. Jakob had an excellent game in goal but had no chance with Shoreham's two goals. It was an exciting finish. With less than one minute to go, Akim burst through to equalise! The last kick of the game was a brilliant long shot from Ted which narrowly went over the bar.

An excellent performance and a match played in a very sporting manner. Well done to all the players.

Reporter: Mr Lambert



Diary

Autumn 2018 Important dates

WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Maths Workshop for years 1 & 2 Parents and Carers: 8.30 - 9.30 (School Hall)

Netball: U11 v BHP, 14.45 (Away)

THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

Football: U9 v Lancing Hove, 14.00 (Away)

FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

Macmillan Coffee Morning: 8.45 - 9.30 (School Hall)

Netball: U10 v BHP, 15.30 (Away)

MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Flu vaccinations for reception to year 5: 9.00 (School Hall)

TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Upper School Trip Day
(booking via the Portal)

WEDNESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

Year 1 trip to Moshimo
(booking via the Portal)

Football: U11 v St Christopher's, 14.00 (Away)

THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Classroom Carousel Afternoon
Owlets, reception and year 1, 13.30 - 15.00
Years 3 to 6 Swimming Gala v BHP, 16.15 (Home)

TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Parents/ Carers Evening
(details to follow), 16.30 - 19.00

WEDNESDAY 10TH OCTOBER

Versatility Netball Match, years 5 and 6, 14.00 - 15.00

THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER

Parents/ Carers Evening
(details to follow), 16.30 - 19.00

TUESDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Parents/ Carers Evening
(details to follow), 16.30 - 19.00

Autumn 2018 Important dates cntnd

WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Football: U11 v Lancing Hove, 14.00 (Away)

Netball: U11 v Windlesham House, 14.15 (Away)

THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER

Netball: U9 v BHP, 15.45 (Away)

FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER

#BeMoreSnail Fundraising Day
All day

Last day of 1st half of autumn term

HALF TERM

MONDAY 22 OCT - FRIDAY 2ND NOV

MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

2nd half of autumn term begins

TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Years 4 to 6 Reasoning Workshop for Parents & Carers:
8.30 - 9.30 (School Hall)

WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

Netball year 6: U11 v Shoreham College, 14.15 (Away)

THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Nursery into reception presentation for Parents & Carers (coffee from 8.30), 8.45 - 9.45 (School Hall)

Years 3 to 6 Swimming Gala v Hurst: 17.00 (Away)

MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Anti-bullying week

TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Year 5 residential trip meeting for Parents & Carers, 16.00 (School Hall)

THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Football and Netball:
U9 v Shoreham College, 14.15 (Away)

FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

Children in Need Charity
(details to follow)

TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

Years 3 & 4 Maths Workshop for Parents & Carers: 8.30 - 9.30 (School Hall)

Autumn 2018 Important dates cntnd

THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Year 4 Assembly to Parents & Carers: 9.00 (School Hall)

Football and Netball

U9 v Lancing Worthing: 14.15 (Away)

WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Football: U11 v Lancing Hove, 14.00 (Away)

Netball: U11 v Moira House, 14.30 (Away)

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

FOW Christmas Fayre and non school uniform day

WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Football and Netball
U11 v Lancing Worthing: 14.30 (Away)

THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Owlets and reception nativity performance: 11.00 (School Hall)

Football: U9 v Lancing Hove, 14.00 (Away)

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER

FOW Upper School Disco:
school hall, (times TBC)

MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Lower School Crib Service rehearsal: 10.30 - 12.00 (years 1 & 2)

FOW Lower School Christmas Party
Reception to year 2: times TBC

TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Lower School Crib Service at St Luke's Church: 14.00 - 15.00

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Upper School Church Service rehearsal: 9.00 - 12.00

THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Upper School Church Service at St Luke's Church: 14.00 - 15.00

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Last Day of Autumn Term
Lunch time finish.

Friends of Windlesham

AGM & Quiz Night

On Tuesday last week, Windlesham School hosted another fantastic quiz night. Well done to the winning team 'Paternal Wisdom' who just managed to snatch glory from 'The Winners' after a nail-biting tie break.

Many thanks to Mr Freeborn, quiz master extraordinaire, for hosting the evening and to Mr and Mrs Mitchell for catering the event. A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and staff who came along and created such a fun evening. Look out for more quiz dates for next term. The challenge is on!



'Paternal Wisdom' - the winning team!



The runners up, 'The Winners' !!

Key dates

Please ensure the following dates are in your diary

THURSDAY 29 DECEMBER

Please bring in a bottle for the Christmas fayre

FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Christmas fayre and own clothes day

FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

Upper School Christmas Disco

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER

Lower School Christmas Party

Friends of Windlesham

How to get involved

Friends of Windlesham (FOW) are the entire parent body of Windlesham School.

Join the FOW Committee

The Committee meets a minimum of 6 times per year (once per half term). Being on the Committee requires an average of 2 hours per week of your time.

Be a year group rep

Year group representatives help FOW communicate with parents and carers of a specific year. They are involved in helping to design and plan activities for parents and carers of that year group.

Being a year group rep will require an average of 2 hours per month of your time.

Commit to plan a one-off event

All events and activities will be published at the beginning of the school year. Parents can then sign up to help plan and deliver specific activities as their time permits.

Volunteer at events

Every event and activity needs people to set up, run stalls and clear up afterwards. All help is welcome.

Volunteering at events requires an hour of your time for any specific event. Please contact chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk for more information and to get involved in any way that you can.

Please come and join the fun, meet other parents and help the Windlesham community



**Want to get involved or simply join in the fun?
Please email chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk**

Achievements

Merit Badges

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude
(as at Wednesday 26th September 2018):

Lower School

Nate, Elias, Arthur, Isabella, Louis and Idrees.

Upper School

Hugo, Jesse, Oscar, Alex A, Ollie D, Fiontan, Jakob, Raphael, Molly, Marina, Faris, Ollie H and Tilly.

The Prefects for this part of the term are as follows:

2L	Milo Ellie
2S	Idrees Oscar
3M	Ores Elise
3K	Genie Carlina Charlie
4C	Claudia Isaac D
4M	Marina Alex
5C	Maria Theo
5G	Scarlett Ollie



Facebook

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/WindleshamSchool which is regularly updated with news of the latest events and activities.

The School Councillors are as follows:

Year 5	Maria, Orla, Yasin and Scarlett
Year 4	Florence, James, Cameron and Isaac D
Year 3	Elliot, Summer, Willow and Subhan



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