

## A message from Mr Ingrassia

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can see from the main headline, the publication of this newsletter coincides with the end of Anti-bullying week, which this year was given the theme of 'Choose Respect'.



It therefore seems appropriate to reflect on an example of respect demonstrated this week. On seeing a teacher (not her own) arriving at school burdened by a heavy load of books, Fawn (year 3) immediately offered to carry as much as she could to the class for her. Just one of many wonderful examples of respect this week.

Best wishes,



## Anti-bullying week

Last week was National Anti-Bullying Week. At Windlesham School, we celebrated this year's themes of respect and diversity with our 'Fun Tie Day'. The children made a huge effort to reflect these themes on their ties and we saw a wonderful array of creative and fun ties to celebrate diversity. Throughout the week, the children took part in different activities to promote 'Choose Respect' and how to develop positive friendships.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the presentation on Monday morning. We hope this session was useful. For further support and advice about Anti-Bullying for parents and carers, we recommend the following website:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents>

Reporter: Miss May



## Head's blog

Our website now features a new section titled 'Headmaster's Blog', which can be found on the home page. This is a forum for me to discuss issues which may be topical. My first issue focuses on 'How to Choose the Best Prep School in Brighton' and is intended as a helpful guide for parents arriving to the area. If you have friends in the process of choosing a new school, please share it with them:

<https://www.windleshamschool.co.uk/how-to-choose-the-best-prep-school-in-brighton/>

## Preparing children for life



# Notices from the Head

## Uniform - a few gentle reminders

We have allowed a transition period of two years from the old to the new uniform, hoping that most children will have swapped over in the first year. However, we request that when you do swap to the new uniform you make it a complete change. Please do not mix items of old uniform with the new. If you were waiting on items from Sussex Uniforms, I am informed that they are all in.

In addition, if you purchased an elasticated tie and the elastic has stretched excessively, Sussex Uniforms are

able to swap the tie for a new version with a stronger elastic.

Also, please be reminded that children this term should be in winter uniform, which includes long trousers.

Lastly, please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day during the autumn and winter months so that they can enjoy being outside during their breaks.

## School developments

As you may remember, at our 70th Anniversary I first made mention of our new donations page. Windlesham School has been fortunate in the past and benefited repeatedly from the charitable spirit of many parents.

Our section of the website titled 'Support Us' describes the ways you can do this and the recognition you will receive in return: <https://www.windlesham.school.co.uk/information/donations/>

In addition, if you would like a donation to be directed to a specific project, by clicking [here](#) you will also see a few of the developments planned which will be of great benefit to the children. This link is also available on the Support Us page. If you are interested in making a donation and would like to explore your options further, including the potential to gift aid, please do not hesitate to come and see me.



## Windlesham family businesses

We would like to highlight to you the [Windlesham Family Businesses section](#) on the School website, in the About Us section. Here you can find links to a range of services offered by parents and carers. Do let us know if you would like to add your business.



## Car park, please?

The good news is that we are on track for the building works to begin in January, which is very exciting. As soon as we have more specific details we will share them.

The bad news is that the start of the building works signals the loss of approximately half our car park. For this reason we are asking local parents who have an unused parking spot at or close to their homes to let us know. We have many staff who would be extremely grateful for your help.

# Notices from the Head

## Fee payment fraud alert

Parents with children attending independent schools are being approached by emails which appear to have originated from the school. Payment instructions for school fees are provided, often offering discounts for prompt payment. The beneficiary accounts quoted direct the funds to accounts under the fraudster's control. Banks have seen emails received by parents sent from the correct school email address and quoting the child's name. It is possible that the school's email account has been hacked either driven by a password compromise or malware infection. In these circumstances, it is usually the parent making the payment who will be responsible for the loss. By the time the fraud is identified, in most instances, the funds will have been moved on and cannot be recovered. This has not happened at Windlesham to date, however please be vigilant and observe the following advice:

Other than the usual invoices from Windlesham, always verify an email payment request directly with the school, via myself on the school phone number 01273 553645

Be alert to unexpected fee requests

Do not attempt to verify the instruction by replying to the email or by making contact with a phone number included in the email

Be particularly vigilant when you are being asked to send payments to new or different bank accounts other than that normally used by the school

Check for inconsistencies and grammatical errors in emails, such as a misspelt school name or a slightly different

## Parking

Please continue to help park responsibly along Dyke Road and the surrounding areas when you pick-up and drop-off children. Please pay particular attention to parking restrictions on zig zag lines, disabled bays and the Fairways Estate. This is much appreciated by the school and by our neighbours.



## Online group chats

As we have just completed Anti-bullying week, it seems apt to offer some advice about online group chats among children. The skill of managing ones' self online takes maturity and confidence, particularly the skill of withdrawing yourself from conversations which make you uncomfortable. For these and many other reasons, we recommend that children at primary school age are restricted to chats with individuals and that when group chats first begin, parents and carers are included in the group. In the coming weeks we will be offering more helpful tips to keep your children safe in their cyberworld.

At Windlesham School, eSafety is an important part of the curriculum. It features in computing lessons and PSHE lessons.





# Topics of interest

## Year 1 bakers

To launch our new History topic about The Great Fire of London, year 1 tried their hands at being bakers and made their own bread rolls. They thought about what a bakery was like in 1666 and

what might have caused the fire to start. The children enjoyed eating their bread rolls and we were impressed with what good bakers they all were!

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery



## The Owlets go climbing

The Owlets have been enjoying using their new A frames and ladders to climb, balance, take risks and problem solve. Many thanks to The Friends of Windlesham for their contribution towards this fantastic new equipment.

Reporter: Mrs Older



## Charity update

I would like to welcome our new Charity Reps, Akim, Stan and Zach. They are extremely enthusiastic and are looking forward to fulfilling their roles.

At the end of the last half term, we held a #BeMoreSnail day which helped to raise our total for The Martlets Hospice. The Snail Trail has now ended and there will be further details about our total and 'Cooper', the snail, shortly.

Our Wacky Hair Day for Children in Need was great fun with many pupils and staff joining in. The money is still coming in so the final total is not yet available.

Finally, we have two dates booked to visit the residents in Oaklands Care Home. This link was successfully set up last year and both the residents and our Charity Reps gained a lot from it. We shall include more details about this week's visit in the next newsletter.

Reporter: Ms Groves



# Sport

## U11 Netball v Shoreham College

Wednesday 7th November

We were aware that the weather report predicted heavy rain but we nonetheless managed a swift start with two evenly matched teams. In the first quarter, both teams' defenses proved too adept at preventing opportunities to score. In the second quarter, Windlesham took the lead with a great goal and went on to enjoy more opportunities. In the third quarter, Shoreham took a goal to even up the score. We then took another one and just before the whistle, Shoreham evened it up again. With a two-all score, we entered the final quarter but torrential rain stopped play. We went in for an early tea and to dry off!

It was a great game with all players contributing well to the match. Well done to Katie, voted the player of the game by the opposition.

Reporter: Mrs Fox



## U11 Swimming gala v Hurst & Great Walstead

Thursday 8th November

Windlesham took a team of 16 swimmers to compete against Hurstpierpoint College and Great Walstead. This was an extremely competitive event with many talented swimmers taking part. Windlesham enjoyed some memorable victories and strong performances across each year group, emphasising the school's position as one of the leading swim teams in Sussex.

Reporter: Mr Freeborn



## U9 Football v Deepdene

Thursday 8th November

Windlesham took part in an U9 fixture against new opponents, Deepdene. The A team won an exciting match at Wish Park stadium by 5 goals to 2. The B team also performed magnificently, narrowly losing 3-1. Both teams played in excellent spirit and we are looking forward to a rematch in the future.

Reporter: Mr Freeborn





# Diary 2018-2019

## Important Autumn Dates

### **TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER**

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

### **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

### **MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

Beach Hut Christmas Carol Singing  
17.30 - 18.30

### **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  
Owlets 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

## School Term Dates 2018/2019

### Spring Term 2018

#### **Staff Inset day**

Monday 7th January

#### **Term starts**

Tuesday 8th January

#### **Staff Inset day**

Friday 15th February

#### **Half term holiday**

Monday 18th February –  
Friday 22nd February  
inclusive

#### **Term ends**

Friday 29th March

### Summer Term 2019

#### **Easter Monday**

Monday 22nd April  
(school closed)

#### **Staff Inset day**

Tuesday 23rd April

#### **Term starts**

Wednesday 24th April

#### **Bank Holiday**

Monday 6th May (school closed)

#### **Half term holiday**

Monday 27th May –  
Friday 31st May  
inclusive

#### **Term ends**

Friday 12th July



### Autumn Term 2019

#### **Staff Inset days**

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd  
September

#### **Term starts**

Wednesday 4th September

## FOW Christmas Fayre

### **Friday 30th November**

3.30 - 6.00 pm

Please remember to bring in chocolate for the tombola on  
Thursday 29th.



# Diary 2019 - 2020

## Term Dates 2019 - 2020

### AUTUMN TERM 2019

Staff Inset Days: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**Term Starts: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**Half Term Holiday: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November inclusive**

**Term Ends: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

### SPRING TERM 2020

Staff Inset Day: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Term Starts: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Staff Inset Day: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Half Term Holiday: Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February inclusive**

**Term Ends: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

### SUMMER TERM 2020

Staff Inset Day: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Term Starts: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Bank Holiday: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May (school closed)

**Half Term Holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May inclusive**

**Term Ends: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Friends of  
Windlesham

# Christmas Fayre

YEAR 1  
CHRISTMAS  
BAKE OFF

SANTA'S  
GROTTO

CHRISTMAS  
GIFT STALLS

RAFFLE  
**WIN**  
A NINTENDO  
SWITCH  
+2 GAMES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30  
3.30-6pm

CHRISTMAS CURRY... MULLED WINE BAR





# 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](mailto:chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk) for more information and to get involved in any way that you can.

## Key dates

Please ensure the following dates are in your diary:

### SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER

9.30 AM onwards. Wonder Project.

### THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Please bring in **chocolate** (not a bottle!) for the Christmas fayre. Thank you.

### FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Christmas fayre and own clothes day

### FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

Upper School Christmas Disco

### MONDAY 10 DECEMBER

Lower School Christmas Party

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](mailto:chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk)

# Achievements

## Merit Badges

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Friday 16th November 2018):

### Lower School

Ariana, Freddie and Oscar C.

### Upper School

Fawn, George C, Astri, Hugo B and Yasin.

## Owls Awards

Last week, the following children were congratulated for good work:

Summer, Elise, Nicolas, Hugo C, Subhan, Alex, Ava, William, Hugo B, Matilda H, Zoe, Sebastian, Scarlett, Rhea and Buckley.

**The Prefects for this half term will be announced in Friday's assembly.**

### 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



### Facebook

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



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