

A message from the Headmaster

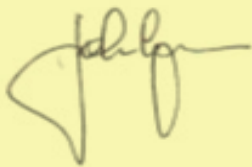
Dear Parents and Carers,

As we race through the term at lightning speed, I remind you all to please keep an eye on the calendar and on alerts from the School.

The possibility of missing an important detail or event is always annoying and with so many wonderful occasions to enjoy in the next four weeks, we want to make sure you don't miss anything.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Best wishes,



Anti-Bullying Week

We have had a fantastic start to Anti-Bullying Week. Windlesham has been following the theme 'Change Starts With Us'. Children have been thinking of changes that we can make to our community so that it is an even more happy and caring place.

We have talked about ways to deal with bullying and who the children can talk to when they feel concerned. Thank you to all the parents who attended the workshop on Monday led by Elizabeth O'Shea, '10 Ways to Bully Proof your Child.' The event was a huge success.

On Tuesday, children wore odd socks to school as a way to encourage them to express their uniqueness and individuality. Please talk to your children about what they have been learning at school as part of Anti-Bullying Week.

We will be taking part in some of the activities offered by The Anti-Bullying Alliance. More details can be found on their website:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/school-tools/primary-school-pack>

Reporter: Miss May



Windlesham Instagram account

We are very excited to share that the School has launched an Instagram account: @windleshamschool. This development will help to promote highlights and activities around the School. Please follow us and encourage your friends to do so as well.

Preparing children for life



General information

Learning Homework Grids

New Learning Homework Grids have been created for the second half of the Autumn Term for pupils in Years 1 to 6. Paper copies have been sent home with pupils and electronic copies are available on the school website on the Curriculum homepage: <https://www.windleshamschool.co.uk/curriculum/>

Learning Homework Grid deadlines for the remainder of this half term are Weeks 9, 10 and 11.

Reporter: Mrs Croucher

Parent presentations

A key ingredient to ensuring that each child progresses and is happy at School, is engaging parents with their education. To this end, we go to great efforts to offer parents presentations on key topics related to education and I am enormously grateful to those parents who attend these. However, I do urge those who haven't been able to in the past, to join us for future presentations. Although video recordings of these are made available whenever possible, the benefits of actually attending will always be greater.

Presentations currently available to view on our website, via the Information link, include:

- Start of Year Presentations
- Year 4 - 6 Reasoning
- Year 5 and 6 Maths Workshop
- Year 3 and 4 Maths workshop
- Year 1 and 2 Maths Workshop

<https://www.windleshamschool.co.uk/information/parent-information/>

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

Staff changes

There have been a couple of changes in recent weeks. The School has bid farewell to Mr Waller, our Site Manager, who has moved on to progress his career elsewhere. We thank Mr Waller for his contributions and wish him well. We are very pleased to welcome Mr Burrows in his place. Mr Burrows comes to us from Lancing College where he is presently a Site Manager and he joins us on Monday.

After many years of commitment and dedication, we also say goodbye to Ms Patching, who has taught Speech and Drama at Windlesham School to many students and inspired them to pursue their passion for drama. We are delighted to welcome Ms Britton to Windlesham School to take over the role. Ms Britton has worked in a variety of schools as a dance and drama teacher, including YMCA – Children's Centre, Crouch End, and the world famous Chickenshed Theatre company.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia



General information

Christmas Fayre 2019

We are extremely grateful to all the volunteers who give up their time to help the School. These include people who help with teas and coffees at presentations, who attend weekend working parties and who assist in delivering children's events. They make the experience for parents and for children a rich and welcoming one.

So, if you are able to assist the Friends of Windlesham at any time, either by supervising a stall or by giving a little time to set up a fayre for example, FOW would love to hear from you. Any assistance is greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Tasker via info@windleshamschool.co.uk. She would love to hear from you.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

Building update

As promised, I am pleased to provide an update detailing the work completed on the new build since my last entry. As you can see from the photo, it is starting to take shape. Works completed during the latest phase include:

- Reconnection of heating to 180
- Steel frame erection, lining and levelling
- Drainage works progressed
- The substructure of the walls

In the next phase, we will see the ground floor wall constructed, scaffolding raised and the slab laid.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia



Facebook & Instagram



For the latest news and photos don't forget to regularly check our Facebook page and to follow us on Instagram.

FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM PRESENT

QUIZ NIGHT



TO SUPPORT
ANTI-BULLYING
WEEK

**Friday 22,
November**

Doors 7:15 PM – Quiz starts at 8:00 PM
Good Companions, Dyke Road, Brighton

School Activities

Michelham trip

This week, Year 4 were treated to a visit to Michelham Priory to complement their study of The Tudors.

They took part in a dramatisation of Henry VIII and the fate of his six wives, this was a brilliant opportunity for the children to bring to life one of the most famous stories in English history. They also had a tour of a Tudor kitchen and were invited to take part in a realistic banquet!

After a well-earned break and lunch, the afternoon was spent learning to write using a quill and ink (not as easy as it looks) and making royal seals out of clay.

Reporter: Mrs Coego



Oaklands Nursing Home

Last Friday, the new Charity Reps; Ethan, Dylan and Orla, visited the residents at Oaklands Nursing Home.

They met Fiona who was looking after a pet therapy dog. She took the dog to visit her mother and the other residents. Everyone was petting the dog and the Reps were amazed at how happy this made the residents.

Once everyone was seated in the lounge, a really

interesting and informative discussion took place about Remembrance. The residents were happy to talk about their war memories, in particular rushing to the air-raid shelters and working with the evacuees. I was delighted to see the children engaging with the residents and I feel the Reps left with some lasting memories of how the war affected so many people and the lives of their loved ones.

Reporter: Ms Groves

U10 & U11 Football and Netball v Our Lady of Sion

U11 Football

There was another dominant display of football during the last week of the first half-term against Sion for the U10's and U11's. Brilliant teamwork and workrate resulted in two victories of 10-3 and 3-0.

Faris led the way with an incredible 5 goals, whilst Ethan and Henry scored 2 and Diego also scored. It was also a terrific defensive effort from the whole team and a strong goalkeeping performance from Theo. The win was largely down to great passing and movement, as well as effective communication.

Meanwhile, the other team was led brilliantly by Captain Ollie whose constant praise for his team mates was fantastic. Isaac was excellent in midfield, scoring twice and setting up Kai, who finished each set play in a very calm and cool manner. It is also worth noting the commanding defensive performance from Maurin and James who claimed a clean sheet with a string of good saves.

It was a fantastic first half term of football and it is so good to see the improvement in teamwork and positioning of all players.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

U11 Netball

On the netball front, the U11 team made a strong start. Some superb defending from Windlesham saw us take an early 3-2 lead. The second quarter saw some fluid play from our team with another 5 goals from 5 centre passes. The third quarter saw Sion pull 2 goals back but our defence closed down further attacks allowing the centre court players to push the ball up towards our goal. Final quarter, both teams adjusted positions and it was very close from one end to another.

Final score: 16-7 to Windlesham. Players of the game as nominated by the Sion team; Scarlett, Lola and Rhea.

Reporter: Mrs Fox

U10 Netball

The U10 team also travelled to Our Lady of Sion where they had a very competitive match. In the first quarter, Mathilda scored 2 goals, giving us a clear lead, in the second quarter the opposition scored 2 goals and Windlesham scored a further 3, 2 by Mathilda and 1 by Claudia. After half time, Windlesham defended well in order to hold onto their lead and Florence and Molly scored a goal each resulting in a final score of 8-2 to Windlesham.

Players of the match chosen by the opposition: Molly and Penny.

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper

Swimming Gala v Hurst, Years 3 to 6

Last week, Windlesham displayed a fantastic effort at Hurst. Highlights of the day included Penny winning the Year 5 backstroke race, Molly winning the Year 5 breaststroke and Polly winning the Year 6 butterfly. Albert, Alaska and Isaac came second in their races showing brilliant determination and stamina. Everyone showed excellent commitment to all their individual and team races and I look forward to the next Swimming Gala against Towers on Thursday 21st November.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

Sporting opportunity!

This half-term, we have two more sessions of free touch and contact rugby on Tuesday 19th and 26th November, from 3:55 pm - 4:25 pm. Look out for this club starting again after Christmas.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



Term dates

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Staff Inset Days:	Monday 2 nd September & Tuesday 3 rd September
Term Starts:	Wednesday 4th September
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November inclusive
Term Ends:	Friday 13th December

SPRING TERM 2020

Staff Inset Day:	Monday 6 th January
Term Starts:	Tuesday 7th January
Staff Inset Day:	Friday 14 th February
Half Term Holiday:	Monday, 17th February – Friday, 21st February inclusive
Term Ends:	Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM 2020

Staff Inset Day:	Monday 20 th April
Term Starts:	Tuesday 21st April
Bank Holiday:	Friday 8 th May (<i>changed from Monday 4th May</i>) (school closed)
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May inclusive
Term Ends:	Friday 10th July

Friends of Windlesham



From left to right:
Mary Middleton, Terry Thomson-Jones (Treasurer),
Claire Colquhoun, Kate Parker (Secretary), Jenny Tasker (Chair)
and Marci Pegg.

Meet the new Friends of Windlesham team

We're here to help foster a real sense of community at Windlesham and raise money for the School's enrichment programmes. We help fund the little extras such as inviting our visitor Elizabeth O'Shea from Parent4Success to come to school during Anti-Bullying week.

Next on the calendar, we have our pub quiz on Friday 22nd November at The Good Companions. Do you fancy yourself as a quiz whizz? Then it's time to get your team

together. We're after groups of 4-6 people to team up and do battle with the teachers.

Finally, Christmas is coming! So do make sure that Friday 29th November is in your diary for the Christmas Fayre. We hope that each year group will have their own stall and as many parents as possible are able to help out. Maybe you'd like to run the teddy tombola or bake a cake? Perhaps the mulled wine stall is more your speed? However you'd like to be involved, we would be so grateful for your help. Speak to your FOW class rep to get the ball rolling.

Jenny, FOW Chair

Noticeboard

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Pub Quiz for parents, carers and staff
19.45 at The Good Companions

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Christmas Fayre
15.30 - 17.30

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Upper School Christmas Disco
18.00 - 19.30

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Lower School Christmas parties



As you can see, the Lower School loved their Halloween Disco. Thank you to all the decorators, bakers, make-up artists and chaperones who made sure the children had a brilliant time.

Achievements

Merit Badges

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude

(as at 15 November 2019):

Georgie, Matthew, Jackson, Primrose, Khadeeja, Bonnie, Matilda, Buckley and Kai Jing.

Owls Awards

Matilda, Archer, Nathaniel, Oscar, Eya, Kareem, Jonty, Becky, Milo, Fredrik, Bobby, Ellie, Arabella, Jayden, Joel, George C, Fawn, Nicolas, Khadeeja, Fadri, Rosa, Ava, Matilda, Penny, Molly, Finn, Isaac G, Ethan, Henry, Faris, Buckley, Maria, Alaska, Theo E, Orla, Seb, Scarlett R, Gus, Florence, Georgie, Griffin, Reid and Ivan.

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

2S Jonty
Katie

3M Josh
Teddy

3D Hugo
Elisa

4C Genie
Zack

4M Isabella
Alex

5C Gus
Ruby

5G Ava
Max