

A message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

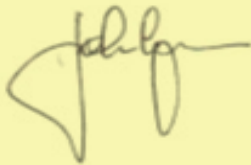
In September 2018, we announced our intention to change the Windlesham School uniform.

We explained that beginning from the next academic year, parents would have two entire years to transition to the new uniform.

It is therefore with tremendous pleasure that I am able to announce that we have achieved 100% transition with over half a year to spare.

Thank you for supporting this change as well as many others which have taken place.

Best wishes,



New House Points system

This term we have rejuvenated the House Point System. You may have noticed in the children's planners and reading record books (Years 1 to 6), they now have a record sheet tied into our 5 school values to record acquired points. When a child is awarded a House Point the member of staff will stamp, date and initial the House Point to allow for a quick weekly collation.

We hope to incentivise the pupils with a tiered system of certificates and with each certificate, pupils will also gain a golden ticket which will be entered into a termly draw.

Bronze (15 points)
Silver (30 points)
Gold (45 points)
Platinum (60 points)
Diamond (75 points)



GOLDEN TICKET

We are in the process of gathering pupil opinion about what they would like to receive should they win the termly draw. We also welcome any parental views to be sent to info@windleshamschool.co.uk

Finally, when pupils gain any of the top three certificates over the term we shall send a postcard home to share with you their achievement in school. So start looking out for those certificates and postcards!

Reporter: Mrs Fox

Secondary Headteacher podcasts

We are pleased to share that to date we have completed 4 podcasts with secondary school Heads. They can be viewed on our website: <https://www.windleshamschool.co.uk/information/parent-information/secondary-school-headteacher-podcasts/>

As a genuinely independent school, we always try to help parents to find the right secondary school for their children. The aim of these podcasts is to offer parents an insight directly from the Headteacher which might inform your judgement. We hope you find these helpful.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

Preparing children for life



General information

Curriculum summaries

Curriculum summaries for the Spring Term are now available on the school website detailing the key topics and areas of learning for each year group. Please click on the links below:

Lower School Curriculum Summaries

<https://www.windleshamschool.co.uk/curriculum/lower-school/>

Upper School Curriculum Summaries

<https://www.windleshamschool.co.uk/curriculum/upper-school/>

Your child's Spring Term homework learning grid can also be accessed on the school website on the curriculum pages.

Reporter: Mrs Croucher

Homework club

This term we are offering homework drop-in sessions for those wanting some guidance on particular pieces of homework. The children can just take their work along. There is no need to book!

For Years 5 and 6

Mrs Croucher is offering English based sessions every Tuesday, 1.30 - 2.00pm.

Ms O'Dowd is running Maths sessions also on Tuesday during first lunch break, 12.35 - 1.05pm.

For Years 3 and 4

Mrs Mack will offer a general homework session for Years 3 and 4 on Friday during first lunch break.

The Years 7 and 8 proposal

Thank you to all the parents and carers who participated in our survey and offered their views. These have been enormously helpful in understanding your general position and concerns.

As the overall response was very positive, we will now

begin to investigate in detail what the provision of Year 7 and 8 at Windlesham School could look like. Parents and carers will then be invited to a presentation in which this vision will be shared. I anticipate this presentation will take place either at the late end of this academic year or early in the next one.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

A good start to the day

It is important to try and give children the best possible start to every day of learning. However, we have noticed that in recent weeks a greater number of children have not been in school for the start of their lessons. This means that they regularly miss out on the explanation of their first lesson, or important messages shared in class or assembly.

Their class teachers and form tutors must then find time in the day to try and 'catch up' which is not always manageable. Late arrivals also create a disruption to other children's learning.

Can I please gently request that if you have allowed your school arrival time to slip, you make a concerted effort to be here before the school gate closes at 8:50. This is much appreciated.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

General information

Social media

Although the benefits of social media are often celebrated, and rightly so, I am also mindful that users who are just beginning to experiment with it, often in Years 5 and 6, are unlikely to be aware of the many pitfalls.

When children first begin to participate in chat groups, they generally do not have the skills to regulate their tone, to withdraw from uncomfortable conversations, to remove themselves from unpleasantness and to stand up to wrongs expressed by their peers.

These common errors of judgement can have quite damaging consequences on the confidence of participants, on their friendship groups and their mental health.

For this reason I would strongly recommend to any parents who allow their children to participate in chat groups - please regularly monitor your children's devices.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia



New from February - The WS Parents' Forum

Beginning next week, I will be inviting parents to contribute once every term, to The Windlesham School Parents' Forum. The WS Parents' Forum is an opportunity for parents to offer feedback or ask questions on any aspect of the school. Questions should not be specific to a particular event or situation related to your child. They are intended to lead to reflection and consultation on school systems, routines or policies. Comments may also be invited regarding a particular initiative which may have been introduced.

Specific questions about your child should be directed to the class teacher/form tutor in the first instance, or to me through Mrs Blaylock.

Each round of Parents' Forum, normally at the beginning

of a term, will be raised with Mrs Tasker-Hill, the Chair of FOW. One of the functions of FOW is to facilitate a link between parents and the school. Mrs Tasker-Hill will then instruct the class reps who will notify you by email inviting you to respond to them by email.

Mrs Tasker-Hill will collate all the questions and in many cases will be able to answer these directly. If not, questions will be passed on to me. I will then return responses to Mrs Tasker-Hill as promptly as I can manage. If you wish your identity to remain anonymous, please let your class rep know.

At Windlesham School we encourage strong communication between school and home, The Parents' Forum will permit this to happen through a more formal channel.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

Message to Nursery and Reception parents

Please could the parents of Reception and Nursery children return any spare Windlesham clothes that have been borrowed. We like to have plenty of spares available should they suddenly be needed for the children.

Reporter: Mrs Derby

School Activities

Year 3 WOW day

Year 3 had a fantastic start to their new topic; Vikings and Anglo Saxons. Children took part in three exciting activities; preparing sweet bread and baked stuffed apple, creating dreamcatchers decorated in old Norse runes and making helmets.

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper



Year 1 WOW day

On Friday 10th January, Year 1 started their Toys topic with a fun-filled WOW day. We began the day looking at toys from the past and how they were similar and different from toys we play with today. Next, we began team challenges, creating different items with building blocks,

from a castle for a fairy princess and rockets for exploring space, to a table and chairs for a teddy tea party. The children's imaginations were in full flow! The highlight of the day was several competitive games of Human Hungry Hippos, using skateboards and baskets. What a super start to this term's learning!

Reporter: Mrs Mack



School Activities

Reception's Bear Hunt

In Reception, our current topic is called 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We have been discussing the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, so we had to make some porridge! Children followed the cooking instructions brilliantly and enjoyed their finished product.

Reporter: Miss Jarman



Visit to Oaklands Nursing Home

Last week, Dylan and Finn visited Oaklands Care Home where they participated in a few games of skittles with the residents. They were kept busy retrieving the balls, setting up the skittles and cheering everyone on. They then had a quick game themselves watched by the residents who declared them to be very nice and sweet boys! Murray, one of the elderly gentlemen, was the overall winner and was presented with his prize of a box of chocolates. Yesterday was declared the best visit so far by the Charity Reps, which was probably due to the game of skittles.



Reporter: Ms Groves

Australian Bush Fire Appeal

Thank you for supporting this Appeal on Thursday. Children enjoyed dressing up and when collated, your generous donations will be sent to the Australian Bushfire Appeal run by the world Wildlife Fund: <https://support.wwf.org.uk/>



Big Swim Challenge

Together we have conquered the Channel!

I am very pleased to announce that our pupils (and a handful of the teachers) have reached and surpassed the length of the English Channel. They have now swum over 33 300m in our swimming pool - a magnificent achievement.

The Big Swim Challenge raises funds for a fantastic charity called Level Water. Level Water provides one-to-one swimming lessons for disabled children who would not have the chance to swim without their support. All the money we raise as a school from your generous donations and sponsorship will fund swim lessons for disabled children.

Any money that has been raised by your child needs to be put in an envelope and brought to me asap. Any donation, big or small, is hugely appreciated.

For more information about Level Water, please visit their website: <https://www.levelwater.org/>

I will give further updates on the total lengths swum and money raised. In the meantime, please feel free to ask me any questions.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



U8 & U9 Netball v Shoreham

Years 3 and 4 played a couple of training matches earlier this month, hosted by Shoreham College. It was a great opportunity to put into practice some of those skills and drills we've been practising in lessons.

Both teams worked really well. The U9 team, captained by Rosa, had some very tall girls to manoeuvre around and the girls worked hard to create space. They progressed throughout each quarter, moving positions to give a

variety of opportunities. Shoreham's team voted Summer the player of the match in this game.

In the U8 & U9 game, captained by Genie, the game was very close. Emily scored the only goal for us and a big cheer went up for her efforts! Primrose was nominated player of the game for all her jumping which was much needed to intercept the ball.

Well done to all the girls, they really worked hard throughout the game. Even match teas didn't refuel them as several slept during the journey home!

Reporter: Mrs Fox



U10 & U11 Football v Lancing Worthing

The U10s and U11s started the new year with a fantastic performance against Lancing Worthing. The U10s won 7-1 with Kai and Isaac both grabbing two goals each, whilst Max scored a brilliant hat-trick. Gussee and Jem were both relentless in defence and midfield, playing with great confidence and determination throughout. Jamie also made superb saves in goal ensuring the opposition

did not threaten to make a comeback.

Meanwhile, the U11s put in an equally impressive performance, winning 7-2. Some fantastic individual play and great teamwork led to Ethan scoring 5 goals and Faris scoring 2. An honourable mention to Henry who pulled off a triple save to keep the advantage over the opponent early in the second half.

Both games were brilliant to watch so a big well done to everyone involved.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



U8 & U9 Football v Lancing Worthing

The U8s and U9s produced a dominant display against Lancing Worthing.

A brilliant team performance by the U8s secured a 4-1 victory with goals from Freddie (2), Joshi and Arthur. What was most pleasing was the improved passing and positioning on the pitch, highlighting the development of all the players in the team this academic year.

Similarly, the U9s played some fantastic football which ensured a 3-1 win. Elliot (2) and Jesse both scored great goals but it was the determination and workrate from everyone in the team that made sure we came home with the victory.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

Term dates

School Term Dates 2019/20

Spring Term 2020

Staff Inset day

Monday 6th January

Term starts

Tuesday 7th January

Staff Inset day

Friday 14th February

Half term holiday

Monday 17th February –
Friday 21st February inclusive

Term ends

Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2020

Staff Inset day

Monday 20th April

Term starts

Tuesday 21st April

Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May (school closed)

Half term holiday

Monday 25th May –
Friday 29th May inclusive
inclusive

Term ends

Friday 10th July

Autumn Term 2020

Staff Inset days

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd
September

Term starts

Thursday 3rd September

Please note additional events have been added to the School Calendar

TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

Year 3 trip to Montefiore Hospital (letter to follow)

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

Year 2 trip to the Sealife Centre (letter to follow)

MONDAY 16TH MARCH

Year 6 trip to Stanmer Organics and Earthship Brighton
(letter to follow)

MONDAY 16TH MARCH

Years 3 to 6, swimming gala with Brighton Girls, 15.30
(letter to follow)

Please ensure these new and exciting events are in your diary.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

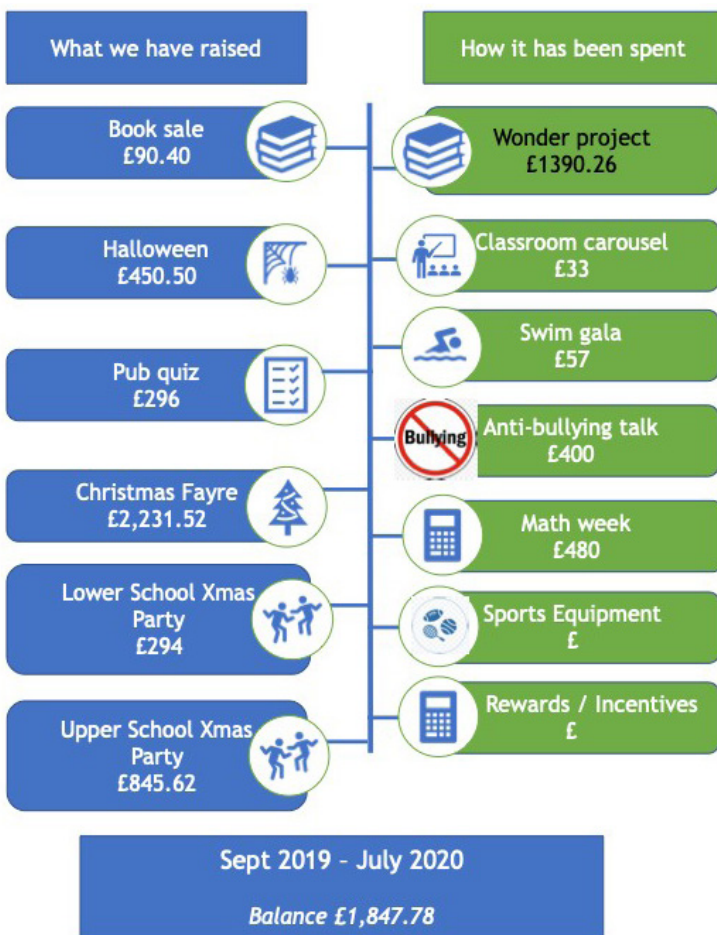
World Book Day 2020 will be celebrated on Thursday 5th March. We have lots of exciting activities and competitions planned for the day and there will be prizes for the most creative and original costumes inspired by favourite books and literary characters. We can't wait to see what the children come up with!

Friends of Windlesham

A big thank you

Thank you to everyone for your support last term. We had a packed calendar of events and the new volunteers learnt a lot very quickly!

FOW is here to build a community of parents and carers and to raise money for the small extras we would like to give the school. We hope the pub quiz helped parents get to know each other a little better and are delighted to say that we raised a healthy pot of money too.



Join in the fun!

FOW meets once a month in a local pub, at 8pm, to discuss fundraising priorities, ideas and events. If you'd like to join the committee, Jenny would love to hear from you. Please do get in touch by emailing chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk

Noticeboard

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

Valentine's Movie Night
16.00 in the School Hall

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

Mother's Day Cake & Book Sale

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

Easter Egg Hunt

Following your feedback, we have streamlined our events calendar for the Spring term. The funds raised will go towards buying Windlesham branded banners and gazebos for sports events as well as a set of trophies and prizes for pupil competitions.

In February, FOW would like to treat the children to a Valentine's Movie Night. We shall screen Toy Story 4 in the School Hall at 4pm on Wednesday 12th. There is no charge but there will be a tuck shop available for parents and carers to buy movie snacks for the children. There will also be a bar area for parents and carers to relax in. We look forward to seeing you there!



Achievements

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at 30th January 2020):

Merit Badges

Zak Y-R, Theo T, Marley, Milo, Zachary A, Fawn, Ben Sun, Joshua A, Sophia C, Albert, Jack and George C.

Owls Awards

Kai Jing, Summer, Elise, Primrose, Elliot, Albert, Jesse, Scarlett C, Joshi, Sophia C, Anna, Daniel, Hugo V, Bobby, Emilio, Anastasia, James, Matilda H, Joshua A, Molly, Heidi, Jack, Georgie, Astri, Delilah, Summer G, Rachel, Scarlett R-T, Maria, Isabella F, Khadeeja, Alex H-T, Ollie D, Solon, Faris, Dylan Q, Oscar C, Joshi L, Teddy, Louis, Stratos and Elias.

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

2S Kareem
Florence

3M Ellie
Oscar

3D Louis
Hugo

4C Subhan
Joel

4M Elliott
Khadeeja

5C Hugo
Bonnie

5G Joshua
Ava

Kidz Klub

The Church of the Good Shepherd is introducing an outreach programme for children, called Kidz Klub. Described as a mix of faith and fun, and aimed at children between the ages of 7 and 11, the programme offers a mix of sports, quizzes, art and craft, competitions and drama. For more information, contact Paul at The Church of the Good Shepherd on 07540 270994.

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For more info contact Paul on 07540-270994.

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