



Headteachers News – Autumn Week 6

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Monday — the second-to-last one before we break up for half term! It's hard to believe we're already almost halfway through the first term of the year. As I sit to write this update, I've been reflecting on how busy and positive the past couple of weeks have been — our school really has been a hive of learning and activity.

Last week we began our celebrations for Black History Month, and I'm really excited about the plans ahead. Although October is a shorter school month because of the half-term break, we still have three weeks to explore this important theme. A huge thank you to the Friends of Windlesham for funding Black History workshops for every class — the children produced some fantastic work and really brought the topic to life. It's also been wonderful to see striking artwork already emerging in classrooms. I can't wait to see how everything comes together for our final showcase later this month — it promises to be creative, thought-provoking, and technically impressive.

Reception and Owlets were thrilled to meet a real dentist last Friday, following Reception's week of learning about oral health. This week, Owlets will continue exploring this vital topic. Teaching children the importance of good oral hygiene — and how to brush their teeth effectively — is so valuable at this stage. They've done brilliantly, and I'm sure they'll all have dazzling smiles as they grow!

You may have heard in the news about a recent cyber attack on a local nursery. It was a real shock and understandably worrying for the school involved. Sadly, cybercrime is an increasing issue that affects many sectors, including education. I want to reassure you that at Windlesham, we take this very seriously. Our staff are trained to protect themselves and our systems, and we regularly review our procedures to minimise risks. While we have never been targeted, I know of a couple of schools that have experienced this in recent years. We will continue to train our team, work closely with external experts, and do everything we can to safeguard our data and community.

On a lighter note, it was wonderful to join so many families for the Autumn Stroll at Stanmer Park last weekend. Despite the unpredictable weather, it was a lovely afternoon filled with laughter and energy. The children had a fantastic time exploring and playing together, and Bailey — my Golden Retriever — certainly enjoyed himself too! He was completely worn out and didn't move from the sofa for nearly two days afterwards. I'm already looking forward to our next event next term.



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Speaking of Friends of Windlesham (FOW) events, we have our Movie Night coming up this Friday. In an exciting first, the café at Dyke Park will stay open so we can host a special Parents' Night alongside. Once you've dropped off your children for the film, you're warmly invited to head to the café for some well-deserved adult time — a chance to socialise, relax, and enjoy a drink. I hope this becomes a regular tradition, as it's lovely for parents to have opportunities to connect too. I recently met with one of our wonderful FOW leaders, and we discussed an exciting range of future events. The FOW team bring so much enthusiasm, fun, and vital fundraising support to the school. They're always keen to welcome more parents, whether you have a little or a lot of time to give — every bit helps and it's great fun to be involved. If you're interested, please let me know and I'll happily put you in touch.

With Parents' Evening just around the corner, I'm looking forward to welcoming you into school to hear how your child has settled in. This first meeting focuses mainly on wellbeing and how children are adapting, while the next one later in the year will focus more on academic progress. I look forward to seeing you there.

That's all from me for now — I'll save a few of our other exciting updates for next week's newsletter, so watch this space! Wishing you a fantastic week ahead, and finally, a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Harvest food bank collection. We're still collecting items, so if you missed the chance last week, please do drop them at the office. Our charity representatives are looking forward to delivering another batch soon.

Kindest regards,
Nick Matthews



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