



A message from Mr Ingrassia

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term, Windlesham School has had 40 clubs running each week, fixtures, assemblies, presentations, competitions, intervention and extension groups, and more recently; the disco, Christmas Fayre, the Early Years Nativity, Lower School Crib Service and Upper School Christmas Service. There is, therefore, no question that ours is a very busy little school, especially as all the listed events are in addition to normal lessons.



So it seems only appropriate to take a moment to thank the staff who help to coordinate everything that happens and who enable it to run so smoothly. They are indeed a special group of people and I am sure you will join me in wishing them a very restful Christmas and New Year before it all starts again in January.

Owlets and Reception's nativity

Owlets and Reception performed "Cock a Doodle Christmas" to a packed audience last week. A stable full of animals joined Mary, Joseph, The Wise Men, shepherds, angels and stars. They sang songs about their Christmas wishes for a new bow tie for the Cockerel, some warm leg warmers for the sheep, a shiny bell for the cow and and a new ribbon for the pig's tail. Father Christmas appeared to deliver the animals' presents and the children celebrated with the song "How exciting!", to share the news of Jesus' birth. Thank you to the Year 6 Music prefects, Mrs Gallant and the Early Years staff.

Reporter: Mrs Older and Miss Jarman



Visit to Oaklands Nursing Home

Last Friday, the Charity Reps returned to Oaklands Nursing Home. 'We helped to create pieces of art that went on display in the care home. We had lots of fun and hope to go again soon. We saw a lady that published WWI stories and so far has published 4 books'.

Reporters: The Charity Reps - Akim, Stan and Zach

Preparing children for life



General notices

Safeguarding update

Windelsham School is determined to maintain what is deemed to be best practice in safeguarding policy. In accordance with Education Department recommendations, from January 2019 Windelsham School will subscribe to Operation Encompass. This is a joint project with Sussex Police in which the police provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents involving children (incidents in which a child was present, ordinarily resides at the incident location or with an involved party).



From the police, 'We know that children and young people can be significantly affected through witnessing or being exposed to domestic abuse and this operation will allow our school to better support our pupils/students and their families. A nominated member of school staff, known as a Key Adult, will be trained to liaise with the police.'

Our Key Adult will be Mrs Fox, our Designated Safeguarding Lead and the Deputy Key Adult is Mr Ingrassia, also our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the right support is available should it be required by a child/young person and/or their family. We are keen to offer the best support available to our pupils and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Additional information about Operation Encompass is available at www.operationencompass.org

Information about a wide range of local services for families is available at www.familyinfobrighton.org.uk

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact our Key Adults and we will be happy to discuss this further.

Online safety for parents

Digital Parenting is a free online safety guide, created in partnership between The Vodafone Foundation and Parent Zone. It is packed with important safety information and expert advice on issues such as healthy screen time and sleep, with content relating from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 4. We have ordered 50 free copies to distribute to parents, carers and friends in the Windelsham Community.

What's inside Digital Parenting?

- Managing children's sleep and setting digital boundaries
- How children can enjoy a safer start on social media
- Better family communication around tech
- Expert advice on gaming addiction, self-harm and virtual reality
- Creating a better family digital-life balance

<https://parentzone.org.uk/digitalparenting>



General notices

A balanced healthy lunch box

Please remember we are a nut-free school when preparing lunchboxes. It is important to check labels as many products may contain traces of nuts. We have children in the school who are highly allergic to nuts.



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



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

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.



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.

Christmas services

Lower School Crib Service

Year 1 and 2 stole the show during their Crib Service this week. They organised a party to remember for the new arrival of baby Jesus. All the children worked really hard to perfect their performance with wonderful angelic singing. A big thanks goes to Mrs Gallant who worked tirelessly to get us ready to hit the stage.

Reporters: Mrs Lilley, Mrs Slater and Miss Higgs



Upper School Service

The Upper School Christmas Service was yet again a beautiful and heartwarming celebration of what makes Christmas special. The children sang their hearts in a range of diverse styles, including a calypso rendition of Mary, and peaceful ballads by the choirs. The Glee club certainly earned their name with a fun ending of Jingle Bell Rock. Thank you to all who attended and supported the children and especially thank you to Mrs Gallant for her amazing efforts!

Reporter: Miss May



Topics of interest

Speech and Drama

The school enjoyed a wonderful assembly by the Speech and Drama club which performed 'Little Red Riding Hood', showing us mime with music, props and costumes.

At Speech and Drama club, children explore how costume can help to develop a character. The photo below shows improvisation in progress.

Reporter: Ms Patching



Year 6 and Reception buddies

Year 6 and Reception buddies came together to complete a scavenger hunt. Lots of fun was had by all. The children are already asking when they will get together again.

Reporter: Miss Jarman



Creative Craft Club

Children from Reception to year 3 have created some great craftwork this term. They have produced wall plaques, papier maché bowls, painted pebbles and more recently cards and christmas wrapping paper for their final creations.

Reporter: Mrs Ball



Topics of interest

Learning in Spanish

The reception class has been learning how to greet one of our new pupils to the class with phrases and songs in Spanish. As a result, we all have the opportunity to experience how difficult it can be settling in and learning a new language all at once.

Thank you everyone!

La clase de recepción ha estado aprendiendo a saludar a uno de nuestros nuevos alumnos con frases y canciones en español. Todos tenemos entonces la oportunidad de experimentar lo difícil que puede resultar aprender un nuevo idioma de una sola vez.

Muchas gracias por su continuo apoyo.

Reporter: Mrs Fox



Year 4 assembly

Year 4 parents were invited to watch their children perform and demonstrate some of their learning. The children worked hard to prepare and rehearse a little section from topics linked with each curriculum subject.

The children were brilliantly enthusiastic and their performance was of a very high standard.

The readings were clear and beautifully projected. The singing and jembes raised the roof and Henry VIII's "This is your Life" was hilarious and fabulously acted out. Well done Year 4, all your hard work paid off!

Reporter: Mrs Coego



U11 Netball v Lancing Prep Worthing

Wednesday 5th November

U11 Netball won against Lancing College Prep at Worthing in a very close match. Dodging the downpours we took an early lead and put up a great defence to the opposition who tried hard to get past the mid court.

It really was a good performance, well done to the whole team.

Reporter: Mrs Fox



Football round up

It's been a successful season on the football front. We have had fixtures against Lancing Prep Worthing, Our Lady of Sion, Lancing Hove, Shoreham, St Christopher's and Deepdene. The boys have shown tremendous passion in these games and we have been able to hold our own against the opposition. Some stand out performers have included Theo Wells and Ben Kimberly in year 6, and Elliot Ayling and Jessie Ince in year 3. Well done to all.

Reporter: Mr Freeborn

Diary 2018-2019

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

Last day of term

On Friday 14th December, pick up times are as follows:

Owlet – Rec 12.00

Years 1 & 2 12.15

Years 3 & 4 12.25

Years 5 & 6 12.30



Friends of Windlesham



FOW round up

It's been a busy term for FOW with lots of fun activities for parents, carers and children. We started the term with our Parents Social followed by a series of fundraising activities.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas card fundraiser, the Christmas Fayre, Upper School Disco and Lower School parties. Together these events have raised approximately £2,500.

All this would not have been possible without the help of parents and carers. A huge thank you to the FOW TEAM, all the year group reps, Catherine Wellock for all the wonderful decorations, Madhavi Metla for the delicious Christmas curry, Rebecca Burns for our funky posters, Nic Underwood for the groovy grotto and Gordon Mitchell.

We would also like to thank the Raffle Prize Donors:

- Blockbusters
- Drusillas Park
- Tesco
- Co op
- Brighton Panto
- RJ's Hair Salon
- Trevor Sorbie
- Brighton Natural Health Centre
- Donatello's
- Flip Out Trampoline Parks
- Dr Schrammek



How to get involved

We are always looking for more help to put on social and fundraising events.

Please email chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk or speak to your Year Group representatives listed below.

We are also in need of new committee members including the positions of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Please also get in touch to discuss.

Attached to the newsletter is a leaflet detailing the many ways you can get involved.

We look forward to your continued support for next term's exciting activities and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Year Group Reps:

Owlets - Hannah Mitchell and Jennie Hill

Reception - Catherine Dawson

Year 1 - Mary Andrawos

Year 2 - Rowan Farnell and Julia Luikenga

Year 3 - Mel Dymott and Caroline Vera

Year 4 - Abi Dier and Chrissie Adams

Year 5 - Elle Phillips

Achievements

Merit Badges

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at 14th December 2018):

Lower School

Max P, Bobby, Joshi, Katie, Ellie, Max M and Jayden.

Upper School

Summer, Rosa, Penny, Matilda H, Lola, Zoe C, Zach H, Elliot, Hugo, Alex, Max B, Henry, Ted, Rowan, Genie Carlina, Claudia, Shayan, Jaan, Ben and Gus.

Owls Awards

Florence, Mia, Ellie, Abdullah, Bobby, Arthur, Joshua, Jackson, Oscar, Ruby, Michael, Jem, Max B, Lola, Isaac N, Lila, Oliver H, Elsa, Fiontan, Oliver D, Rhea, Theo E, Isaac G, Polly, Ben, Michael M, Hermione, Zach H, Jakob, Sophie, Emma, Daisy, Billy, Summer, Elise, Nicolas, Hugo C, Subhan, Shayan, Alex and Marina.

The Primary Maths Challenge

A hearty congratulations to all the year 5 and 6 children who took part in The Primary Maths Challenge 2018.

A particular mention goes to our certificate holders:

Michael who managed to secure a Gold Certificate and can most likely look forward to participating in The Bonus Round in February 2019, George and Tilly who

secured Silver Certificates, and Billy and Zach who secured Bronze Certificates.

The challenge this year was exciting but by no means easy. With this in mind, measures are already in place for our current year 5's for next year.

Reporter: Ms O'Dowd

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

2L Louis
Elias

2S Joshi
Teddy
Jayden

3M Khadeeja
Scarlet

3K Subhan
Alex

4C Carmeron
Ruby

4M Ava
William

5C Orla
Diego

5G Alaska
Jaan



Ms O'Dowd with Billy, Tilly, Zach and George. Unfortunately, Michael was unwell and away from school when the photo was taken.