

# The Winchcombe School

## News Bulletin



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- ∞ **Pantomime at the Corn Exchange:** We are very excited that years Reception to 6 are booked to see "Cinderella" at the Corn Exchange on **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December!** We are sending information via school email with more details of the date and time your child's class will be attending. We will have the whole auditorium to ourselves for each performance. The Friends of The Winchcombe School will once again be generously helping to fund this outing, but we do ask that a donation of £6.50 per child (to include an ice-cream) is paid via Schoolmoney, **by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November.**
- ∞ **School Photographer:** Our photographers will be in school on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.** Please ensure children are in full uniform, or if they have PE this day, then they have uniform on top and PE on bottom half. Due to the stricter COVID safety measures at present, they will once again not be taking family group photos, but will still take school sibling group photos as usual.
- ∞ **BBC Children In Need Day:** On **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November,** Children and staff are invited to wear something spotty, stripy or brightly coloured, in return for a donation to the BBC Children in Need charity. Please donate on our JustGiving page: [www.justgiving.com/TheWinchcombeSchool](http://www.justgiving.com/TheWinchcombeSchool) or bring a cash donation on the day.
- ∞ **Childhood Flu Immunisation:** The school nurse team will be in school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December** to administer the nasal flu vaccination to children in Reception to Year 6. Parents must complete an e-consent form for each child, by the end of **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.** Please complete the form even if you do NOT wish your child to have the vaccine. A letter and a link to the consent form will be sent to parents and carers via email and text very soon. You will find more information at [Berkshire School-Aged Immunisation Team | Children Young People and Families Online Resource \(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk\)](#)
- ∞ **Parents Evening:** The "virtual" meetings on Wednesday and Thursday worked really well – thank you all for your co-operation and patience! We hope you found the feedback helpful.
- ∞ **The Winchcombe School governing Board:** We have vacancies for governors. If you are interested and would like to know more, please see the Governors section of the school website (under the Community tab) [Community/Governors](#) or contact the clerk to the governors via the school office.
- ∞ **Sports Fixtures:** We have some competitions during November – an under 9 Girls match at Francis Baily on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>,** a Y6 Football tournament at Park House on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** and a mini tournament hosted by Winchcombe on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>.**
- ∞ **Harvest Festival:** Thank you so much to everyone for their generous donations to the West Berks Food Bank. The charity was really very appreciative of the school's support, especially as donations from the general public have decreased considerably in the last few months.
- ∞ **Bag2School:** The FOWS wish to thank everyone who brought in bags of clothing before half term. They raised an amazing £124.80. The Non-uniform day also raised just over £300! to get information about all their current and upcoming events, including the "Big PTA Christmas Raffle", contact them on email: [winchcombefriends@gmail.com](mailto:winchcombefriends@gmail.com) or their facebook page [www.facebook.com/FriendsofWinchcombe/](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofWinchcombe/)
- ∞ **School Christmas Dinner:** This will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** for years R to 6, served in class bubbles. The children will be making Christmas hats to wear. If you usually pay for lunches, the cost is £2.80. The choice is roast Turkey with trimmings, or a Veggie parcel with veggie sausage and trimmings. Pudding is Ice-cream and shortbread or Christmas crumble and custard. Please log on to Schoolmoney to pre-order by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November.** This gives the kitchen time to order the food.

- ∞ **Year 2 Phonics:** We have emailed information today to year 2 parents about how to help the children prepare for the upcoming phonics check, which will be during the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> December. Click on [Y2 Phonics Check](#) to download copies.
- ∞ **Year 4 Roman Day:** We are having a workshop in school on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November**, run by the Past Productions team who are always very popular with the children. If your child would like to dress up as a Roman then we are happy for them to do so and we encourage creative and homemade costumes! However, dressing up is not compulsory.
- ∞ **Year 5 Egyptian Day:** On **29<sup>th</sup> November** we will be heading to Ufton Court where we will be learning all about how the ancient Egyptians lived. We will be taking part in various sessions: embalming and mummification, crime and punishment, artefacts and games. If you have not already done so, please pay and consent on schoolmoney by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**.
- ∞ **Y6 Residential:** The children (and staff) are so excited to be going to Manor Adventure on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November** for their multi-activity adventure. Over the five days they will experience activities such as zip wire, high and low ropes, archery, survival, kayaking, orienteering, rifles, abseiling amongst other things.
- ∞ **Phoenix Club:** If you would like to book your child into our before and after school childcare club, there are still spaces available. Please download a registration form from the website or contact [phoenix@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:phoenix@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk) for more information. If your child is absent and therefore cannot attend Phoenix Club, please let the office staff know this when you inform them of absence and also send an email to the club (address above).
- ∞ **Water Bottles:** **ALL** children should have their own, named, water bottle in school **every day**. Please ensure your child has one. We have bottles for sale for £1 in the office should you need one.
- ∞ **Illness/Absence:** Please email us or leave a message on the absence line with a reason for absence by 10am latest, for our records, and update us on a daily basis. Should the child or any family member be isolating due to Covid, we politely ask for sight of a test result prior to the child returning.

<b>Dates for 2021-22</b>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Residential Trip</b>
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Under 9's Girls Football Competition at Francis Baily 3.30 – 4.45 pm</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y4 Roman Day (in school)</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prospective parent Tours of the school – a.m. Y6 Football Tournament at Park House 4 – 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y3/4 Football Mini tournament at Winchcombe 1.30 – 4.00 pm</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children In Need Day – wear bright colours/spots/stripes</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>School Photographer for individual photos</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Prospective parent Tours of the school – a.m.</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y5 Egyptian Day at Ufton Court</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Pantomime at Corn Exchange years R to 2</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Pantomime at Corn Exchange years 3 to 6</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day TBA</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Nasal Flu Vaccination years R to 6</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of term – lunch time finish</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January Inclusive</b>	