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These are all our amazing Coronation classroom doors!

- ∞ **King's Coronation Celebrations:** The Coronation themed classroom doors were all amazing and so inventive! It was a really difficult decision, but the winners were Maple (SAL) and Redwood! Each child has been given a Coronation pin badge as a souvenir. The weather was unkind to us so we couldn't have our whole school lunch outside as planned! Everyone made a wonderful effort wearing red, white and blue to mark the occasion.
- ∞ **Walk to School Week:** During the W/C 15th May, we are encouraging children to walk to school when possible. Classes will keep track of how many of its children have walked on each day.
- ∞ **FOWS:** Thank you to everyone for your fantastic support and donations of cakes for yesterday's sale. We raised £378, which will be doubled with match funding from the Greenham Trust. This goes towards our target of £10,000 needed for our new school minibus. We are holding a "Wear the Rainbow" non-uniform day on Friday 16th June – details to follow. Also, there will be another "Bags 2 School" collection on 14th July, so please save up your pre-loved clothes to donate. You can check our progress or even send donations using the following link: <https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/19936/friends-of-the-winchcombe-school/replacement-school-minibus>
- ∞ **Sport/Matches:** 20th April the year 5/6 girls football team competed in the ESFA West Berkshire finals at St Gabriel's school and placed 3rd overall. Yesterday, the year 3/4 tag rugby team competed in a friendly tournament at Francis Baily school, playing 5 matches, winning 3 and drawing 2. Upcoming events include Quadkids on Saturday 13th May at Park House School, and Trinity Indoor Athletics Championships on Friday 19th May.
- ∞ **Phoenix Club Hours:** From September 2023, Phoenix club will revert to closing at 6 pm every afternoon instead of the current 5.30 pm.

- ∞ **MNR Easter Holiday Camp:** The multiskills activity camp takes place at Winchcombe once again over the May Half term break. Bookings can be made by phone:07572398161 or Email: holidaycamps@mnrcoaching.com. See their website for more details: www.mnrcoaching.com
- ∞ **Governor Vacancies:** The Winchcombe School Governing Board urgently need committed co-opted governors to join our team. We are looking for people with enthusiasm, time, and flexibility to contribute effectively to the role. There is no requirement to understand the education system. Governors just need to have life skills, the time to share their experience, an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions. Above all, governors have to have a genuine interest in supporting the school and helping us to achieve the best outcomes for children. Access to training and information to build on existing skills or to develop new ones will be available, as well as support from the Clerk and other members of the board.
You do not have to be parent of a pupil at The Winchcombe School, we would like to hear from grandparents or anyone from the local community. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please visit our website or contact the Clerk to Governors, Mrs Skinner, via the school office.
- ∞ **Considerate and Safe Parking:** This is a reminder to parents that cars must not be parked in front of driveways blocking access for our neighbours, or up on pavements where there may be small children you cannot see in a rear or side mirror. There is also no parking in the school staff car park.

Upcoming Trips & Events:

- ∞ **Sports Days:** Please add the sports days (See calendar) to your diaries. More information will follow.
- ∞ **Current Year 5 Residential trip in Year 6:** There are still a few parents who have not yet paid the £25 deposit to secure your child's place on the trip to Manor Adventure in November 2023. Please do so ASAP, or let the office know if you do not wish for your child to go. The third installment is due today. Please contact the school if you have any queries regarding this.
- ∞ **Y6 SATS:** Next week Y6 children will be taking their KS2 SATS assessments, so please ensure they are well rested and in school on time each morning.
- ∞ **Foundation Stage SMILE session:** Don't forget the next session on Tuesday 16th May at 1.30 pm.
- ∞ **Y1 Trip to Marwell Zoo:** on Monday 15th May we are excited to be learning all about various animals and their habitats. If a school packed lunch is required, it must be pre-ordered via the forms letter that was sent recently. Please ensure you have consented and paid on School Money.
- ∞ **Y3 Greek Day:** As part of this term's history learning, we are having a Greek day on 15th May. Children can come dressed up if they wish. We are asking for a donation to cover costs, payable on School Money.
- ∞ **Y6 Mayan Day:** More details will follow regarding this in-house workshop day on Tuesday 16th May.
- ∞ **Y4 Overnight Camping Trip:** Children will be going to nearby Rushall Farm on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th June, where they will experience a night under canvas, and take part in exciting activities such as pond dipping, trailer rides, camp fire supper and singing. Consent and payment via School Money.

Dates for 2023	
May	
Monday 8th	Coronation Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tues 9th Fri 12th	Y6 SATS
Tuesday 9th	Acorns New Easter Starters Parents Information Meeting – 2 pm.
Saturday 13th	Quadkids Athletics Tournament at Park House
Monday 15th	Y1 to Marwell Zoo
Monday 15th	Y3 Greek Day
Tuesday 16th	Y6 Mayan Day - details to follow
Tuesday 16th	Foundation SMILE session for parents 1.30 pm
Wednesday 17th	Y6 NWN "Moving Up" photograph
Friday 19th	Y5/6 Trinity Indoor Athletics
Friday 26th	FS2 School Nurse Height & Weight measurements
Friday 26th	Acorns Rhyme Challenge performance for parents – 2.30 pm

Half Term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June Inclusive	
JUNE	
Thursday 8th	Y5 WW1 Day (details to follow)
Thur 8th – Fri 9th	Y4 Rushall Farm Camping
Friday 16th	FOWS “Wear the Rainbow” non-uniform Day
Friday 16th	FS Father’s Day
Wednesday 21st	Y5 Day at Trinity
Tuesday 27th	Class Photographs
Thursday 29th	Sports Day – Y5/6 a.m. FS p.m. Details to follow
Friday 30th	Sports Day – Y3/4 a.m. Y1/2 p.m. Details to follow
JULY	
Monday 3rd	Trinity Y6 Induction Day 1 of 2
Wednesday 5th	Transition Day Trinity Y6 Induction Day 2 of 2
Thursday 6th	New FS2 parents Meet the Teacher 6-7pm.
Friday 7th	FOWS Barbecue Party - details to follow
Monday 10th	Y6 Play performance to parents 9.30 am
Tuesday 11th	Y6 Play performance to parents 9.30 am
Wednesday 12th	Y6 Play performance to parents 6 pm
Thursday 13th	Y6 Play performance to parents 6 pm
Friday 14th	FOWS Bags 2 School collection
Monday 17th	Race For Life Day
Wednesday 19th	Y6 Leavers BBQ Party with presentations at 3.15 pm
Thursday 20th	Last day of Term – Finish 1.15 pm
Summer Holiday Friday 21st July to Monday 4th September inclusive	

Term Dates 2023-24

Term 1	Tuesday 5 th September 2023 – Thursday 19 th October 2023
Holiday	20/10/23 – 30/10/23
Term 2	Tuesday 31 st October 2023 – Wednesday 20 th December 2023 (Finish 1.15 pm)
Holiday	21/12/23 – 05/1/24
Term 3	Monday 8 th January 2024 – Friday 9 th February 2024
Holiday	12/02/24 – 16/02/24
Term 4	Monday 19 th February 2024 Wednesday 27 th March 2024 (Finish 1.15 pm)
Holiday	28/03/24 – 12/04/24
Term 5	Monday 15 th April 2024 – Friday 24 th May 2024
Holiday	27/05/24 – 31/05/24
Term 6	Monday 3 rd June 2024 – Wednesday 24 th July 2024 (Finish 1.15 pm)

Bank holiday (School closed to pupils and staff)

Monday 6th May 2024