

Dear Families,

Another blustery week around school but at least drier than the previous one!

Assemblies

On Monday we discussed our fundamental British right to vote and how we are fortunate to have this right by living in a democracy. The children then got to experience this first hand by voting in class for their School Council representative – we have an exciting opportunity planned for our older School Council representatives and House Captains around Christmas time!

Congratulations to the following School Council members:

Y1 Oak Y1 Pine	Maisie W Reggie M
Y2 Elm Y2 Willow	Noah T Florence B
Y3 Walnut Y3 Redwood	Mashhood S Lara M
Y4 Chestnut Y4 Rowan	Annabelle R Bailey P
Y5 Cedar Y5 Sycamore	Elias M Ashwanth K-S
Y6 Birch Y6 Spruce	Maya K Tommy B, Amelia H

It is always a highlight of the week hearing the reasons why children have been selected for a Celebration certificate on a Friday and today was no exception! We have children celebrating English, Maths, Art and our values with many being cited as role models - fantastic work Winchcombe.

Trips

Y6 went to Shaw House yesterday to learn about its role in the English Civil War, we feel really lucky to be able to go and explore local and national history within a short walk of our school. The staff at Shaw House were impressed with their knowledge and questions that they posed!



Clubs/Sports

Wide Awake club started back this week with 9 children. It's a turn up session (Wednesdays 8.15am Phoenix gate) and all are welcome from Year 2-6; what a great way to kickstart the day. Club lists are being arranged internally and will be sent out as soon as possible to all parents.

This afternoon our Year5/6 boys are playing Hungerford and St Finian's Primary Schools as part of the Adnams tournament. We'll let you know how they got on next week!

Word of the Week

Each week in assembly we share a new word, sound it out, spell it and discuss the meaning. As such it is always a regular feature on my HT Round up so that you can help support us over the following week. Some ideas could be: put the word into a sentence, define the word, look it up, draw a picture of the word or ask them to explain how they have used it in class.

Next week's word is: **intertwine**

FOWS – AGM Reminder

A reminder that the Friends of Winchcombe School (FOWS) will hold their AGM at school on Thursday 2nd October at 7pm in the School Hall. All parents, carers, and staff are warmly invited to join them for a relaxed evening with refreshments, a review of last year's fundraising, and a look at plans for the year ahead. They are already planning discos/fairs/entertainment evenings along with non-uniform days to raise money for the school.

It's a great opportunity to find out more about how you can support the school community – with no pressure to commit. We hope to see many of you there.

Parking

Traffic wardens have been on site again this, week keeping our community safe. Please park at Shaw Social Club and walk the last 2-3 minutes to school, this along with our voluntary one way system will help to keep our youngest members of the school community safe. The double yellow lines adjacent to the roundabout are increasingly being parked on which inhibits families being able to cross safely, please show **Kindness & Respect** by not stopping there. Thank you also for not using our Staff car park as this delays our staff arriving at school.

Upcoming dates

September:

25th Birch Class Assembly
26th Individual/Family photos
29th Rock Workshop Y3

October:

2nd Sycamore Class Assembly
2nd FOWS AGM 7pm
6th Harvest Festival Assembly
9th Rowan Class Assembly
16th Spruce Class Assembly
21st Flu Vaccines
21st Parents Evening
22nd Parents Evening
23rd Walnut Class Assembly
24th Start of ½ term holiday

Your Headteacher,

Matt Percy