

Dear Families,

A busy week with our Year 6's taking part in their SATs Monday-Thursday. As always, the children and team around them have made sure they are best prepared and settled as they showcase their skills. It is really important to remind them that these tests only show how they perform on the day and don't show all their other wonderful attributes, nor does it show their personalities. As Michelle Obama succinctly put it: "If my future were determined just by my performance on a standardized test, I wouldn't be here. I guarantee you that." A huge well done to all of our children for encouraging and supporting each other this week.

Assemblies

On Monday, we looked at the theme of Resilience ahead of our Y6's taking their SATs. We discussed how everyone approaches problems or challenges differently and there are a multitude of emotions and solutions to us all. Ultimately, we all decided that by trying our best we know we have strived for the best solution.

On Wednesday, Mrs Papier talked about presentation in our books and ensuring we present ourselves to the best of our abilities. It was great to hand out certificates in Assembly today celebrating children who have already started to show improvements this week.

Yesterday, Redwood class shared their learning with the school and families demonstrating our value of **Courage**. We listened as they confidently recounted their Stone Age story they'd learnt, and their persuasive leaflets. They showed us their DT work using cams linked to their History topic. With a number of children absent, others stepped up, making it a memorable assembly – well done Redwood!

FOWS

Thank you to the staff, parents and our FOWS team who came and supported the FOWS Family Quiz Night last week. Congratulations to the winning team 'Bees Knees' - made up of Mrs Tarry, Mrs Quirk, Mr Quirk, Mrs Frost and Mr Tarry who led from the start and very generously donated their cash prize back to the school. We raised £330, which will go directly towards our fundraising efforts for new Chromebooks for the school.

The next fundraising event is 'Break the Rules Day' on Friday 23rd May - 50p per rule break, or £2 to break them all! Please bring cash into school on the day. FOWS are also already selling tickets for their Race Night on Friday 13th June. Please support our wonderful Friends of Winchcombe School!

FOWS will also be selling refreshments at our Sports day this year. They are always keen for volunteers to help on that day so that they can also watch their children race. I know it is an INSET at Trinity so any ex-pupils are welcome to return and help and we have also approached Winchcombe Care Home! Our school has a very dedicated group, who run almost every event, so it would be amazing for more volunteers to help on the day so that everyone can watch their child/ren participate. Your **Kindness** would be greatly appreciated. If you can spare some time to join our amazing team then please email: winchcombefriends@gmail.com

Word of the Week

As part of our **School Improvement Plan (SIP)** we continue to share our new Word of the Week each Monday in assembly. Please do encourage your child/ren to keep using them in speech and in their writing.

Next week the new word will be: **bland**

Traffic

Next week is Walk to School Week. This annual five-day event, organized by Living Streets, encourages children to walk or wheel to school to promote physical activity and healthy habits. The theme for this year's event is "The Great Space Walk," where children will explore the benefits of active travel with the help of intergalactic friends. This provides a great incentive to leave the car at home next week and enjoy the warmer weather. Find out more here:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools/walk-to-school-week/>

We hope to see many of you encouraging our pupils to walk to school whilst benefiting from extra exercise, sounds of nature and time together.

Careers Afternoon – register your interest

Thank you to those who have already reached out or been approached over the return of our Careers Afternoon – we appreciate your **Kindness**. We are looking for volunteers from all sectors, so far we hope to have: tech firms, fire brigade, speech and language specialist, motorsport engineering, agriculture and car mechanics. If you are involved in carpentry, electrics, care work, hairdressing, banking, music or anything else we'd love to have you on board to spark **Curiosity** amongst our children. Please email office@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk if you can help or would like any extra information!

Upcoming events at school

May	June
19 th Water Safety Assembly	2 nd June INSET
20-24 th Walk to school week	4 th Y1 Cotswold Wildlife Park
22 nd Elm Class Assembly	5-6 th Y4 Rushall Farm
	5 th FS Farms to Ewe
23 rd Start of ½ term holiday	7 th Primary Schools Quadkids event, Park House
23 rd BREAK THE RULES DAY FOWS * changed	9 th Y6 Mayan Day
Sports Day	10 th Y3 Greek Day
Friday 20 th June	11 th SAL to Blue Reef Aquarium
Reserve Sports Day	11 th Y5 WW2 Day
Friday 11 th July	12 th Y6 – Newbury Racecourse
	12 th SAL Review Meeting
Saturday 5 th July Summer Fayre 11:30am-2:30pm	13 th Indoor cricket festival, Trinity School yrs 5&6 1-3.30pm
Y6 play: Monday 14 th July – 1:30pm Tuesday 15 th July – 9:30am Wednesday 16 th July – 6pm	13 th RACE NIGHT FOWS
	16 th Pete Allen Music Assembly
10 th July Careers afternoon Y4-6	17 th Y5 Trinity Day
	18 th Y2 Hayling Island
	20 th Sports Day

	23 rd Foundation and KS1 Drama4all Workshop in the hall.
	24 th World Music Day
	24 th Class Photos
	26 th Non uniform day – raffle donations for Summer Fayre FOWS * changed
	26 th Period workshop Y5
	26 th Swimming Gala heats
	27 th Period workshop Y6
	30 th Y6 Trinity Transition Day 1

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful weekend with your families, the weather looks good!

Kind Regards,

Matt Percy