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- ✚ **Parents Evenings:** We will be sending more information out about the parent teacher meetings very soon. We are pleased to announce they will revert to being in person and not by telephone. Years 1 to 6 will be on Wednesday 3rd November between 1 pm and 7 pm. Foundation Stage 2 will be on 3rd and 4th November between 3.30 and 6.30 pm. Acorns will be over 3 days – more information in the Acorns newsletter. Appointments can be booked via our Eduspot Teachers 2 Parents. You will be notified when they go live.
- ✚ **Harvest Festival:** We will be holding our Harvest assembly on Thursday 21st October. We are kindly asking for donations of certain items to support the local West Berkshire Food Bank run by the Trussell Trust, to bring in to class (not school office) on the morning of the assembly. A list of suitable items will be sent out by email.
- ✚ **Henley Virtual Literacy Festival:** There has been a buzz around school this week. All children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Henley Literary Festival. We have been able to meet new authors, listen to stories, learn how to draw characters and enjoy lots of writing activities. It has been an inspiring week for everyone!
- ✚ **Friends of the Winchcombe School:** FOWS would like our families to bring in bags of good quality second hand clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories by **9 am on the morning of Friday 22nd October**. These will be collected for re-use or recycling by BAG 2 SCHOOL. The more the bags weigh in total, the more they will pay.
Also on 22nd October, FOWS are holding a Dress Down Day. Children can wear non-uniform in return for a small donation to school.
FOWS are also currently looking for volunteers to help them with a Halloween Trail – please email winchcombefriends@gmail.com if you would like to help.
You can also contact them via: Facebook: www.facebook.com/FriendsofWinchcombe/ and EasyFundraising: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/winchcombeschool/
- ✚ **Year 4 Trip to Silchester:** As part of this term's curriculum, we will be taking the children by minibuses to the Ancient Roman village on 12th October (Chestnut class) and 13th October (Redwood class). We are also holding a Roman Day on 11th November. Payment towards this workshop are due by 4th November, on Schoolmoney.
- ✚ **Year 5 Trip to Ufton Court:** As part of our topic this term, "Pharaohs", we will be going on a school trip to Ufton Court for an Egyptian Day on Monday 29th November. While we are there, we will be taking part in various sessions: embalming and mummification, crime and punishment, artefacts and games. Payment for this is now on Schoolmoney and due by Friday 19th November.
- ✚ **Year 6 Residential:** We are excited to be going to Manor Adventure in Shropshire in the week of 8th November. The final installment is due for payment on Schoolmoney by 1st November.
- ✚ **Sport Competitions:** Next Thursday we have a team of 10 year 5/6 children taking part in a Tag Rugby tournament at Trinity School. Please wish them luck! We are also arranging a Year 3/4 football mini tournament to be played here on 17th November.
- ✚ **Foundation Stage:** Seedlings and Saplings '5 Senses Wellie Walk' 1:30 – 2:30 next Tuesday 12th October. Please can the children wear school uniform as usual but remember coats and any other weather-appropriate clothing. We still need 2 more parent volunteers please!
- ✚ **Foundation Stage Diwali:** The week after half term, we will be talking about Diwali. If there are any parents willing to come in to school and share their knowledge and experience, please contact the school office or see one of the Foundation members of staff.

- ✚ **Christmas Card Competition:** Our local MP Laura Farris is holding a children's competition to create a Christmas card – the winning design will be used as her official Christmas card. Closing date is 29th October. Go to www.laurafarris.org.uk for more information.
- ✚ **First Class Edition:** The Newbury Weekly news is publishing a photo of our new Reception year intake in their supplement on Thursday 28th October.
- ✚ **Phoenix Club:** If you would like to book your child into our before and after school childcare club please download a registration form from the website or contact phoenix@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk
- ✚ **MNR Half Term Camps:** The Let Them Play Multi-activity camp and the Football Camp run by MNR will be held during the October half term week. Visit mnrcoaching.com/holiday-camps-let-them-play or email holidaycamps@mnrcoaching.com or phone 07572398161 for more information or to book.
- ✚ **School Uniform Policy:** We recently sent out the updated school uniform policy via email to parents and carers. Please have a look at it on the school website under Parents / Uniform - winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk/parents/uniform . Texts regarding uniform infringement will be sent out to individuals when necessary.
- ✚ **Lost Property:** PLEASE ensure you NAME EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT so that we can get them back to their owners. We will put unclaimed items out on tables outside the office for the **week of 11th October**. Please keep checking these as items are added daily. Any items that are not claimed will be disposed of or recycled.
- ✚ **Staff Car Park:** Can we politely remind parents and carers that there is strictly no parking in the staff car park before, during or after school.

Dates for 2021-22	
OCTOBER	
Tuesday 12th	Y4 to Silchester Roman village (CHESTNUT)
Wednesday 13th	Y4 to Silchester Roman village (REDWOOD)
	School Council visit to Newbury Town Hall
Thursday 14th	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament at Trinity – 1.30 – 4 p.m.
Thursday 21st	Harvest Festival – Donations for West Berkshire Food Bank
Friday 22nd	FOWs Bag to School collection day FOWs Non-Uniform Dress Down Day Last day of first half term – normal finish time.
HALF TERM – Monday 25th October – Monday 1st November Inclusive	
NOVEMBER	
W/C 2nd	Parents Evening meetings – details to follow
Mon 8th - Fri 12th	Y6 Residential Trip
Thursday 11th	Y4 Roman Day (in school)
Monday 15th	Prospective parent Tours of the school – a.m.
Wednesday 17th	Y3/4 Football Mini tournament at Winchcombe start 1.30 p.m.
Friday 19th	Children In Need Day
Monday 22nd	School Photographer for individual photos
Tuesday 23rd	Prospective parent Tours of the school – a.m.
Monday 29th	Y5 Egyptian Day at Ufton Court
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 1st	Pantomime at Corn Exchange years R to 2 (Details to follow)
Thursday 2nd	Pantomime at Corn Exchange years 3 to 6 (Details to follow)
Monday 6th	Nasal Flu Vaccination years R to 6 (Details to follow)
Friday 17th	Last Day of term – lunch time finish
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Monday 20th December – Tuesday 4th January Inclusive	

