

Dear Families,

A warm welcome back to the Summer Term at The Winchcombe -the weather was fabulous for most of the holidays and has made it feel like Summer is on its way. We are looking forward to another fun filled, jam packed term of learning!

Assemblies

On Wednesday we welcomed the children back with an assembly on St George, the patron saint of England (amongst other countries) and reinforced our expectations around punctuality, behaviour and, of course, our values, with particular attention on **Kindness** and **Respect**.

In assembly yesterday, Mrs Papier launched our new whole school PHSE topic: Relationships. She discussed how we can show **Kindness** and **Respect** to ourselves, talk positively to ourselves and then pass that on to others.

We were also delighted to welcome in Simon Murray, author of Icky Doo Dah, as he held workshops with our children from FS2 -Y4. The children had a fantastic time listening to Simon and creating artwork linked to his books. He was similarly impressed with our children saying, 'The children were all very polite and respectful - they all listened very well and produced some wonderful work throughout their sessions.' Thank you to Simon for continuing to enhance our **School Improvement Plan (SIP)** linked to improving writing. If you'd like to purchase a book a letter went out yesterday or they can be ordered here: www.ickydoodah.com

Book Fair

We will be hosting our Book Fair again next week (Tuesday 29th-Tuesday 6th May) and are offering 3 for 2 on books with the cheapest being free! This is a fantastic opportunity to come and get the latest books and help the school to raise money for books for our Library at the same time.

Art news

Today we were joined in Y3 & Y4 by Jo Richards (www.jorichardsartist.com) who worked with our pupils creating artwork linked to their topics last term: Stonehenge (Y3) and a collage on rivers and mountains. Thanks to Mrs Willis for organising the visit and promoting Art at The Winchcombe.

Sports news



The boys had a great afternoon of football in the sunshine on in the last week of the Spring Term. We took a mixed team of 10 boys from years 4 and 6 and played 5 matches. We were up against some tough competition from Francis Bailey, Burghfield, Stockcross, Birch Copse and Speenhamland but were incredibly proud of the way they jumped in and even tried different roles within the team! Over the 5 matches we had 4 different goalies! The boys also enjoyed a friendly match at the end up

against Shaw Cum Donnington. We had lots of lovely comments from other teachers saying how our team showed great resilience and teamwork, well done boys!!!

With the London Marathon taking place this weekend, we are challenging all of our children (Y1-6) to contribute to running a Marathon combined. This will be over the next 2 weeks – we look forward to seeing how they get on! If any parents would like to donate, we are hoping to raise funds for new sports equipment. Any cash donations would be very much appreciated. If you would like to donate, please bring to the office.

Thanks to Miss Clay for organising Clubs which start next week and of course thanks to our staff and volunteers who give up their time to enrich our school community. Confirmation of club allocations will be sent out this weekend.

Bags2School

Next Friday is our Bags2School collection. Please leave donations of good quality clothing, accessories and linen in the covered area outside reception after school on Thursday or by 9am on Friday morning.

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: **curious**

Upcoming events at school

April	May
25 th Disco - FOWS	2 nd Bags2School
	5 th Bank Holiday
	7 th Andy Smithyman Publication Workshop Y5/6 2pm
	8 th Walnut Class Assembly
	13 th KS2 SATs week
	15 th Redwood Class Assembly
	17 th Quiz night FOWS
	19 th water Safety Assembly
	20-24 th Walk to school week
Sports Day	21 st Andy Smithyman Publication Workshop Y5/6 2pm
Friday 20 th June	22 nd Elm Class Assembly
Reserve Sports Day	23 rd Start of ½ term holiday
Friday 11 th July	
	2 nd June INSET

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful weekend with your families ahead of a full week of learning next week.

Kind Regards,

Matt Percy