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Thank you so much for all your efforts to get your children to and from school in as safe a way as possible. After the holidays we are making a few changes. From Monday 19th April children in KS2 will not be able to be picked up until 3.15pm as they are losing learning time. We are also putting all children into year group bubbles when they are playing outside and for lunches. Every child will now eat their lunch either in the dining hall or main hall, whether they have a packed lunch or a hot school dinner. We feel that this will help the well-being of our pupils to be able to mix with other children in their year group beyond their class bubble. After the holidays I will be telling you about some exciting changes we are making to our school vision and will set up a session to discuss them all with you.

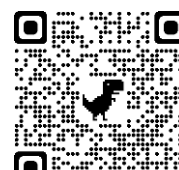
On behalf of the Winchcombe staff team I wish you all a very happy and relaxing spring holiday.
Neil Pilsworth

- ✚ **Comic Relief Funky Hair Day:** There were some amazing hair styles in school in support of the BBC's Comic Relief charity on Friday 19th March. We raised a grand total of £438, thank you everyone!



- ✚ **Daily Mile:** On Comic Relief day, all of the classes and children took part in a 15-minute daily mile challenge, inspired by Billy Monger (a double amputee who succeeded a 140-mile triathlon). As a school we managed to complete 432.5 miles across the school day, starting from 9am and finishing at 3pm.

- ✚ **Facebook Page:** We have an official page that is managed by some members of our staff. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/thewinchcombeschool/> or scan this QR code:



- ✚ **Year 6 Victorian Day:** As part of their topic "Revolution" Year 6 made their own ink and handwriting pens – who knew you could make them out of blueberries, vinegar and straws? They also took part in a live lesson to learn more about the Victorian era. As well as all that, children made chimneys to see if they could be chimney sweeps, learnt about Victoria's successors and what it would be like to go to school in the Victorian period.



- ✦ **School Lunches:** From 19th April we have re-instated our full menu. It is now available for pre-order on Schoolmoney up to the May half term. Follow this link to the website where you can download a PDF copy of the new menu. <https://www.winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk/parents/schoolmeals>
- ✦ **Phoenix Club:** It was great to welcome children back to the club. There is availability next term:
Foundation Stage and Year 1: before and after school Monday to Friday
Years 2 & 3: before school Monday to Friday and before and after school Thursday and Friday
Years 4, 5 & 6: before and after school Monday to Friday
If you are interested please contact: phoenix@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk
Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
- ✦ **New Dates for 2021-22:** Please note we have changed a few of the holiday dates from those advertised on the West Berkshire council website. See table below - those in red are the changes.
- ✦ **Year 6 Bikeability:** We are keeping our fingers crossed that Bikeability will go ahead in the summer term – see below for provisional dates. This year the team are not allowed to lend bicycles or helmets and spaces are strictly limited. We will be sending out a letter and permission form – we need parents to fully commit to the training so that those spaces are not wasted. Closing date for returns will be **Wednesday 21st April**. If there are too many applications for places, names will be drawn from a hat.

Dates for 2020-21	
EASTER HOLIDAY – Thursday 1st April – Friday 16th April Inclusive	
APRIL	
Monday 19th	First Day of Summer Term
Tues 20th	Y6 Football club 3.15-4.15 pm
Thurs 22nd	Y4 Football club 3.15-4.15 pm
Fri 23rd	Y2 Multi-Skills Club 3.00-4.00 pm
MAY	
Monday 3rd	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
4th – 13th	Y6 Bikeability courses (To be Confirmed)
Tuesday 25th	Class (group) photos
HALF TERM – Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June Inclusive	
JUNE	
Tuesday 22nd	Y5 Visit to Trinity School
JULY	
Monday 5th	Y6 Trinity Transition day 1
Tuesday 6th	Y6 Trinity Transition day 2
Tuesday 20th	Last Day of Term, finish at 1.15 pm
SUMMER HOLIDAY – Wednesday 21st July – Wednesday 1st September Inclusive	

2021-22 Dates:

Term 1	Thursday 2 nd September 2021 – Friday 22nd October 2021
Holiday	25/10/21 – 1/11/21
Term 2	Tuesday 2nd November 2021 – Friday 17 th December 2021
Holiday	20/12/21 – 4/1/22
Term 3	Wednesday 5 th January 2022 – Friday 18 th February 2022
Holiday	21/02/22 – 25/02/22
Term 4	Monday 28 th February 2022 – Thursday 7 th April 2022
Holiday	8/04/22 – 22/04/22
Term 5	Tuesday 26th April – Friday 27th May 2022
Holiday	30/05/22 – 03/06/22
Term 6	Monday 6 th June – Thursday 21 st July 2022