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- ∞ **School Photographer:** A new photographic company, "Creative Klick" is taking individual pupil photos this coming **Monday 19th October**. Due to restrictions on having large groups in one place, we are not taking family photos as we would usually do. We have reviewed arrangements and will now **ONLY** be taking photos of **year 6** children with their siblings in school, as this is the last year they will have a photo taken at Winchcombe. We realise that this is not ideal, but hope you will appreciate the difficulties we face keeping our class bubbles separate and safe. On the day, each child will bring home a card with an individual code for you to access Creative Klick's website and order photos. You will be able to "mix and match" photos within one order which makes it more cost effective. If your child is due to have PE or Forest Adventures on Monday, please send them to school wearing uniform top half (polo shirt and sweatshirt) but still with PE/Forest kit bottom half, thank you.
- ∞ **Parent Survey:** We have had a really good response so far to our parent survey on how your child is settling back into school life and whether there is anything we can do to support them further. The survey can be accessed on most desktops, laptops, tablets and smartphones via this link <https://forms.gle/nAp4UKFCs3qfre6Y7>. Please complete this by Thursday 22nd October.
- ∞ **FoWS Dress Down Day:** Dress Down Day for a donation to raise funds for the school through our PTFA will be on **Thursday 22nd October 2020**. Year groups doing PE can join in too but children should wear something that is also suitable for PE. Look out for the FoWS Newsletter next week about an update and upcoming fundraising ideas.
- ∞ **Change of Menu:** We are altering the menu next week – Monday will be pizza or ham roll, Thursday will be fish and chips or egg mayo wrap. Those who have already pre-ordered will need to order again.
- ∞ **Y3 Diwali Celebrations:** We have been talking about the Hindu religion and on **Friday 13th November** we are celebrating Diwali. Are there any parents who would be happy to talk to our children via "Zoom" about how their families celebrate Diwali? Please let the school office or class teachers know if you can help. Any children in school who do celebrate are welcome to wear their Diwali clothes on this day.
- ∞ **Parents Evening:** We are organising parents evening phone calls to take place the week commencing 9th November. We will let you know the details and how to book a time slot next week.
- ∞ **Y6 Residential Zoom Meeting:** We are emailing an invitation to a Zoom meeting on **Monday 19th October at 5 pm** regarding the Rhos-Y-Gwaliau trip to all Year 6 parents.
- ∞ **Healthy Eating:** This week we have been discussing healthy eating with the children. Can we please remind parents that children must only bring water in their bottles every day – no squash. We also encourage you to pack a balanced packed lunch for your child. This might include some protein, fruit and veg, and limiting the size of any sweet treats. A carton of juice in the lunch box is acceptable.
- ∞ **Phoenix Club Change:** Please see separate communications about a change to the finish time of the after-school club.
- ∞ **Flu Vaccination:** Thank you to parents for completing the forms online – everything went smoothly on the day. If your child should have had the vaccine but was absent, the school nurse team will contact you via email to arrange a clinic appointment for your child. If you missed the deadline and wish your child to have the vaccine, you need to contact the team on 0300 3650077 or email them at schoolimmunisationteam@berkshire.nhs.uk to book onto a local clinic.

- ∞ **Recent Trips:** Year 4 were lucky with the weather on their trips to Silchester Roman village – only one day with rain! The children had fun simulating gladiator battles in the remains of the colosseum. Year 2 had a lovely walk to the Castle, which tied in with their current topic “Towers, Tunnels and Turrets”.
- ∞ **Virtual Reality workshops:** The children in years 3, 4 and 5 had fun last week exploring their topics in more depth using VR simulation.
- ∞ **Prospective Parent Show Rounds:** We have now finished our tours for new parents looking at Reception places for September. Should you know of anyone who would like to view the school, please ask them to contact the office as we can still arrange visits.
- ∞ **Illness/Absence:** Please leave a message on the absence line with a reason for absence by 10am latest, for our records, and update us on a daily basis. Should the child or any family member be isolating due to Covid, we require sight of a test result (emailed screenshots) to office@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk) prior to the child returning.
- ∞ **Parking:** We understand that parking near to school is always an issue. Shaw Social club has very kindly allowed us to have temporary use of their car park during parent drop off and pick up times. This will be reviewed at the end of term. Please observe their one-way system – in nearest the Care home and out by the Dingley Promise playgroup. It also helps everyone if you could observe an unofficial one-way system, entering Maple Crescent from the Shaw Social Club end. See attached map.

Dates for 2020-21	
October	
Monday 19th	Individual photographs Y6 parents Zoom meeting 5 pm re: Residential trip
Wednesday 21st	Greatwood group session 2 of 6
Thursday 22nd	FoWS Dress Down Day Last day of this term - finish at usual time.
Thursday 29th	Reception year group photo appears in First Class edition of NWN
HALF TERM – Friday 23rd October – Friday 30th October 2020 Inclusive	
November	
Wednesday 4th	Greatwood group session 3 of 6
Week of 9th	Parents Evening phone calls
Wednesday 11th	Greatwood group session 4 of 6
Friday 13th	Y3 Diwali Celebration
Wednesday 18th	Greatwood group session 5 of 6
Wednesday 25th	Greatwood group session 6 of 6
December	
Friday 18th	Last Day of Autumn Term finish at 1.15 pm
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Monday 21st December to Monday 4th January 2021 Inclusive	
January	
Tuesday 5th	First Day of Spring Term
February	
HALF TERM – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2021 inclusive	
Monday 22nd	Y6 to Rhos-Y Gwaliau residential
Saturday 27th	Y6 Return from residential
March	
Wednesday 31st	Last Day of Term, finish at 1.15 pm
EASTER HOLIDAY – Thursday 1st April to Friday 16th April inclusive	

