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# The Winchcombe School

## News Bulletin

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### 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

- ✦ **Parents "Evening" Phone Calls:** We would like to thank you all for taking part in the virtual parents evening – We hope you found it informative and constructive for your children's learning.
- ✦ **Year 6 Woodland Ways Camping Trip** We are so excited to be camping next week! Any children with medication, please bring it in a named container and hand to the staff member who will be collecting medications in the hall. Please arrive at 8.30 am prompt and enter school through the gate by Phoenix Club.
- ✦ **Year 6 Mayan Day:** as part of our topic "Hola Mexico", we are looking forward to an immersive workshop learning all about Mexican culture on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. We are asking for a donation of £5.50 to cover the cost, payable via Schoolmoney.
- ✦ **Year 3 Greek day:** Our topic for this term is "Gods and Mortals", exploring ancient Greece. We are having a Greek Day workshop on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. We are asking for a donation of £5.50 to cover the cost, payable via Schoolmoney.
- ✦ **Year 4 Viking/Saxon Day:** Our topic this term is "Trader and Raiders". We are also having a workshop on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July, the cost being £4 per pupil, payable via Schoolmoney.
- ✦ **Sports Days:** Due to the current rise in variant cases of COVID in this area, we have decided **NOT** to allow parents and carers to join us for the sports days. We hope you will understand and support us over this very difficult decision. We will still run them for the children, see dates below.
- ✦ **Race For Life:** Once again we will be taking part in this fundraising event for Cancer Research UK, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. The children can come in pink or red sports clothing or their PE kit and will take part in some fun obstacle races. A letter with more details and sponsor form will be sent out soon.
- ✦ **The Friends of The Winchcombe School:** FoWS plays a crucial role in our school community, bringing families and colleagues together and raising much needed funds. In recent years we have arranged discos, fetes and fayres, helping pay for panto trips, computers, restocking the library and much more. After a promising start last year, our plans to reboot FoWS were put on hold by Covid. We are now calling on your support to help restart FoWS after half term. We are holding the AGM on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 6 pm. A separate letter and Zoom invite will be sent out with this newsletter.
- ✦ **Class Photographs:** You are now able to access your child's class photo to order copies online. Go to [www.creativeKlickphotography.co.uk](http://www.creativeKlickphotography.co.uk) and enter the code that is on the card your child should have brought home the week before half term. If you do not have a code but wish to look at the photo or place an order, please contact a member of the office staff.
- ✦ **Sun Screen Reminder:** With the current spell of hot weather, can we remind all parents to ensure their child has sun screen applied before coming in to school, and brings in a NAMED cap or sunhat.
- ✦ **School Lunches and Picnic Bags:** From next week, children in years 2 to 6 who order picnic bags or bring a packed lunch will be taking them outside to eat, Monday to Thursday. We have added a Pizza picnic bag to Thursday's menus until the end of term. Our full menu is available for pre-order on Schoolmoney. Follow this link to the website where you can download a PDF copy of the menu. <https://www.winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk/parents/schoolmeals> Please could all parents who pay for their child's meals check that they are up to date with payments on SchoolMoney.
- ✦ **Phoenix Club:** If you are interested in a place in the before and after school childcare club please see the school website to download a registration form or contact [phoenix@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:phoenix@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk)

✚ **Community Respect:** Can we please remind parents and carers to be mindful of their language and behaviour towards others whilst on and nearby the school site. Children learn by example and we would not wish for them to repeat certain words at home or school.

✚ **Lost Property:** We are still getting quite a few articles of UN-NAMED lost property handed in. PLEASE ensure you NAME EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT so that we can get them back to their owners. We put unclaimed items out at the end of each term on tables outside the front office. Any that are not claimed will be disposed of.

<b>Dates for 2020-21</b>	
<b>JUNE</b>	
<b>Mon14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Woodlands Way Camping</b>
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FoWS Annual General Meeting – 6 pm, via Zoom</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>KS2 Sports Day (Y3&amp;4 morning, Y5&amp;6 afternoon)</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Y5 Visit to Trinity School</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>FS/KS1 Sports Day (Foundation morning, Y1&amp;2 Afternoon)</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS2 Reserve date for Sports Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Mayan Day Workshop</b>
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y3 Greek Day Workshop</b>
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FS/KS1 Reserve date for Sports Day</b>
<b>JULY</b>	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Y4 Viking/Saxon Day Workshop</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Trinity Transition day 1 Y6 St Bartholomew’s Transition Day</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Whole School Transition Morning (details to follow)</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Trinity Transition day 2 Y6 Downs School Transition day</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Kennet School Transition days</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Race for Life Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of Term, finish at 1.15 pm</b>
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September Inclusive</b>	

**Regular Activities up to May half term:**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Y5 Football club 3.15-4.15 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Y3 Football club 3.15-4.15 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Y1 Multi-Skills Club 3.00-4.00 pm</b>

**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.

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