

# The Winchcombe School

## News Bulletin



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- ∞ **Pantomime at the Corn Exchange:** We are very excited that years Reception to 6 are booked to see "Aladdin" at the Corn Exchange during the last week of term! You will have had a letter with more details of the date and time your child's class will be attending. We have the whole auditorium to ourselves for each performance, with plenty of space between each class bubble. The Friends of The Winchcombe School will be generously helping to fund this outing, but we do ask that a donation of £5 per child is paid via Schoolmoney.
- ∞ **School Photographer:** We hope you liked the photographs of your children. If you have lost your pass code for the website, please ask the office. For those whose children were away or had not yet started school, the photographer will be back in school this Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Please ensure they are in full uniform, or if they have PE, then uniform on top, PE on bottom half.
- ∞ **Travelling Book Fair:** Parents are not able to come in to look at the books, but the teachers will show them to the children. Can we request that you only order books by phone: **0330 088 5756**. Our school ID number is **14702211**. Please follow this link to our website where you can find more information: [Virtual Book Fair News Article](#) . The school earns commission on every book sold to enable us to buy new books for classes and the library.
- ∞ **Sparkle and Light Dress Down Day:** On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December we would like children to come to school wearing anything sparkly, light-up or bright. Please could children bring in a donation of tinned, bottled or dried food items or new, unopened toiletries for the West Berkshire Foodbank on this day.
- ∞ **Money Recently Raised:** Thank you all for your generosity – we raised an impressive £456.61 for Children in Need Wear Spots day! The FoWS also raised an incredible £504.35 for the Friend's funds on their dress down day.
- ∞ **FOWS:** Look out for a Special Edition Christmas Newsletter from The Friends of The Winchcombe School next week! They are organising the Pre-Loved Christmas Jumper Sale soon so any further donations of outgrown Christmas Jumpers can be brought to the School Office **by 27<sup>th</sup> November** please.
- ∞ **Foundation Stage 2 Christmas Songs:** We will be recording our songs that will be available via a secure link for parents to watch, on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. We have sent the words home so please practice with your children!
- ∞ **Christmas Jumper Day:** On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December we are inviting children and staff to wear a Christmas jumper (Or something else Christmassy) into school in return for a donation. Half the money raised will go to Save the Children charity and half to the FoWS' fund. You may be able to pick up a bargain pre-loved jumper from their sale (see above).
- ∞ **School Christmas Dinner:** This will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December for years R to 6, served in class bubbles. The children will be making Christmas hats to wear. If you usually pay for lunches, the cost is £2.70. Please log on to Schoolmoney to pre-order by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. This gives the kitchen time to prepare their food order.
- ∞ **Parents Evening:** The "virtual" meetings worked really well – thank you all for your co-operation and patience! We hope you found the feedback helpful.
- ∞ **Y6 Residential:** At present we are assuming that the trip will still be going ahead. Can we remind parents that the second installment is due by 2<sup>nd</sup> December. There may be some financial help for those who are struggling financially or whose children are in receipt of free meals, so please contact the school office for more information.

- ∞ **Year 6 Junior Librarian at Home:** From next week we are teaching the children in Year 6 how to log in to the Librarian site from the school website home page, where they can reserve books. These will be brought to their classes by our volunteer librarians, Mrs Barr and Mrs Maytham.
- ∞ **Phoenix Club:** We have now moved into the space previously occupied by Happy Kids, who have moved into their brand-new purpose-built building. We do have some spaces available, especially in the mornings.
- ∞ **Curriculum:** You will have recently had a letter about the revised curriculum. All updated information can be found on the website at [School Website - Curriculum](#)
- ∞ **Year 2 Phonics:** There was a letter emailed to year 2 parents about how to help the children prepare for the upcoming phonics check (delayed from Y1 summer term). Click on [Y2 Phonics Check](#) .
- ∞ **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 politely ask for sight of a test result 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.

<b>Dates for 2020-21</b>	
<b>November</b>	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Travelling Book Fair – On-line ordering only.</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>School Photographer absentee re-takes</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Greatwood group last session</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Deadlines: Ordering/payment for Christmas Dinners. FoWS second Hand Christmas Jumpers last day for handing in.</b>
<b>December</b>	
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>“Sparkle &amp; Light Up” dress down day for West Berkshire Foodbank</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Seedlings &amp; Saplings recording their Christmas Songs</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pantomime – Years 2 &amp; 3 a.m. Year 4 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pantomime – Years R &amp; 1 a.m. Christmas Dinner</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pantomime – Years 5 &amp; 6</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of Autumn Term finish at 1.15 pm No after school Phoenix Club</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Inclusive</b>	
<b>January</b>	
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Day of Spring Term</b>
<b>February</b>	
<b>HALF TERM – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 inclusive</b>	
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Y6 to Rhos-Y Gwaliau residential</b>
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Return from residential</b>
<b>March</b>	
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of Term, finish at 1.15 pm</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April inclusive</b>	

