

# The Winchcombe School



## News Bulletin



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- ∞ **Pantomime at the Corn Exchange:** We are very excited that years Reception to 6 are going to see "Cinderella" at the Corn Exchange next week on **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December!** We will have the auditorium to ourselves for each performance. The Friends of The Winchcombe School will once again be generously helping to fund this outing, but we do ask that a donation of **£6.50** per child is paid via Schoolmoney, plus consent ticked, by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Morning LATEST.**
- ∞ **School Photographer:** Kreative Click photographers were in school on Monday. As quite a few children were absent, they will return on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> morning.** If this applies to your child, please ensure they wear full uniform, or if they have PE this day, they have uniform on top and PE/Forest clothes on bottom half. The cards with details of how to order and a code personal to your child will come home as soon as their images have been uploaded to the Kreative Click website.
- ∞ **Childhood Flu Immunisation:** The school nurse team will be in school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December** to administer the nasal flu vaccination to children in Reception to Year 6. Parents **MUST** complete an e-consent form for each child, by **9 am next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.** Please complete the form **even if you do NOT** wish your child to have the vaccine. There is also the option to choose a non-porcine vaccination. The link to the form is: <https://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/>
- ∞ **Year 6 Height & Weight:** The School nurse team will be in school on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** to take measurements for the National Height & Weight Measurement programme.
- ∞ **Staff Changes:** We are very sad to say goodbye on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> to Mrs Culley, who has worked in the school for over 5 years. She started as IT co-ordinator and then moved into the front office administrator role. We would like to thank Mrs Culley for her dedication to The Winchcombe and wish her well for the future. We have appointed a replacement, Mrs Stacey, who will start next week. We also say farewell to Miss Turner who has taught year 5 for 3 years. She takes up an exciting teaching role in Dubai. Mrs Burrows is returning from maternity leave to replace Miss Turner in Sycamore. Last but not least, Mrs Blake is now on maternity leave. We look forward to news of her new addition to the family very soon.
- ∞ **The Winchcombe School Governing Board:** We have vacancies for governors. If you are interested and would like to know more, please see the Governors section of the school website (under the Community tab) [Community/Governors](#) or contact the clerk to the governors via the school office.
- ∞ **Sports Fixtures:** It was really unfortunate that both the fixtures at Park House on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** and at Winchcombe on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** had to be cancelled for reasons beyond our control. The under 9 Girls football team played at Francis Baily on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. Although it was not a win, it was a great experience for them and they played with spirit and determination. There is a Y6 Boys match due to be played at Sulhamstead on the afternoon of **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December,** and a Y4 boys match against Speenhamland at home on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.** Details will follow for the team members.
- ∞ **Harvest Festival:** Thank you so much to everyone for their generous donations to the West Berks Food Bank. The charity was really very appreciative of the school's support, especially as donations from the general public have decreased considerably in the last few months. The totals now in: 349.4kg of donations, which equates to 733 meals, helping to feed 35 people with 3 meals a day for 7 days.
- ∞ **Children in Need Day:** There was a riot of colour in school last Friday as children and adults dressed in colourful, spotty and/or stripy clothes. We raised an amazing amount for the BBC charity, both in cash donations and through the just giving page, totaling **£537.** Thank you everyone!

- ∞ **FOWS Christmas Raffle:** There's still time to buy raffle tickets - they are £3 each with 12 chances to win up to £5,000! 50% from every ticket sold goes direct to FOWS so the more we sell the more we raise. The raffle is open to anyone, so please share with friends and family and on social media.  
<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/the-winchcombe-school-rg14>
- ∞ **Christmas Jumper Day:** Children can wear their Christmas jumpers for a donation to be split between Save the Children and FOWS. Donations preferably online through PayPal - our email address is [winchcombefriends@gmail.com](mailto:winchcombefriends@gmail.com) : please use the 'Friends and family' option and reference 'Christmas jumper day'. We will be holding a Christmas jumper sale this coming week on Facebook. To take part please join our group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofthewinchcombeschool/?ref=share>
- ∞ **School Christmas Dinner:** This will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** for years R to 6, served in class bubbles. If you usually pay for lunches, the cost is £2.80. The choice is roast Turkey with trimmings, or a Veggie parcel with veggie sausage and trimmings. Pudding is Ice-cream and shortbread or Christmas crumble and custard. Please log on to Schoolmoney to pre-order by **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. This gives the kitchen time to order the food.
- ∞ **Simon Murray Author in School:** On Tuesday, Foundation and KS1 children had a fantastic morning on Tuesday, working with the author Simon Murray. Each class participated in an illustration workshop drawing the character 'Icky Doo Dah'. We followed Simon's step by step instructions, learning how to draw 'Icky'. Simon taught the children about sketching and how to include detail, texture and tone. Every child listened carefully and produced amazing art work! Simon Murray kindly gave every class one of his books which we thoroughly enjoyed reading. We now have his full collection in school.  
If you wish to purchase one of his 'Icky Doo Dah' books, please return the leaflet that was sent home and correct money to the office. Thank you.
- ∞ **Year 2 Phonics:** We have emailed information today to year 2 parents about how to help the children prepare for the upcoming phonics check, which will be during the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> December. Click on [Y2 Phonics Check](#) to download copies.
- ∞ **Year 5 Egyptian Day:** This Monday **29<sup>th</sup> November** we will be heading to Ufton Court where we will be learning all about how the ancient Egyptians lived. If you have not already done so, please pay and consent on schoolmoney **ASAP**.
- ∞ **Year 4 Roman Day:** Year Four had a great day with Robbius the Roman who was dressed as an authentic Roman soldier. Many children dressed up in a variety of fantastic Roman costumes. Robbius taught us about Roman society and laws and finished off the experience with a fun drama session.
- ∞ **Y6 Residential:** What an amazing time everyone had at Manor Adventure. We held a fun competition for Year 6 to write a paragraph about their experience, and although it was extremely close, the winner was Charlotte Williams. *"Four nights sleepover with my friends, who could ask for more? The activities were so fun but the underground maze scared me; although I didn't finish it, it was good to try. The food was amazing the dinners were the best meals I have tried in a while! The nights were fund, although we went to sleep late, we had fun chats and played "Uno". Manor Adventure was a really fun place to visit and I would recommend this to my other friends"*. We hope to make a PDF of all the entries for Year 6 parents.
- ∞ **Year 6 Swimming:** To make up for the lessons missed due to Covid isolation and the Residential, we will be having an hour-long lesson on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**.
- ∞ **Phoenix Club:** If you would like to book your child into our before and after school childcare club, there are still spaces available. Please download a registration form from the website or contact [phoenix@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:phoenix@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk) for more information. If your child is absent and therefore cannot attend Phoenix Club, please let the office staff know this when you inform them of absence and also send an email to the club (address above).
- ∞ **MNR Let Them Play Holiday Camp:** There is a multi-activity camp and football camp run by MNR Coaching at Winchcombe during the first part of the Christmas break. Please book directly with them. Visit [www.mnrcoaching.com](http://www.mnrcoaching.com) or email [holidaycamps@mnrcoaching.com](mailto:holidaycamps@mnrcoaching.com) or phone 07572398161.

<b>Dates for 2021-22</b>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Egyptian Day at Ufton Court
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Photographers in to take absentee photos
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pantomime at Corn Exchange years R to 2
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pantomime at Corn Exchange years 3 to 6
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6 Height & Weight Measurement – school nurse team.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Nasal Flu Vaccination years R to 6
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Under 11 boys football match at Sulhamstead.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 extra swimming session
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Under 9 boys Football at home V Speenhamland - finish 4 pm.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Stage Christmas presentation being filmed
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of term – <b>lunch time finish 1.15 pm</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January Inclusive</b>	
<b>JANUARY 2022</b>	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Spring term 1
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Bikeability Level 1 – details to follow
Week of 31 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 Bikeability Level 2 – details of groups to follow
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>HALF TERM – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February Inclusive</b>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day
<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>APRIL</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of term – <b>lunch time finish 1.15 pm</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April Inclusive</b>	