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# The Winchcombe School

## News Bulletin

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### 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

- ✦ **Parents "Evening" Phone Calls:** Booking of time slots is going well – if you have not already done so, please log on to the Eduspot Parents Evening using the link we have sent to you to book a 10 minute long phone call from your child's teacher. This is to discuss their progress and targets. If you are not able to do this, the office staff can book appointments for you.
- ✦ **Year 4 Rushall Farm Camping Trip:** Thank you all for completing the consents and offsite activities forms. The children will be taken by the school minibuses to the farm. Final payment installments are now overdue, so if you haven't paid, please do so now.
- ✦ **Year 6 Woodland Ways Camping Trip:** This takes place 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June in Appleton near Abingdon. We will be travelling by coach to the venue, where we will have 2 full days plus one night of camping plus a range of woodland bush craft type activities. We will shortly be sending home the Offsite Activities form.
- ✦ **Year 6 Bikeability:** Well done to the 42 children who braved the rain showers to complete their two day cycle road safety courses over the last fortnight. Certificates are come home today.
- ✦ **Seedlings & Saplings Art:** Can we remind parents to bring in a NAMED plain white Tee-shirt (Aertex is preferable) as we will be tie-dying them next week, thank you.
- ✦ **Sports Days:** Please see the calendar below for dates for the sports days. There are also reserve dates should the weather be against us. We will let you know more details of how these will run later in the term. The lunch menu will be altered to just picnic bag options on these days.
- ✦ **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. To help us understand how you think FoWS should be supporting the school, please take answer 5 short questions in this survey: [FoWS Questionnaire](#). The survey will open until Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021. If you cannot access it please let the School Office know. We are holding the AGM on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 6 pm. All parents and carers are welcome, and details will follow as to how this will be delivered.
- ✦ **Vacancy:** We wish to recruit a **Lunchtime Controller**, to start as soon as possible. Pay is £9.25 per hour, 7.5 hours a week, term time only. Times are Monday to Friday, 11.45 am to 1.15 pm. Please contact the office if you wish to apply. Forms and information can be emailed or a hard copy supplied.
- ✦ **School Lunches:** Our full menu is 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 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:** From 17<sup>th</sup> May, in line with the commencement of Step 3 of the road map, we can extend our offer of wrap around care, whilst adhering to Covid-19 safety protocols. If you are interested 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)
- ✦ **Covid-19 Safety-Measures:** Whilst the government's lockdown measures have been relaxed and are set to be further relaxed on Monday, guidance for schools remains the same. All staff, parents and visitors to continue to wear face coverings whilst on the school premises, both inside and outside. The one-way system for dropping off and picking up the children will remain in place until further notice. Please can we re-iterate that parents should NOT be going IN through the Phoenix Club gate as they are going against the flow. Children will remain in their year group bubbles.

✚ **Lost Property:** Now the children are mixing slightly more and are not classroom based at lunch time, we are getting an increasing amount 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.

<b>Dates for 2020-21</b>	
<b>Tue 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y4 (Chestnut + half of Redwood) Rushall Farm Camping</b>
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Y4 (Rowan + half of Redwood) Rushall Farm Camping</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Class (group) Photos</b>
<b>W/C 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parent-Teacher Phone Calls</b>
<b>HALF TERM – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June Inclusive</b>	
<b>JUNE</b>	
<b>Tue 8<sup>th</sup> /Wed 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Seedlings/Saplings Hearing tests a.m.</b>
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Seedlings/Saplings Sight tests a.m.</b>
<b>Mon 14<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 – details to follow</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>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FS/KS1 Reserve date for Sports Day</b>
<b>JULY</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>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Kennet School Transition days</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>Y6 Football club 3.15-4.15 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Y4 Football club 3.15-4.15 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Y2 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