

The Winchcombe School News Bulletin

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A huge welcome back to all our children, parents and carers this week! We are all very happy to be back in classrooms, albeit still in their own 'bubbles'. Thank you everyone for continuing with the social distancing measures in place for the start and end of the school day.

✚ **World Book Day:** There were an amazing variety of book characters both in school and on zoom meets! Well done everyone for being so inventive. The children took part in "The Masked Reader" and a Family Book Quiz on DB Primary as well as some classroom-based activities. The Newbury Weekly News took some photos of our Year 6 zoom alongside our Acorns nursery class in the hall. Here are some of our KS2 children (and staff) in the Library:



✚ **World Book Day Short Story Competition Winner!** Our local MP Laura Farris recently ran a competition in association with Pearson publishers. She invited children to write a short story of no more than 500 words. We are absolutely delighted to announce that Vinayak in Chestnut class has won his category, with his story. Miss Farris said his story "showed wonderful creativity and originality and he clearly has a strong aptitude for creative writing". Vinayak's prize is a tailored book bundle from Pearson.

✚ **Comic Relief "Funky Hair" Day:** In return for a small donation to the Comic Relief charity we have invited children (and staff) to get creative with their hair styles on **Friday 19th March**. Full uniform must be worn. In school, the children will also be taking part in a challenge to run the 'Daily Mile' route to try and beat professional racing driver and double amputee Billy Monger's 140 mile route. All proceeds will go towards tackling homelessness, hunger, domestic abuse and mental health stigma both in the UK and around the world.

✚ **Year 6 Victorian Day:** As part of their topic "Revolution" Year 6 will be dressing up as Victorian school children on **Friday 26th March** for a Virtual Victorian Schoolroom day delivered by Reading Museum. A donation of £3 is requested – payment and consent is via Schoolmoney.

✚ **Clubs:** We are in the process of sorting out some sport clubs for children which will commence in the summer term. Look out for a letter with more details later this term.

✚ **Steel Pans:** Lessons have re-commenced for Year 5 this Wednesday, including the Year 6 group from 8.20 – 8.50 am.

✚ **Phoenix Club:** The club is re-opening from Monday 15th March, on a limited basis to keyworker children who were booked in during the previous term. For more information on the Phoenix club, please go to: winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk/ourcommunity/phoenixclub

✚ **Illness/Absence:** Please leave a message on the absence line with a reason for absence by 9.30 am latest for our records and update us on a daily basis. Should the child or any family member be isolating due to Covid-19, we politely ask for sight of a test result prior to the child returning.

✚ **Parking:** We have had reports this week from neighbours and friends about erratic and potentially dangerous parking during drop off and pick up times. We understand that parking near to school is always an issue, but PLEASE park considerately towards pedestrians with push-chairs and very young children without blocking driveways, our car park entrance or up on pavements. 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 arrangement is still to be reviewed. It helps everyone if you could observe an unofficial one-way system, entering Maple Crescent from the Shaw Social Club end, at pick up and drop off times. Please note that no turning around, dropping off or parking is allowed in the Staff par park.

Dates for 2020-21	
MARCH	
Monday 8th	School re-opens for all children.
Wednesday 10th	Y6 Steel Pans 8.40 am Recommences
Monday 15th	Phoenix Club (for keyworkers) re-commences
Friday 19th	Funky Hair day for Comic Relief
Friday 26th	Y6 Victorian Day
Wednesday 31st	Last Day of Spring Term finish at 1.15 p.m. No after school Phoenix Club
EASTER HOLIDAY – Thursday 1st April – Friday 16th April Inclusive	
APRIL	
Monday 19th	First Day of Summer Term
MAY	
Monday 3rd	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
HALF TERM – Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June Inclusive	
JUNE	
JULY	
Monday 5th	Y6 Trinity Transition day 1
Tuesday 6th	Y6 Trinity Transition day 2
Tuesday 20th	Last Day of Term, finish at 1.15 pm
SUMMER HOLIDAY – Wednesday 21st July – Wednesday 1st September Inclusive	

PE/Forest Adventure Days:

Year Group/Class	PE Days		Forest Adventures
Foundation/Seedlings	Thursday		Wednesday
Foundation/Saplings			
Year 1/Ash	Tuesday	Friday	Monday
Year 1/Oak		Thursday	
Year 2	Monday	Friday	-
Year 3	Monday	Friday	-
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday	-
Year 5	Monday	Thursday	-
Year 6	Monday	Tuesday	-
SAL	Tuesday		-