



*Good to talk even better to listen  
Respect myself, school and the community  
Enjoy and achieve safely*

*Able to make mistakes and learn from them*

*Together we aim high*

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### **A Note from the Head of School, Mrs Baines-Chambers:**

I hope that you have all had a wonderful, safe half term break and are looking forward to an exciting term ahead as we build up to Christmas.

All year groups have lots of exciting and engaging learning planned for our pupils to enjoy. We also have some other exciting events happening over the next few months. We will be hosting two 'case study open mornings' for the East Midlands Maths hub. This will involve schools across the East Midlands visiting Wyndham where we will share our approach to mastery in maths. We are also hosting professional development opportunities within maths - 'Teaching for conceptual understanding' which will be available to Derby City Schools.

Our attendance last half term was 96.2%, which is good, our aim is to achieve 97%+. As we are entering the colder months, please ensure that your child has their coat with them, even if you travel by car. The pupils spend break and lunch outdoors and we utilise the outdoors for our learning experiences as much as possible too.

Thank you to those parents / carers who attended parents evening. If you still require an appointment, please speak to either the office or your child's class teacher.

### **FS 1 and FS 2**

After such a lovely half term and all the hard work we have seen over the past seven weeks in FS1 we are so excited to get back to school to begin learning together again. This week we are going to focus on the things that we celebrate in autumn such as Halloween and Bonfire night. We have some super scary Halloween songs to learn, some firework art to make using our hands, feet and enormous pieces of paper outside in our nursery garden, we will be searching for the Witches lost magic phonics sounds outside in Wyndham Woods and we are going to be making some yummy Halloween treats to share. These are just a few of the activities that we will be doing and we are very much looking forward to sharing our exciting learning with you on our twitter @wyndhamfsl and via class dojo.

We hope you have had a fabulous week off over half term, we are looking forward to hearing all about what you have been up to! We have got a busy half term in FS2 with so many exciting events coming up. We are starting our second half term off with a bang focusing on fireworks and bonfire night! During this week we will be exploring with different paint and textures to create our firework display pictures, making and enjoying chocolate apples and learning how to stay safe around fire with Mrs Marvill in our Woodland area!

Dec class are on their trip on Wednesday 2nd November to see Percy the Park keeper. Please remember coats and wellies as it can be quite muddy!

## Year 1

We had such a lovely final week in Year 1! The children worked extremely hard to learn, recall and write key facts about our royalty. This was helped by a lovely visit to Boulton St. Mary's Church where we learned about marriage and were lucky to explore the church. Both teachers are so proud of the children's behaviour, effort and determination in the past half term and for stretching their imaginations and achieving lots! It was also so brilliant to have been able to meet so many parents at parents evening to share the children's successes. We hope everyone has had a lovely break and had lots of fun, and we are looking forward to working hard this half term learning all about 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' by Dr Seuss.

## Year 2

We hope you've all had a GREAT half term. There's some spooky goings on in Year Two this week as the Wyndham Ghosts come out to play for a week full of Halloween activities. The children will be learning about how people celebrate Halloween worldwide, such as the Mexican celebration "Day of the Dead". A reminder that on Wednesday 9th November, the children will be attending a Disney well-being event in Staffordshire. Please ensure your child arrives at school for 8:45am as the bus will be leaving at 9:00am to ensure we arrive for the 10:00am. We will not be able to wait as we have a designated time we need to arrive for.

## Year 3

What a fantastic first half term we've had in Year 3! This half term, we are excited to start our new book 'Mr Stink'. We will be exploring what it is like to be homeless and will be learning about what the local community does to help. There are lots of exciting things planned, including building our own shelters for Mr Stink! We will also be exploring the local town and learning all about light in our science topic. We can't wait!

## Year 4

Year 4 are very excited to be starting the new term with our new book Gangsta Granny by David Walliams. We have so many exciting things planned from a Granny day where we will all dress up as old people to exploring London and all things within our capital city as this is a big focus for in the book. We hope the children are refreshed ready for the term ahead. Keep looking out for all of our GREAT learning on Twitter and remember to keep reading!!

## Year 5

Our topic for year 5 this half term is space! We will be learning all about the Solar System, how we get days and who was the first man on the moon. We will hopefully be visiting the Space Centre in Leicester where we can see rockets, visit the planetarium and learn even more about space. Over the half term we will be building and programming moon buggies, painting the night sky and acting out the first moon landing. PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday as usual so please remember PE kits.

## Year 6

In year 6, we are about to embark on our most exciting journey yet as we enter the magical world of Harry Potter. Hufflepuff, Slytherin, Ravenclaw or Gryffindor - which house will you be sorted into?

Follow us on twitter @Wyndhamyear6 as we write newspaper articles for the Daily Prophet, commentate on quidditch matches, design and create our very own chocolate frogs and build circuits to explore the science behind the spell 'lumos'. See you at Platform 9 3/4.

## Boots for the cold months

Please send children in with some boots for the colder months that are upon us. Could you ensure that they are black like the children's everyday footwear at school.

## Traffic

Another reminder that the outside of school at the start and the end of the school day is extremely busy with traffic. Where you can please leave the car at home or you are welcome to park at the church hall on Barrett Street.

## Attendance

A positive start to the school year with overall attendance at 96.2%. Each week the classes are awarded dojos for the highest attendance. Looking forward to seeing which classes will be getting the accolade after half term!

## Photos

Individual photos will be taken at the school on Tuesday November 22nd. More details to follow.

## Woodland Warriors

Your help is needed! Please could you bring in empty pop bottles for woodland warriors to make rain catchers. It would be very much appreciated.

## English Lessons

Mrs. E. Maciejewska is teaching English lessons free of charge at the International Wyndham Parents Café on Monday at 9am in the Infants Hall. Coffee and biscuits will be provided. Be fantastic to see you there!