



*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:

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new school term.

This half term is quite a short one, only just over 5 weeks, but we are continuing to remain focused on learning based around a book. You can find more information about the topics being covered by accessing our school website and following us on Twitter and Facebook.

A reminder to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) even if your child is in FS2-Year 2 and receives the universal infant free school meal. Parents must meet the set criteria (please speak to a member of staff in the office or Mrs Naylor who can further advise you). If you are eligible to claim, we encourage you to do so as each valid claim attracts additional funding to the school.

For every pupil registered with as eligible, the school will receive additional funding in the school budget called Pupil Premium (£1,300 per child) which is used to help raise achievement levels within school. The additional funding also helps provide access to facilities, clubs, school trips and extra adult support around school. If you do not claim for Free School Meals, then the Pupil Premium funding will not be available for your child and will not be available to help support and improve our school.

If you need more information about Pupil Premium or have any questions at all, please speak with a member of Staff in school.

FS 1 and FS 2

It has been so wonderful hearing all about the exciting things all of our friends in our class have been doing over the Christmas holidays and we are excited to get back to our learning. This week we have been thinking all about our hopes, dreams and wishes for the new year. We have made wish jars to share our ideas and 2017 calendars to take home to our families. Next week we are going to be starting our new topic of traditional tales beginning with the gingerbread man- there will be some baking involved and we will be making some yummy gingerbread treats to kick-start the term!

Hello and a very Happy New Year to all of our children and families in FS! We hope that you have had a lovely time over the Christmas period spending time with your children. We have already begun to look at all of the fantastic Christmas homework the children have brought in to share with their friends and it has been lovely to hear about and see all of the exciting things you have been up to! Even a picture of a special time shared in the holidays can spark the most wonderful conversations between the children.

Over the next two weeks, we will be learning all about the Gingerbread Man story. We will be looking at the old classic story, as well as alternative versions that will make the children giggle! We will be baking gingerbread men by following a recipe and then writing our own set of instructions for FS1 so that they can make some delicious treats too if they wish to! We will also be doing lots of scientific investigations, with the aim to work out the best way to help the Gingerbread Man cross the river without sinking, or getting wet!

Remember if there is anything that you would like to talk about with any of our team, please do not hesitate to find us in the mornings, after school or via Class Dojo.

Year 1

What a start to 2017! Firstly we would like to wish all our lovely children and families a very Happy New Year. We have had a GREAT first week back, getting immersed into our new book for the term. Already we have explored what the mysterious creature was that destroyed our classrooms, finding it to be the dinosaur from our book! We then counted how many of our things the greedy lump had eaten - up to 40 things! We are looking forward to the term ahead and can't wait to share our learning with all of you.

Year 2

WOW! What a GREAT start to the Spring term Year 2 have. The Wyndham Cube has been transformed into a Monster Zoo and soon it'll be home to hundreds of terrifying, gruesome monsters. The children have been writing character descriptions for their monsters. Their writing was full of hilarious similes, imaginative adjectives and fantastic adverbs. In maths, the children have been taking their role as zoo keeper very seriously as they have been measuring in metres to help them measure how tall and fat the monsters are.

Year 3

This half term, Year 3 will be using the book 'Traction Man is Here' as our learning stimulus. We have lots of exciting things planned. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring all things Super Hero! In English, we will be writing a newspaper report and our own adventure stories. In maths, we will begin to learn about measurement. We will be learning all about Forces and Magnets and digging our teeth into the Iron Age. Please be reminded that our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Our spelling tests will be every Monday morning and children are expected to bring in their reading records every Friday to be checked. We are very excited for the half term ahead!

Year 4

Year 4 have had a very exciting first few day back at school! Our new book is called Spy Dog which is written by Andrew Cope and is all about Lara who is a spy dog. We have been learning what it takes to be a spy by doing fitness training, making finger prints, writing messages in invisible ink and escaping from the laser maze! We think year 4 would make excellent spies!

In maths we are continuing to work on our multiplication and division problems so keep practising your times tables. In science we will be learning about electricity and we will soon be making our very own torches!

We do PE on Wednesdays and Fridays so please remember to bring your PE kits.

Year 5

Year 5 are learning all about World War 1 and 2 this half term. Our book is "What are we fighting for?" by Brian Moses and Roger Stevens. We have built some Anderson shelters in our classrooms, which we will be using to practice air raid drills! We are also learning lots about poetry and will be writing our own poems in the style of Brian Moses and Roger Stevens. We will also be building our own Anderson shelters and creating propaganda posters!

PE will be Tuesday and Thursday as usual, please remember PE kits and pumps. Thank you.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a superb start to the Spring term! Their positive attitude and enthusiasm shown towards their learning has impressed Mrs Garton and Miss Winfield. This half-term, we are reading 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne. To help us better understand the book, we have created a timeline of events leading up to, and during, WW2. We have put ourselves in Bruno's shoes and compared his new house to his previous home. This has allowed us to write a letter to our friend (Martin) expressing our feelings about the move.

In maths, we have been looking at decimal numbers and linking in our knowledge of fractions. We are having a large focus on times tables this half term and have the opportunity to win times tables bands when we prove that we are secure! Remember, we have a times table club every lunch time from 1.05 to 1.15pm and a 'Let's Master Maths' club every Wednesday after school from 3.30-4.15pm (everyone is welcome!)

Safeguarding

A notice to parents be vigilant when children are using mobile phones, computers, tablets etc. at home. With many of them receiving these for Christmas we are mindful at school of potential dangers when children are online. Please remind your child of the need to be safe when using these devices.

Extended Provision

A reminder that the school now has an online system to pay for breakfast club and WASPs and no longer can accept cash directly. Please see the school office for more details.

Term dates

There is an INSET day on Friday February 10th which is when the school will close for half term and then reopen on Monday 20th February 2017.

School will close for the Easter holidays on Friday 7th April and reopen on Monday 24th April 2017.

There will be an INSET day on Friday 28th April. The school will close for half term on Friday 26th May and will reopen again on Monday 5th June.

Language of the Week

Next weeks language of the week will be celebrating the Kurdish language that some of the children of Wyndham are conversant in. Listen out for it if you pop into school.