

# Welcome to Winton Primary School



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## Queen Elizabeth II

The Winton community joins the rest of the nation in mourning the passing of a dedicated, compassionate and inspirational monarch. The loss of Queen Elizabeth II will be felt across the country and we extend our condolences to the members of the Royal Family.

Over the coming days the school will continue to work as normal and we will support any children who need it. We will also work in line with guidance to schools for the period of mourning; adjusting assemblies and activities as required to make sure the children have an awareness and understanding of events that are taking place across the country.

**EXTERNAL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND MORNING GYMNASTICS LESSONS START NEXT WEEK FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BOOKED SPACES. DETAILS OF THE TEACHER LED AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND HOW TO MAKE BOOKINGS WILL BE RELEASED VIA PARENTMAIL NEXT WEEK.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year! I hope that all of our families enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and that the children are refreshed ready for the challenges of a new year. A particularly warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families – we hope that this year is the start of a happy and successful education at Winton Primary and that you all enjoy your time at the school.

### Morning Arrangements

Thank you to everyone who has quickly become familiar with the amended times and routine for the morning drop-off. The reduced drop-off window does make the car park a little busier but it has been manageable and as ever, we encourage everyone not to drive down Oswald Road if at all possible. If you have to drive to school, then parking in the surrounding area and walking the last few minutes of the journey is often quicker and easier than trying to get down Oswald Road – it is good to reduce your stress and for the children to get some additional exercise.

My apologies that one of the messages you received via ParentMail had misleading information in. As always, the gates open at 8.40am and staff are on duty and pupils are supervised from this time until the bell goes at 8.50am. The top gate in the car park by Year 5 opens at 8.30am to prevent dangerous congestion and children waiting in the car park. We found when all gates were closed that the pavements were overfull with children and parents waiting for the gates to open. For the 10 minutes between 8.30am and 8.40am children should be supervised by parents or parents must be aware that children are not supervised by staff. Senior staff may be outside but they cannot take responsibility for children on their own, they are there to answer parent queries etc. Children and parents from Year 1 upwards can use that top gate to enter and go around onto the playground to avoid congestion in the car park.

The gates close promptly at 8.50am. Whatever time we close the gates it always causes anxiety if children just miss the gate being open and parents often ask why they cannot be let through even though staff are still there. This is purely a safeguarding measure. The register is taken as the bell goes and children who miss this get their mark at the office as they enter. Therefore, it is important that if the gate is closed children go through the front door and they will then get their register mark. If this doesn't happen there is the danger we could have a child in school who is marked as absent on the register but in school. It can also be a long way to the classroom and the adults are no longer on the playground or doors to direct and support children, so we have had children who have become overwhelmed when making a long walk around an empty playground. Staff remain on the gate to allow any parents out who have been on the playground until the bell goes. I recognise it seems unnecessary when staff are standing at a gate that children can't be allowed just to go through, but I hope this makes it clear why.

### **BCP Council Stopping Off Notice**

I have been made aware of discussion and concerns regarding the council's stopping off notice posted during the holiday and some parents have been so concerned that they have approached the Echo. If you do have concerns we would always encourage you to talk to the school – we will always be happy to help if we can. I am pleased to say there is nothing at all to be concerned about. This is the council retrospectively doing something that in reality was done over 20 years ago. Currently part of the school car park is still classed as a public highway and has a right of public way over it (that is why there are double yellow lines near Reception). The road was changed as the original primary school was built more than 20 years ago. Whilst the gates prevent anyone exercising the public right of way this makes the exit gate illegal! In short nothing will change but historic changes will now be legal and everything will be as it should be. Hopefully this will remove any anxiety or rumours about the car park closing!

### **This week and next week**

As many of you will be familiar with, the children have a focus, in the first fortnight, on literacy, art and technology. Their work in this area may be quite practical and messy as well as a lot of fun! By focussing on these areas of the curriculum for the first few weeks we get some high-quality work for public display as well as settling the children into their new class and routines. This makes for a smooth start to the year for the children and means they are ready for the challenges of the normal timetable in Week 3. Next week you will receive the curriculum information for the first half term which explains what your child will be learning over the coming weeks.



Mr Tarchetti  
Headteacher



### RECEPTION

ParentMail  
[office@wintonprimary.uk](mailto:office@wintonprimary.uk)

We have now added all parents to our ParentMail communication system. The email address is taken from your child's admission form. If you have not yet received a registration link, please come to the office or send us an email and we can take a look into this for you.

We have also added all parents that we have a completed consent form from to the Tapestry system. Again, if you have not yet received your registration link please pop in to the office or email us and we can check the system and provide you with a consent form if necessary.



### PE DAYS

Please note your child's usual PE day below. **This timetable is in place from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.** Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days and will stay in their PE kit for the whole day. Children should wear their usual school shoes to and from school as their trainers should remain in school for each half term.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Year 5	Year 1 & Year 4	Year 3 & Year 6	Reception & Year 2

For **next week**, as per the ParentMail message sent out at the beginning of this week, children should only come in to school in their PE kits on the following days:

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Year 2	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Year 1	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Year 3
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### TUCK SHOP

The morning tuck shop is open for children in Years 1 to 6. Children can purchase dried fruit snacks for 40p each during their morning break. Please can children bring no more than 50p each per day. All money should be in a named purse/wallet.



### YEAR 6 - CLASS ASSEMBLIES AND RESIDENTIAL TRIP

The normal Dates to Remember section will appear in next week's newsletter but for Year 6 parents, please note the upcoming class assemblies for your children. These will take place at 2.45pm in the Small Hall (enter from 2.40pm via the middle car park gates).



Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	6SH
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	6HE
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	6MS
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	6HP

A ParentMail message was sent out earlier this week regarding the summer term residential trip to Barton Hall. Please make sure you have read the message and responded to the ParentMail form to indicate your interest in attending this trip. If your child would like to attend, the non-refundable deposit must be paid by September 20<sup>th</sup>. Please don't hesitate to contact the office, your child's class teacher or Miss Buston (Phase Leader for Years 5 & 6) if you have any queries or concerns.

