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FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER – INSET DAY MONDAY 24TH TO FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER – HALF TERM HOLIDAY MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER - INSET DAY CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy start to the year and children across the school have made a positive start to the new school year, working hard and trying their best. We hope that all our pupils and their families enjoy a well-deserved rest next week! Friday 21st and Monday 31st October are INSET training days and so children return to school on Tuesday 1st November.



WATER IN SCHOOL

We are very conscious of how important it is for children to drink water through the day and to be well hydrated. This is important for both their health and for their learning. We do all we can to ensure children can drink through the day. Please continue to encourage your child to drink water through the day by ensuring they bring their water bottle in each day, bring it home and refill it each evening.

Of course, the bottle needs to be labelled to prevent confusion or loss. Children can refill their bottles during the day if needed. It is much more difficult for us to provide water for children who do not have a bottle so please make every effort to ensure your child has a bottle in school. Bottles go out to the playground with them and to PE lessons and if they don't have

one it can be very difficult for us to provide water to children.

Children's lunchboxes go to the hall each morning and therefore lunch drinks and snacks for breaktime need to be separate to the lunchbox. We realised this week that parents may not know this and so wanted you to be aware so that you can help children pack their bag and prepare for the day. If parents have a different drink for their lunchbox that is fine and we allow cartons etc in lunchboxes but not in the classroom. This is another way that we encourage hydration by allowing an alternative to water with lunch. If you don't provide an extra lunchtime drink, children have access to water jugs and cups through the lunch sitting in the hall. Thank you for your support.

END OF TERM

The last day of the Autumn term is Friday 16th December. Please note that school will finish at 1.30pm on this day.

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PARENT CONSULTATIONS – MONDAY 7TH AND WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

Don't forget to book your parent consultation appointments via SchoolCloud. Full details of the event and how to book appointments were covered in <u>last week's newsletter</u>.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

We will be supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies will be on sale for a cash donation starting the week after half-term. The poppies will be taken round to every classroom each afternoon.

PFA Information

We will once again be holding a Festive Raffle in December! We are once again starting our requests for prizes, which in recent years have been truly fantastic!



Can you help?

If you work for or own a company who would be willing to donate a prize or a voucher for the raffle, please contact us: pfa@wintonprimary.uk
If you are interested in sponsoring a top prize then your company will get the prime advertising in all raffle correspondence via the newsletter, etc.

Any support will be greatly appreciated.

Watch this space after the Half-Term break for information on more upcoming events for, dare we say it, Christmas!

MUFTI / NON-UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER



Our Fundraising Representatives are excited to announce that this year Winton Primary School will be raising money for The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance charity! Our Fundraising Reps are a group of children from Years 5 and 6 who are enthusiastic about supporting a charity that has made a difference to so many people's lives.

This week, the charity was announced to the children in assembly and our Fundraising Reps introduced our first

fundraising event - a mufti day! As a school, we are keen to support Children in Need this year so we will be having a non-uniform **mufti day on Friday 18**th **of November** where the proceeds will be split between the two charities – Children in Need and The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.



Parents are asked to make a minimum donation of £1 per child for wearing their own clothes to school on this date. Payments are open on ParentMail – simply login to your ParentMail account, go to Payments and then Shop where you will see the Payment Item 'Mufti Day – Friday November 18th'. Here you can either donate £1 or increase it to an amount of your choice.

Many thanks for your support.



KS2 – TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

After half term, the children in Key Stage 2 will take part in a Times Tables Rock Stars league which will run until the Christmas holidays. Classes will compete against other classes each week to earn points. Children can earn points by playing a set number of 'Garage' games each day. Teachers will provide more details about this and will give children the chance to compete during the school day. If they have access, please encourage your child to log on at home as well to help their class compete.

CHARTWELLS – NEW MENU AND ORDER DEADLINE REMINDER FOR AFTER HALF-TERM

Chartwells have released their new menu for hot meals which will start from after the half-term holiday and run up until the Easter holidays in 2023. **The deadline to order meals for after half-term is this Sunday, 23rd October**. If you miss this deadline, please ensure you send your child to school with a packed lunch. The new items have been loaded on to the ordering site https://dorset.mealselector.co.uk/ and the menu will shortly be available on Chartwells website but is live on our website here.





CHILD OF ACHIEVEMENT

Amelia in 1TG is yet another of our school's super swimmes! She has been awarded two swimming badges: her Rainbow 10 metre swimming badge and her Water Skills Level 2! A fabulous achievement for a 5-year-old! Well done, Amelia!

HOUSE COMPETITION NEWS

Well done for all of the brilliant logo designs! We received lots of entries and it was very hard for the House Captains to choose their winners, who will be announced in celebration assembly the first week back after the holidays. The four winners will each receive a prize of their own art kit!



After we get back from half term, our house competition is a running extravaganza! Make sure your children have their trainers in school as every mile they run on the daily mile track, at lunch time or in their class time, will be added to the house competition scores. Good luck!

CURRENT HOUSE POINTS TOTAL:

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH
253	250	242	234

DATES TO REMEMBER		
OCTOBER		
Friday 21st	INSET Day - children do not attend school	
Sunday 23rd	Midnight deadline to order meals online from Chartwells for after half-term	
Monday 24th to Friday 28th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 31st	INSET Day - children do not attend school	
	Year 6 - Deadline to apply online for Secondary School place	
NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 1st	Last Date to order photos online for free delivery https://www.orderphotos.co.uk	
Monday 7th to	No school run after school clubs this week due to Parent Consultations - paid for clubs	
Friday 11th	will continue to run	
Monday 7th	Parent Consultations - 3.40pm - 7pm (read above for details of how to book)	
Tuesday 8th	2SC Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall (enter through middle car park gates)	
Wednesday 9th	Parent Consultations - 3.40pm - 6pm (read above for details of how to book)	
Tuesday 15th	1NP Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall (enter through middle car park gates)	
Friday 18th	Mufti/Non Uniform Day	
Tuesday 22nd	3BW Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall (enter through middle car park gates)	
Wednesday 30th	4AB Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall (enter through middle car park gates)	