

Welcome to Winton Primary School



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REMINDER – THERE ARE NO SCHOOL-RUN AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WEEK COMMENCING 13TH MARCH

THIS IS DUE TO PARENT CONSULTATIONS – PAID FOR CLUBS WILL STILL RUN
THE FINAL WEEK FOR ALL CLUBS THIS TERM IS WEEK COMMENCING 20TH MARCH



BOOKS AT BEDTIME

A big thank you to everyone involved in making this World Book Day event a success. We had more than 500 children attend over the two nights and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves greatly.

I am very grateful to the staff who came along to read stories as well as the PFA who made the children hot chocolate to have with the final story. I hope this will have created positive memories for our children both in terms of school and more importantly of reading.

Research shows that children who read avidly do better at school in all subjects. Children who go on to get good GCSEs and higher qualifications are those that read. Those who don't read regularly do not do as well in school as those that do. Please remember this important research as you go

through the sometimes painful journey of supporting your child in learning to read. As they move onto the equally difficult (at times) phase where you have to encourage independent reading, it remains important to remember that it will make a big difference to every area of their education as well as giving them a source of enjoyment that can last a lifetime.

It really doesn't matter what they read as long as they do it daily! As adults we can preference our children reading one type of book over another or reading books rather than electronic resources, but the biggest thing is that they are reading every day. If they are doing this they will find their way to quality texts over time.



The biggest contribution we can make, as the children get older, is signposting them to the importance of reading in *our* lives. We may read for pleasure but most of us have to read for work and read as part of our daily lives. It is important that we draw attention to this as our children may not realise we read as much as we do. Again, research shows that children learn from their role models – which is often us! So it is important they see us as readers and preferably avid ones! If you want to read(!) a little more about this,



there is a link here: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/research-services/research-reports/role-models-and-their-influence-on-children-and-young-peoples-reading/>

This need for positive role models is one of the reasons we put on Books at Bedtime so our children see staff reading and the love that staff have for books. However, you are our children's real role models and what you do will make a huge difference to their motivation to read!

Thanks for your support of World Book Day and your child's reading journey – we do know how much work you put in at home!

WE ARE HOLDING A BOOK DRIVE!

We are holding a Book Drive and would love to receive any good quality children's books. The books donated will benefit both pupils in our school and disadvantaged children in the UK.

In school, the books will be added to our year group library stock to offer even greater choice for readers. Books that we are unable to make use of in school will be donated to the [Children's Book Project](#) charity which gifts donated books to targeted communities across the UK. In the UK 1 in 4 disadvantaged children owns fewer than 10 books, whilst 1 in 8 has none at all. This has an impact not only on these children's academic outcomes but also on their wellbeing, emotional development and sense of themselves as a reader.



We will gratefully accept any children's books in good condition so please have a search for any books that your children have grown out of. Alternatively, you may wish to purchase an old favourite to donate. There will be drop off points in each base area in school and also in the main office. **The closing date for book donations will be Friday 24th March.**



HOUSE CAKE COMPETITION AND CAKE SALE! MONDAY 20TH MARCH

We are asking the children to bring in a cake and win points for their house team. The house that raises the most money will be the winners!

The cakes will be sold on Monday 20th March on the main playground at the end of the day and all money raised will go towards the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance charity. Cakes will be sold for the following prices:

FULL CAKES	£3	TRAY BAKES	£2	SLICE OF CAKE/CUPCAKE	50p
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Please can cakes be brought into school with the children on Monday 20th March, LABELLED with your child's **HOUSE COLOUR**. Cakes will be stored in school all day so please don't bring in anything that will need refrigerating. We also ask that all cakes are nut free. Please cut up any cakes if you would like to sell them in slices.

CURRENT HOUSE POINTS TOTAL:

1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH
2006	2005	1887	1850

SPARE CLOTHES NEEDED IN RECEPTION!

Reception have run out of spare socks and tights. If you have any suitable white or grey ankle or knee-length socks, or any grey tights to fit a child aged 4-5, please drop them in to the office. Thank you!



CHILDREN OF ACHIEVEMENT

* **Millie R in 6SH** was one of many children in school who entered the ESFA Panini Classroom Challenge to design a football kit. This week we were very excited to discover that Millie's design made it to the final shortlist, a fantastic achievement as there were over 5800 entries! Millie's achievements don't stop there! She is in her second season at Southampton FC Emerging Talent Centre and has been selected to go through to her second block practice after the numbers were whittled down. Millie has also successfully gained a place for Dorset County Cricket for the Girls U11s squad this season!

* **Esme in 2SC** has raised over £1000 for Cancer Research UK. Esme heard about the charity's '100 Skips a Day in February' challenge and despite not being a proficient skipper, decided she wanted to take part with the aim of raising £50. 28 days later and having successfully completed her skipping every day, Esme's mum was amazed to log on to the donation website to see that the original target was smashed! All of Esme's family and supporters are very proud of her efforts and how thoughtful she always is.

* **Lucas in 4LC** continues to shine in his badminton endeavours. He won gold medals in both the Boys Singles and Boys Doubles in the Devon U11 Badminton Tournament; his first National gold medals!



BIG WALK AND WHEEL

Next week we'll give you further details of what's happening for this year's Big Walk and Wheel event which starts on Monday 20th March, but here are some sneak previews to wet your appetite! This event highlights our ongoing mission to encourage everyone to travel to school sustainably. As part of our commitment to this, we are holding Bikeability courses for Reception, Year 4 and Year 5 over the coming weeks.

The Active Travel Leaders have met and decided:

The Golden Lock is back! - Each day the Active Travel leaders will attach a golden lock to random bikes and scooters around the school site. If yours is chosen, you will be able to claim a prize!

Raffle – Children who walk, scoot, cycle or park-and-stride to school will be given a raffle ticket. Watch this space for details of the prizes on offer!

Dr Bike – Bike safety checks on Thursday 16th and Friday 24th March (see last page of newsletter for details)

Be Bright, Be Seen! On Thursday 30th March, we will encourage all children to wear bright clothes instead of their uniforms to help them be seen by road users when they are out and about.

DATES TO REMEMBER	
MARCH	
Tuesday 7th	2SP Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall (enter through middle car park gates)
Thursday 9th	3DP Parent Consultations - 3.40 - 7pm
Monday 13th to Friday 17th	NO SCHOOL RUN AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK (Paid for clubs will run as usual)
Monday 13th	Parent Consultations (except 4AB) - 3.40 - 6pm
Tuesday 14th	Parent Consultations (except 3DP, 4AB & 5EG) - 3.40 - 7pm
Wednesday 15th	4NH Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall (enter through middle car park gates)
Thursday 16th	Dr Bike - bring your bike to school for a safety check (see details in newsletter) 5EG Parent Consultations - 3.40 - 7pm
Friday 17th	Wear One Colour Day (Red Nose Day)- suggested donation of £1 via ParentMail
Monday 20th to Friday 24th	LAST WEEK OF ALL BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS BEFORE EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 20th	Start of Big Walk and Wheel Event - to run until 30th March
	House Cake Competition and Cake Sale (see above for details)
	Cherry Class Natural World Exhibition - 2.45pm through Reception gate
Tuesday 21st	1TG Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall (enter through middle car park gates)
	Plum Class Natural World Exhibition - 2.45pm through Reception gate
Wednesday 22nd	Apple Class Natural World Exhibition - 2.45pm through Reception gate
Thursday 23rd	Pear Class Natural World Exhibition - 2.45pm through Reception gate
Friday 24th	Dr Bike - bring your bike to school for a safety check (see details in newsletter)
Monday 27th to Thursday 30th	NO BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK
Tuesday 28th	Plum Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall (enter through middle car park gates)
Thursday 30th	Be Bright, Be Seen Day - children can wear bright coloured clothes to school
	Last Day of Term - children finish school at usual time
Friday 31st	INSET DAY - CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL
APRIL	
Sunday 2nd	Deadline to order hot meals for after Easter Holidays
Monday 3rd to Friday 14th	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 17th	Summer Term begins - children return to school

Free Bike safety checks

16th & 24th March
Winton Primary School



Dr Bike will be in school on the 16th and 24th of March, so ride your bike to school and head to the bike sheds to receive a free safety check. All bikes will need to be left unlocked during the day.

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