



Welcome to Winton Primary School

The Winton Warbler

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – START NEXT WEEK!

Earlier this week we were finally able to get the booking system open for this term's school-run after school clubs for children in Years 1 to 6. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience this delay caused; this was as a result of a major outage of the SchoolCloud system.

There are still clubs with spaces available and you are now able to book multiple clubs across the week, so please check the [clubs newsletter](#) and log on to SchoolCloud at <https://wintonprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/> Online bookings are open until 8am on Monday 25th September, after which time any clubs enquiries will need to come via the school office. Please do not send any email requests for waiting list places until after bookings close.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin a new school year, it's a good time to remind you all of the school's expectations around attendance and absence. Our [attendance policy](#) can be found on our website for you to refer to at any time, but there's a few points I would like to highlight to you all today.

Absence Reporting

If your child is absent from school, we ask that you let us know on the morning of the first day of absence, by 10am at the latest. There are many ways of reporting the absence: you can use the Notify Absence feature in the ParentMail app, you can leave us a pupil absence voicemail by ringing 01202 513988 and selecting Option 1 or you can send us an email to office@wintonprimary.uk.

Requests for Absence – Term Time Leave

There are very few circumstances whereby the headteacher is authorised by the school's Governing Body to authorise term time leave; these reasons tend to be family occasions such as a wedding. The Governing Body allow the headteacher to authorise up to 3 days of leave; he is not given authority to grant more than this. The Governing Body only allows the headteacher to grant such leave if the pupil's attendance was 96% or higher in the previous academic year. If the pupil has attendance below this, no leave will be authorised for any reason. The Governing Body made this decision as 96% is considered the minimum expected level of attendance by the government.

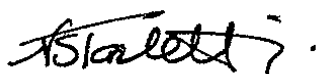
Holidays cannot be authorised by the Headteacher. Any holiday in term time will be unauthorised. Parents may decide to take unauthorised leave for their children but must be prepared to accept that they may be issued with a Penalty Notice if they do. Currently BCP Council issues penalty notices at £60 per child per parent if paid promptly. This means if a family with two children and two parents were issued a notice it would cost £240 (£60 per child per parent). The Governing Body has instructed the headteacher to request that notices be issued in line with BCP Council's Penalty Notice Code of Conduct.

It is important that parents notify the school, in writing (eg an email to office@wintonprimary.uk or a letter addressed to Mr Tarchetti) prior to taking any term time leave so that we know where your child is. Failure to do this makes work and wastes resources; we have had to send staff out to do home visits and, in some cases, have had to involve the police to establish a child's wellbeing. The safeguarding duty we have requires that we follow these procedures if we are unsure where a child is or why they are not at school. After you have submitted your intention to take leave, the school will post a response letter within 48 hours. If parents fail to notify the school or do not provide a genuine reason for absence, the headteacher may decide to mark the absence as unauthorised and the Penalty Notice Code of Conduct will be applied to the situation.

Appointments

We ask that where they can, parents try to schedule their children's medical appointments outside of the school day. However, we do understand that this is not always possible. If your child does have an appointment during the school day, please inform us as soon as you can and we ask that you provide us with evidence of the appointment. Most parents choose to email us, attaching a photograph of the hospital letter or screenshot of the text message. Please advise us when you will be collecting your child and please avoid collections over their lunchbreak (11.50 to 12.50 for Reception, Y1 & Y2 and 12.10 – 13.10 for Y3-6) or after 3pm. If you want to come in to the office to inform us of an appointment, please bring the proof of appointment with you and you can complete a Notification of Appointment form.

Thank you for your continued support,



Mr Tarchetti - Headteacher



PFA AGM - Everyone Welcome!

Monday 16th October 6.30-7.30pm - PFA Annual General Meeting - Held at School

What is the PFA? The Parents & Friends Association is run by parents and friends to raise additional funds for the school. The PFA organise events such as the Summer Fayre, School Discos, Raffles, Playground Sales, Quiz Nights, Preloved Uniform, Book Sales & more.

At the AGM we will:

- Have a brief discussion of the accounts for last year - what money we raised and what we spent money on.
- Election of the committee members: Chairperson, Treasurer & Secretary.
- Discuss fundraising targets for the year ahead and events which we would like to hold.

We really do need you! It is great to have representatives from each year group.

If you come along and become a committee member you will be added to the WhatsApp group chat; this is used throughout the year to discuss fundraising plans and brainstorm ideas.

You really don't need to be able to commit lots of hours of time throughout the year, just as much as you have spare!

You may just want to come along as you will be able to volunteer at a couple of events in the year or you would like to help with the pre-loved uniform for example; any help is gratefully received.

If any of the main roles are of interest (Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary) please come along or email pfa@wintonprimary.uk ahead of the meeting for more details.

Everyone is welcome. We would love to see as many people as possible.

CHILDREN OF ACHIEVEMENT

* Nelson in 1LR has reached his Marathon Milestone at Park Run for completing 21 Park Runs! He was given a wristband to mark the occasion and got to wear the marathon cape whilst running!



CAN YOU HELP RECEPTION?

Reception would like some old telephone handsets, either mobile or landline phones with buttons you can press. If you have any of these at home that you are willing to donate to our Reception children for their role play activities, please drop them in via the school office or take them straight to the Reception year base.



On Monday, the Children's Commissioner for England will be visiting Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole as part of her launch of The Big Ambition. The Big Ambition is a survey for all children aged 6-18 and parents of young people aged 0-18 across the country. She hopes to use the survey to hear about what children want for the future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

Now, as we approach the General Election, this is the moment to take children and young people's voices to policy makers, to ensure that they are represented in the decisions which will shape their futures.

The Commissioner wants to ensure that the children and young people of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole have their say through The Big Ambition and is particularly keen to reach as many different groups of children and different types of settings in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole as possible.

Dame Rachel is very much looking forward to seeing what the children of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole think needs to change to improve their lives. Ahead of this visit to Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, she would welcome your support in completing The Big Ambition survey over the weekend.

You can access the survey by visiting: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.

REQUEST FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

Do you have any outgrown trainers, tracksuits and school PE kit at home that you could donate to the school?

The PE department are looking to top-up their supply of spares in school, so if you have any good condition items you no longer need, please bring them to the school office and say that they are spare kit.

Thank you.
The PE Team





CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK – NEXT WEEK! STARTING MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

The newly appointed Travel Ambassadors in Year 6 have been busy making preparations for cycle to school week next week. They will be out every day with the golden lock, choosing random bikes to win prizes. To be in with a chance of winning make sure you cycle to school and leave your bike in one of the shelters around the playground.

The Travel Ambassadors are excited to let you know that on Friday 29th September they will be opening up the daily mile track for bikes at lunchtime! Children must be wearing a bike helmet and are not allowed to share bikes with other children. Stabilisers are allowed if you are unable to ride alone yet. If you want to try and cycle a mile, remember to bring your bike to school on Friday!

MYTIME Young Carers charity representatives will be coming in to do an assembly with our pupils on the 9th October. MYTIME are a charity that works with children that carry out a caring role in the home. For more information on what they do and how they support our young carers, please see the information sheet attached to the newsletter email or visit their website at <http://www.mytimeyoungcarers.org>

Please do ask to speak to our Family Support Worker, Mrs Meseg if you would like to discuss any matters related to this.



| DATES TO REMEMBER | |
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| SEPTEMBER | |
| Monday 25th to Friday 29th | Cycle to School Week |
| Monday 25th | Year 1 High Street trip |
| Tuesday 26th | 6SK Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall (enter through courtyard gates) |
| | Year 4 Hooke Court Residential Parents Meeting - 3.40pm in Year 4 |
| | Reception Parents Meeting - 6pm in the Main Hall |
| Wednesday 27th | 6EG & 6SK field trip to Redhill (must have trainers in school) |
| Thursday 28th | 6EH & 6MS field trip to Redhill (must have trainers in school) |
| OCTOBER | |
| Monday 2nd | Year 4 Hooke Court - deadline to make deposit payment |
| Tuesday 3rd | 6EH Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall (enter through courtyard gates) |
| Thursday 5th | Census Day - Special Hot Meal Menu (if previously ordered) |
| | Individual Child Photos (details to follow) |
| Friday 6th | Individual Child Photos (details to follow) |
| Monday 16th | PFA Annual General Meeting - 6.30 - 7.30pm at school - all welcome! |
| Friday 20th | INSET Day (children do not attend school) |
| Monday 23rd to Friday 27th | Half Term Holiday |
| Tuesday 31st | Year 5 Trip to The Living Rainforest - Return to school at 4pm |