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Friday 1st March

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to school for an unusually short (4 weeks and 4 days!) second Spring half term. There is plenty going on in school so as always it will be busy. The children have settled well after the break and it has been great to see them refreshed, keen with their learning and happy with their friends. Lessons in the swimming pool have started very well. The children have been brilliant at organising themselves in the changing pods and have been really trying their best in the water. Our visiting swimming teachers have been very impressed with the children's behaviour and effort. Well done everyone!

World Book Day

A reminder that World Book Day is on Thursday next week. We are theming this year's fun around the idea of 'Cosy Reading', to help promote reading for pleasure and reading at home. Children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school on Thursday (with suitable clothing underneath) and to bring in their favourite book. We are running a 'Best Cosy Read' photo competition and entries can be emailed to cosyread@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk. Each class will be visited by a Mystery Reader and teachers will lead other activities related to the day in class. The children will also receive a World Book Day book voucher. [World Book Day Letter](#)

Comic Relief and Fundraising for ChAPS

This year Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) falls on Friday 15th March with a theme of: 'Do Something Funny for Money'. [Cheshire Autism Practical Support](#), a local organisation that supports some of our families in school, are also fundraising at the moment. On Red Nose Day, children are invited to 'Dress Funny' or simply wear their own clothes for a small donation. We are also encouraging the children to come to school ready to share their best (and worst) favourite jokes, and different classes will get together to share the fun...! We would like to support both organisations and will split any money raised between Comic Relief and ChAPS.

Sporting Events

Key Stage 2 Gymnastics: We had an amazing time at the gymnastic competition at Cheshire Gymnastics this week. Mrs Evans took six of us from across key stage 2. We did vaults, floor core-skills such as headstands, bridges and cartwheels, and made our own routine that we performed in front of different schools. We also worked together with new children from other schools which was fun and exciting because we had never met them before. We recommend other children try gymnastics because it is so much fun and it helps you with other sports.
Alicia, Visnja, Toby and Hester

Healthy Snacks and Drinks

At breaktime every day, the children in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 are provided with a selection of fresh fruit for a snack if they are hungry. The children in Key Stage 2 can either bring a healthy snack from home or buy a slice of toast (25p) or a bagel (30p) from the kitchen. Recently many of the children have started bringing crisps and chocolate bars as their snacks. Unhealthy snacks provide the children with a temporary energy burst, but this does last until lunchtime and does not help them concentrate on their learning after breaktime. Please do not send the children with unhealthy breaktime snacks. [Healthy Snack Advice](#)

PTA Events

Our amazing PTA have been busy organising another of our very successful Chocolate Bingo Night for Tuesday 26th March as well our Spring term Rainbow Raffle - there will be a non-uniform day on Friday 22nd March to support this event. A separate letter with details of the events is being sent out today and can be read using the following link. [PTA Spring Events Letter](#)

Tesco Stronger Starts

We are very lucky to be included in the Tesco Stronger Starts programme between April and June. Use your token to vote for WPPS in the following stores when you make a purchase: Northwich (X3), Wheelock, Holmes Chapel, Weaverham, Winsford and Warmingham. The top prize is £1500 so please request a voting token and support school when you are next in Tescos!

The Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 11th – 22nd March

We are looking forward to taking part in [The Big Walk and Wheel](#) this year. For 10 school days we want as many children and families as possible to do their best to walk, cycle, wheel chair, and scoot to school leaving the car at home! It may not be possible every day but every effort will help to make our environment cleaner and safer and will promote a healthy lifestyle. Every child who comes to school without using the car will get a sticker every morning on the playground from our Y6 volunteers and teachers will log journeys to see which year groups has made the biggest changes and should receive our Big Walk and Wheel Trophy. To keep everyone safe, those using wheels should wear helmets, push and walk inside the green school gates, be very careful on the roads, at the school car park and around the school gates.

Outstanding Lunch and Trip Money

Please bring all accounts up to date as soon as possible. All accounts need to be settled in the next 3 weeks as the financial year end approaches. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, regardless of whether your child already receives a universal free school meal because of their age, you can apply at [Free School Meals](#)

Safe Parking

There will be soon be further work on the Moss Farm site to widen the access route and entrance, install a new electronic gate and erect barriers between the different levels of the larger car park. Please continue to park considerately and safely and always be mindful at the start and end of the day when children and other pedestrians are using the space. Thank you

Attendance

A reminder that all holidays should be booked outside of term time. Good attendance at school is essential if children are to make the most of their education. All absences for holiday will be unauthorised (unless in exceptional circumstances). Unauthorised absences may lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued.

Playgroup

Playgroup runs every Thursday morning from 9.00am to 11:00am in the Winnington Winners building. Entry is just £1.00 to cover the cost of tea and toast. Everyone is welcome with children of any pre-school age and there is no need to book.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Current [NHS information](#) states that children should stay away from school and nursery for 48 hours following an incident of vomiting or diarrhoea. This is particularly important at the moment with the swimming pool at school as we don't want infection to be passed between the children.

INSET Day Reminder

A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on Monday 15th April (the first Monday after the Spring holiday) for staff training.

Dates

An overview of events in this letter.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March Wear pyjamas and bring your favourite book.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Big Walk and Wheel	Monday 11 th – Friday 22 nd March 10 school days travelling to school without using the car.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Comic Relief and ChAPS	Friday 15 th March 'Dress Funny' or non-uniform, bring your best joke and a small donation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">PTA Rainbow Raffle	Friday 22 nd March Wear non-uniform, bring a donation for your class's colour hamper.

Enjoy your weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rob Cole
(Headteacher)

