

Friday 21st March

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

#### Year 3 Residential

Years 3 have had a fantastic (and tiring) time on their residential visit to the Burwardsley Education Centre. They have visited Beeston Castle, been on a hike, had a campfire, have taken part in nighttime torchlight scavenger hunts; pond dipping; Forest School activities; outside Art and physical problem solving problem activities. The children have been great company and have given everything a go – very well done! They have all demonstrated our school values and have been an absolute credit. Thank you to Mrs Adams and Mrs Gatiss and all the other staff who have worked so hard and given up their time to make the residential such a success.

#### **Comic Relief**

School is even more colorful and vibrant today as the children mark Comic Relief. Thank you for the all the generous donations that you have sent in to school.

#### **British Science Week**

Last week the children enjoyed taking part in additional Science lessons and activities, outside of their normal curriculum offer, on the theme of 'Change and Adapt'. Mr Baglole visited us on Friday afternoon, and led some practical demonstrations in assembly on the topics of displacement and solubility; showing how chromatography can be used to solve crimes and how water can magically change colour!

## The Big Walk and Wheel

Next week, until the end of term, we are taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. <a href="https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/">https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/</a> Children and their families are encouraged to walk, scooter, or cycle to school for as many days as possible (even if this is just part of their journey). Everyone will be greeted at the gate by our Attendance Champions and awarded stickers if they have taken part. Class teachers will log journeys each morning on the Sustrans website. Let's make Winnington Park the most active school in Northwich! <a href="Big Walk and Wheel Letter">Big Walk and Wheel Letter</a>

#### **Music Curriculum**

A reminder that as part of the development of our Music Curriculum, Cambridge University Brass Band are visiting school on Monday to perform to the children! We hope to inspire the children and further nurture their love of music. A letter will be sent next week with details about our Spring concerts. A reminder of the dates and times are below.

Monday 31st March at 2.30pm Year 5 and Year 6 Tuesday 1st April at 2.30pm Year 3 and Year 4

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2.15pm Reception Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.00am Nursery

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2.30pm Year I and Year 2

## **Book Fair**

Our Pop Up Spring Book Fair opens next week from Friday 28th March to Wednesday 2nd April. Opening times are 8.30am to 9.15am and 2.45pm-3.30pm. The fair will be held outside the school offices with entrance via the playground back door of school next to the kitchen. We hope to see you there. Book Fair Letter

## Parents' Evening Reminder

Our Parents' Evenings are next week and on Wednesday and Thursday evenings after school (Nursery have an additional session on Tuesday). Online bookings have now closed, but if you have not yet been able to make an appointment, please contact the school office. Parents Evening Letter The Dane Hall (KS2 building) will be open during Parents' Evening with a gallery of the children's work from across the curriculum, including their Art and Design work and their Design and Technology projects and we hope you will be able to pop in and visit.

# **School Meal Price Increase**

Unfortunately, from Tuesday Ist April the price of a school meal will rise by 6p to £2.95. We apologise for the short notice, but have only just been able to confirm the price ourselves. School dinners at Winnington remain some of the cheapest in the area due to the high numbers of pupils eating them and our contract with Edsential. Mrs Dean and her team in the kitchen do a great job and we're very pleased to continue working with them. We hope to be able to invite families into school to experience school dinners with their children in the coming term. Details will be sent in a separate letter.

## Safe Driving

As we promote walking, cycling and scooting to school next week, it is very concerning that school has received many communications this week from parents who are extremely worried about the safety of children in the Moss Farm car park. The registration numbers, makes and model of vehicles reported driving dangerously and inconsiderately have been passed on to the Police and we have requested that our PCSO makes regular visits to our site at drop off and collection. Please be considerate and safe with your driving. Whether you are late for school or work, no-one wants a child or anyone else to be injured (or worse). An accident is simply not worth shaving a few seconds off your journey. Don't drive recklessly and put everyone at risk.

# **NSPCC Online Safety Workshop**

It was great to see so many people at our recent workshop run by the NSPCC. The workshop content and online safety advice can be accessed through the following link, <u>Free online safety virtual workshop | NSPCC</u> The NSPCC will be back to school in June delivering a further workshop on safeguarding in the community.

# **PTA**

Thank you to our PTA for all their fundraising efforts. PTA Thank You Letter and thank you to everyone who sent in a donation for the PTA Rainbow Raffle last week. The PTA are holding a Mother's Day Cake Sale on Friday 28th March and have requested donations (nut free). If you would like to become involved with the PTA please email winningtonparkpta@gmail.com

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

Attendance at School has been an amazing 97% this week – well done everyone. A reminder that school starts at 8.45am and the children need to be in their classrooms by this time. Please do your best to maintain good punctuality – thank you.

Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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