



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Stars of the Half Term**

We always feel very proud of all the children at Winnington Park Primary School and Nursery. Special congratulations go to these children who have been chosen by their teachers as this half term's Stars: Evie, Cody, Scarlett, George, Courtney, Scarlett, Isla, Harvey, Alexa, Daisy, Faye, Olivia, Alfie, Gabriel, Summer, Daniel, Thomas, Scarlett, Charlie, Max, Noah, Poppy, Isabella, Henry, Olivia, Violet, Leo and Jack. Very well done!

### **A Busy Week...**

On Monday we had three marvellous Sports Day events. Congratulations to Green Team who won the KS1 event and to Yellow Team who won the KS2 event. We are very proud of the children for the encouragement and kindness they showed each other during the events, for giving their best efforts in the races and those children who felt a little anxious about participating but demonstrated bravery and resilience in giving it a go and overcoming some of their fears. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on Monday to make the day so special for the children.

Thank you to the staff from Witton Street Dental Practice who visited Year 1 and Reception this week to talk about keeping our teeth clean and healthy. The children took part in a short workshop and brought home some toothpaste, a toothbrush and activity pack to encourage good oral hygiene.

Alisha Evenson, one of the coaches from Cheshire Gymnastics and a GB Gymnast visited school on Thursday to talk to the children about her career. Her visit was inspiring and encouraged all the children to believe in themselves and their potential whatever their interests may be. Thank you to the Vale Royal Schools Sports Partnership for facilitating the visit.

On Thursday we welcomed older pupils from Charles Darwin Primary school to join Year 5 and Year 6 and their parents for a theatre production about online safety. The production was called SnapTrap, was funded by the Safeguarding Children in Education Team, and explained to the children some of the dangers and consequences of communicating with people online when you're not entirely sure of their identity. The production was very engaging and provided the children with some thought provoking content. We will follow up the topics in our online safety lessons next half term.

Well done to everyone in Year 2 for their contribution to the Northwich Education Partnership art exhibition. You can visit the exhibition and see work from all the local primary schools in Baron's Quay in the unit opposite Wildwood on the theme of 'Proud'.

### **Year 6 SATS**

This half term our Year 6 pupils completed their SATS tests. The children worked very hard in the run up to the tests and rose to the occasion during testing week giving their absolute best every day. We are very proud of all the children in Year 6 for their continued hard work and we want to thank their families for supporting them so well in what can sometimes feel like a tricky week. Thank you to all the staff who supported the children during the tests and to Mrs Hall, Mrs Williams, Mrs Allen and Mrs Astbury for their hard work teaching Year 6 this year.

### **Staffing Update**

Congratulations to Mrs Norris and her husband who are expecting a baby later in the year. Congratulations too, to Mrs Williams and her husband who are also expecting a baby later in the year. We wish Mrs Norris and Mrs Williams all the best.

## PTA Events

Thank you to the PTA and our staff for organising another successful Key Stage 2 Adventure Night last night. The children had a great time taking part in outdoor adventurous activities, eating takeaway pizza and soaking themselves in water on the trim trail! Keep your eyes open for information about upcoming PTA events such as the Summer Fair, Colour Run and Summer Disco. Our PTA really need some additional help with organising and running events. If you think you could spare a little time, even to help with just one event, please email [winningtonparkpta@gmail.com](mailto:winningtonparkpta@gmail.com) or [admin@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk) or speak to Lisa, Becky, Sherryl or Nicola on the playground.

## Open Mornings

Next half term we will holding Open Mornings for each year group near the end of term to celebrate the learning throughout the year. Full details will be sent in a separate letter.

| Time/Date                       | Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July | Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July | Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July | Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Morning</b><br><b>9.00am</b> | Year 1<br>Year 4             | Reception<br>Year 3            | Nursery<br>Year 5<br>Year 6    | Year 2                       |

## Swimming

The swimming pool is arriving at school over half term ready for lessons to start on the first day back after the holiday. You will have received a paper letter this week with a reply slip and information about when your child needs to bring their swimming kit to school. We know the pool arriving can cause as much anxiety as it does excitement, so please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or questions.

## Governor Visits to School

Mrs Davies, Mrs Davenport and Miss Cundale have all visited school this half term to see our Curriculum in action. Governors have reported being overwhelmed by the fantastic behaviour for learning observed in classrooms across the school. They have also been incredibly impressed with the broad depth of knowledge the children are retaining through their topic work and the enthusiasm and engagement demonstrated by the children towards their learning.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance has been good this half term at 96.3% - well done everyone. However, we are noticing an increasing number of families whose children are arriving after 8.45am. Please do all you can next half term to make sure your child arrives in their classroom on time ready for the start of their lessons.

## Change in Attendance Policy

We have unfortunately received a number of requests for holidays in term time. Holiday should be organised outside of term time and holidays during term will not be authorised. Our Governing Body are going to be making a change to our Attendance Policy that will request that families booking holidays during term time provide confirmation of their booking (accommodation, flights etc.). This information will be passed on to the Local Authority during register inspections.

## Music Performance

As part of the further enrichment of our Music Curriculum, we are holding a special concert in school On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June when the orchestra and soloists from Hartford High School will be visiting to perform to the children. They will also be joined by soloists from Winnington Park who will be performing on the clarinet and piano. If your child learns an instrument and has achieved their Grade 1 or above, please let us know, so we can celebrate their talent and hard work. Thank you to Mrs Philippou and all the pupils from Hartford High School who will be joining us.

## Family Picnic and Early School Closure on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1.15pm

On the last day of the Summer term, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, we will be holding our family picnic from 12.00pm on the school field. School will close early to all pupils at 1.15pm following the picnic. Children will return to class for their afternoon registration mark and then be available for collection in the normal way. All pupils will need collecting. Winnington Winners after school club will only be open for the morning session on this day. Further details will be sent in a separate letter and we hope to be able to see as many of you as possible.

## Sporting Events

Year 5/6 Cricket: Recently we have played in two mini-tournaments. In the first tournament we were unbeaten which meant we progressed to the local area final. In this we played various other schools and came in second place. This means we are going to the County Finals in July. We want to thank the teachers that came along to watch and support us along our journey. We really enjoyed meeting the players from the other schools, playing in the tough matches and developing our team work and communication skills. Will, Reuben, Harry and Thea

Year 6 Football: Last week a team of Y6 girls and boys competed in a football game against Hartford Primary which was part of a mini-league. We were very proud to win this first match one-nil and we are planning to progress and win the league! Our goal scorer was Scarlett who scored an amazing goal. She dribbled in and out of the defenders and scored in the top corner! We are extremely excited for our next home matches which will be against Kingsmead Primary and Hartford Primary. Thank you very much to Mrs Hall for the opportunity to play in the game. Sophia, Cerys, Casey and Emily

Year 3/4 Football: On Tuesday a team of children from Year 3 and Year 4 went to the Cheshire FA 3G pitches on Moss Farm to represent our school in a tournament. We won three of our games and drew the other three, meaning we were unbeaten! Alfie made some amazing saves and didn't concede a goal! Max also scored a goal from near the halfway line with an assist from Archie. Arlen slotted a side foot goal after a one-touch control. We enjoyed playing against the different teams and celebrating our goals. Thank you to Mrs Hunter and Mrs Ollier for giving us this great experience. Harry, Alfie, Alice and Jacob

## Workshops for Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Building Emotional Resilience workshop with Mrs Nicholas and our SEND Workshop with Miss Hope last week. We have another workshop from the NSPCC on 'Safeguarding in the Community' on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June and we will also be holding curriculum workshops next half term. Details for all will follow in another letter.

## Parentalk

Parentalk is a supportive, video and discussion based course about the realities and difficulties of bringing up young children. There are six sessions looking at different strategies that can help with family life. Mrs Nicholas, our Family Support Worker will be leading the sessions which will be on Monday nights from 6.00pm to 7.00pm at school. The first session is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact school if you would like to join the sessions.

## INSET day

Have a lovely half term break. The school is closed for an INSET day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and reopens to the children on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

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