



## Dates for your Diary

Our Christian value next term is **Service**

Our Heartsmart principle is

"Fake is a Mistake"

- **TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April** children return to school
- **25<sup>th</sup> April** Values day in school - Service
- **28<sup>th</sup> April** Pool on site for swimming lessons
- **29<sup>th</sup> April** School Photo Day!
- **12<sup>th</sup> May** KS 2 SAT's
- **15<sup>th</sup> May** year 1 and year 2 Parent phonics meeting 2.45pm in school hall
- **19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May** Doodle bugs ART Day for year 2 - 6
- **23rd May** Sports Day
- **23<sup>rd</sup> May** break up for half term
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** Children return to school
- **3<sup>rd</sup> June** Bikeability for Year 6
- **5<sup>th</sup> June** Open the door - Foundation subjects 2.45pm KS1 and 3pm KS 2
- **6<sup>th</sup> June** Values day in school – Truthfulness
- **24<sup>th</sup> June** Poetry Day in school
- **27<sup>th</sup> June** Year 5 event at Winsford Academy – details to follow.
- **11<sup>th</sup> July** Reports home to parents.
- **11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July** Transition morning to new classes

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to all those that came to support our Bingo event –Particular thanks go to the parents and staff team that ensured the event could go ahead and ran smoothly and to the mums that spent a day creating the hampers for prizes.

We have had a group of volunteers coming into school over the last half term from Christ Church Wharton to act out some key stories from the Bible for the children. This has been well received by the children, and they have learnt lots about the life of Jesus. In addition to Rev Chris Pierce at Christ Church, we now also have a new associate minister Rev Michael Hayden. Michael came to school this week and is looking forward to meeting the children next term.

You are warmly invited to attend Christ Church over the Easter break – please follow the link <https://www.christ-church-wharton.org.uk> There is a family service on Easter Sunday and I know Rev Chris and Rev Michael would give you a very warm welcome!

Please make a note of the dates for the rest of the school year. School starts again on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – straight after the Easter bank holiday Monday with breakfast club at 8am. I hope you all enjoy a lovely Easter break and all being well, we will have some lovely weather to enjoy too!



Mrs Tomlinson

## FUNDRAISING

The Bingo event last night was a huge success and has raised the grand total of £894.00 to add to school funds to enhance the curriculum offer for all your children.

So far, the funds raised have been put towards a Doodle bug ART event planned for summer term.

If you would like to be a part of this dedicated group of parent volunteers promoting parent partnership and planning events to raise funds, then please come to our next meeting on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 2.15pm in the community room.



Well, what a busy half term it has been at Little Seedlings!

It has been great to see so many new families come to our group, and watch the children make new friends.

Each week we have had lots of fun playing and taking part in different activities such as painting, decorating biscuits and best of all enjoying snack time together.

Now the weather is getting better we have even been able to get outside with our water play and enjoy the sun.

After the Easter break, we look forward to welcoming more of you to our Little Seedlings sessions.

From Mrs Gormley and I thank you for making our Friday sessions so lovely! 😊

Come and join us every **FRIDAY** morning from 8.45 - 10.00am, starting on

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2025**, at Little Seedlings, our baby and toddler group which is held in our school library.

There will be singing, stories, craft activities and lots of fun!

Come along for a chat and a play, whilst you have a drink and a snack.

**Everyone is welcome!**

## Little Seedlings



*'From little seeds grow mighty trees'*

Please complete the ballot paper for the parent governor election via school spider after half term.

We also have a vacancy for a Co-opted governor.

Someone with HR and finance skills would be desirable but not essential for this role.

Please contact school via [chair@wharton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:chair@wharton.cheshire.sch.uk) to find out more. I'd be more than happy to have a chat with you about the roles and responsibilities of being a governor. It does take time and effort, but it is a rewarding role.

Sue Tomlinson Chair of governors.



### Important information.

#### Snack price list;

TOAST	HALF A BAGEL	MILK	JUICE APPLE / ORANGE	FRUIT	FRIDAY ONLY BACON BUTTY
20p	25p	25p	30p	30p	60p or £1:20

Reminder; dinners are £2.65 per meal £13.25 per week.

**PLEASE CAN WE ENSURE WE ARE ALL PAYING FOR SNACKS. WE HAVE NOTICED AN INCREASE IN CHILDREN SAYING THEY ARE PAYING ONLINE AND THIS IS NOT THE CASE.**

**There is no access on to school grounds unless you carry a blue badge. Parents MUST NOT park along the drive, down to the school! This also reduces visibility crossing the road. Parents can use the public carpark next to the school. Please help us in keeping the children safe at drop off and pick up times**



### Attendance notice.



The Education (pupil registration) (England) (amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force on 1 September 2013 and made it clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless 'exceptional circumstances' prevail.

Head Teachers are only empowered to approve a leave of absence when it is requested in advance by the parent or carer with whom the child resides and when circumstances of the requested leave are 'exceptional'. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

If you choose to take a leave of unauthorised absence with your child the Local Authority will be informed as this will constitute an unauthorised absence. A Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law stipulates that the current penalties payable by parents are £160 if paid within 28 days reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days per parent/carers per child.

You should be aware that the National Framework for Penalty Notices introduced a new national limit of 2 penalty notices that can now be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period. If a second Fixed Penalty Notice is issued to the same parent for the same child, within three years of a first Fixed Penalty Notice, the second Fixed Penalty Notice is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.

If an unauthorised leave of absence is taken for a third time (or subsequent times) within 3 years of a first FPN being issued, another tool will need to be considered such as prosecution or other attendance legal interventions. If a fixed penalty notice is issued to you and is not paid, this could lead to you being prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court.

Please see Cheshire West and Chester Council's code of conduct that can be found on the council's webpage.

### Attendance Award.

## Attendance Champions this week are Oak With 89%

Class	Percentage
Peach	87%
Pear	82%
Cherry	84%
Damson	87%
Beech	84%
Oak	89%
Maple	81%
Willow	82%
Elm	86%
Sycamore	80%