

Newsletter 1 12th Jan 2024

Dear Parents /Carers,

It has been another busy week at Winsford High Street with the children settling well into their studies and spending time with their friends following the Christmas break.

Reception Class Application for September 2024

If you or you know someone who would like to apply for a Reception Class place from September 2024 the deadline is **Monday 15th January 2024**. Please note that if your child attends our nursery this is not a given that they will get a place in the Reception Class. Please see the link below if you haven't applied yet and for more guidance:

[Primary Guide 7618 Revised Dec23 \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/primaryguide/7618-revised-dec23)

Nursery Applications

If you have a child that you would like to start in our Nursery, please complete the information in the link below. Children can start the term after their third birthday. This form can also be found on the school website under the Nursery Year Group tab.

<https://forms.office.com/e/t7mFt2p0zL>

World Book Day Costume Donations at Local Libraries

Do your bit to help save the environment and money this year, by donating unwanted World Book Day fancy dress costumes at Barnton, Blacon, Frodsham, Hope Farm, Lache, Little Sutton, Neston, Northwich, Sandiway and Wharton libraries. Donated costumes will be quickly checked and put out for those who need them (no donation or payment required) from Thursday 1st February to Wednesday 6th March. And, while you're there, make sure to get a library card, no ID required, or take out a book.



Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Raistrick who is expecting her second child and will start her maternity leave later in the year. Congratulations also to Mrs Fallon and Miss Shorten are also expecting and will start their maternity leave following the Easter break. For continuity purposes, Mrs Bullen will replace Mrs Raistrick and share the class with Mrs Coleman and Mrs Fallon's Class will be taught by Mrs Powell and Mrs Trigg as a job share. All replacement teachers know the children in the classes well and have worked with them in the past. Prior to the current teachers leaving a thorough hand over will take place.

York Residential Visit: Year 4

Unfortunately, the week we had planned to take the Y4 children to York falls during the week when the local schools are on their Easter break. As a result, some of the places which we visit do not take school bookings during this period for large parties. As a result, we have decided to move the residential to the 28th of February – 1st March. During this period, we will be able to visit the places planned. Please note that the payment plans set out on the original correspondence will still apply. Should the change of date pose a problem for any parents, please don't hesitate to contact the school office to discuss.

Emergency School Lockdown

Sadly, in society today there is a need to be prepared for every eventuality no matter how unlikely it will occur. With that in mind, during the coming week, we will be guiding the children in our Personal Social and Health Education lessons on what to do should we need to lockdown the school due to an intruder entering the premises. This will be done in a sensitive manner, with the children being shown how to hide and remain quiet in their rooms. We felt it important to advise you of this as there will be a likelihood of your child(ren) discussing this at home.

Edna's Laundrette

Edna's Laundrette is open to the public from Tuesday 9th January 2024.

The laundrette is for everyone, not just the community of Winsford, if people can travel to New Images to use the laundrette, it is there for them to use. The laundrette is situated within New Images Youth and Community Centre, parking is to the rear of the building.

The laundrette is open every Tuesday, 09:30 – 12:00 and Wednesday 12:00 – 15:00, the laundrette will need to be booked through our 'Calendly' system, please see links below.

Use of the laundrette is FREE and detergent and softener will be supplied. When booking the laundrette, you are booking time in the laundrette, there will be a washing machine and a tumble dryer free to use.

The booking system is live 24hrs a day, links are below.

Wash 1

<https://calendly.com/ednalaundrette>

Wash 2

<https://calendly.com/ailsalaundrette>

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Year 6 Parents and Carers are now able to order Leavers Hoodies online. If you have not already done so, please complete the form sent to you via email with a link to the online shop.

Final date to order the hoodies is **Friday 26th January** and unfortunately, they cannot be ordered after this date. We have some sample hoodies in the office if you need to check any sizes.

Please let the office know if you have not had the email.

Diary Dates: * new dates

| Date | Information |
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| 15 th January 2024* | Last day to apply for Reception places for Sept 2024 |
| 26 th January 2024* | Last day to order the Year 6 Leavers Hoodies |
| 19 th February 2024 | Spring Half Term |
| 26 th February 2024 | School opens after the Spring Half Term |
| 28 th February – 1 st March 2024* | Year 4 York Residential |
| 29 th March 2024 | Good Friday and start of the Easter Holiday |
| 1 st April 2024 | Easter Monday |
| 15 th April 2024 | School opens after the Easter holiday |
| 18 th April 2024 | Year 1 Conwy Residential |
| 29 th April to 3 rd May 2024* | Year 3 Anglesey Residential (2 Groups – Group 1, Mon to Weds - Group 2 Weds to Friday) |
| 6 th May 2024 | May Day |
| 27 th May 2024 | May Bank holiday and start of the Summer Half Term |
| 3 rd June 2024 | Inset Day- school closed to children |
| 4 th June 2024 | School opens after the Summer Half Term |
| 24 th June 2024 to 28 th June 2024 | Year 6 Lakes Residential |
| 25 th July 2024 | Start of the Summer holiday |
| 2 nd September 2024 | Inset day – school closed to children |
| 3 rd September 2024 | Inset day – school closed to children |
| 4 th September 2024 | School opens after the Summer holiday |

Please note that these dates may be subject to change, although we will keep these where possible.

Should you need to make contact with school, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Joule on:

head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk or returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk and please remember the year group emails if you need to contact your child's class teacher.

However, please note that all email accounts will not be monitored as regularly after 5.30pm each evening or during the weekends, to ensure a work life balance for the staff.

Kind regards

Mark Joule

Head Teacher