

Newsletter 5 9th Feb 2024

Dear Parents /Carers,

It has been another busy week at Winsford High Street with the children taking part in activities to raise their awareness of the importance of online safety, children's mental health and reading. We thank you for all of your support.

School Day and Residential Visits

As you are aware the cost of living is having a significant impact on many households across the UK. This is also a reality for schools when planning day trips and residential visits. As a school we have always subsidised day and residential visits to make the visits accessible for all. The School Council will be getting together over the next few weeks to plan a range of fund-raising activities to help create additional subsidy funds. More information will follow later in the term.

York Residential Visit: Parent/Carer Meeting Reminder

Just a reminder that in preparation for the York Residential Visit there will be a parents/carers meeting on Monday 12th February 3.30pm in the School Theatre.

Football on Site

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had some issues with children falling out during unsupervised games at the start and end of the school day. To clarify, the children should not be on the yard any earlier than 8.35am and should not be participating in such games at this time, due to the number of toddlers and babies coming on site who could get struck by balls etc. Many thanks for your support with this.

Job Vacancies

We are currently looking to recruit a Deputy After School Club Manager, Midday Assistants and cleaning staff to join our team at High Street School. If you are interested in a position at our school, please contact the Main Reception for more information. The positions will also be posted on the Cheshire West and Chester School Vacancy site from Monday.

The Year 5 /6 School Athletic Team

The Year 5 /6 School Athletic Team participated in the Vale Royal School's Finals on Tuesday, having previously qualified as Winsford School Champions. Each athlete competed to a high level with the team finishing in third place out of the 7 schools. The children were a real credit to the school showing skill, speed and determination as well as displaying positive sport values.

Well done to all concerned!

Town Mayor's Oskar Awards 2024

The Town Mayor of Winsford, Cllr Ernie Welch will be holding a very special 'Town Mayor's Oscar Awards 2024' Event at the Meadow Bank Social Club on Saturday 13th April to recognise the achievements of local people. Nominations can be made using the link below and should be submitted by Monday 18th March at 9:00 am.

<https://winsford.gov.uk/events/oskars-2024/>.

Free School Meals Wonde Vouchers (Not Universal)

All parents of children on free school meals (not Universal) will now have received their Wonde supermarket vouchers for the February half term. If you think you may qualify for free school meals for your child/children please check on the website link below from Cheshire County Council.

[Free school meals | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

Please also see below other help which is available for families on low incomes

The government's Household Support Fund is there to support households in the most need, especially with energy costs, food, water bills and other related essential items.

The current round of funding is open until 31 March 2024 and is available to a broad range of low-income households across the borough, including families with children of all ages, pensioners, unpaid carers, care leavers and disabled people.

If you haven't already applied for support through the Household Support Fund, there is still time to do this. To find out if you're eligible to apply, visit:

<http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/household-support-fund>

Additional support and advice is available for anyone who is struggling to pay their bills, requires debt advice or who's health has been affected by the rising cost of living.

<http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/cost-of-living>

What Parents/Carers Need to Know About Roblox

Please see the flyer for more information.

Winsford HS Care Job Fair 2024

Please see the flyer for more information and application form attached.

Northwich Health & Social Care Fair 2024

Please see the flyer for more information and application form attached.

School Term Dates 2024/25 and 2025/26

You will have received an email yesterday with the School Term dates for 2024/25 and 2025/26.

These dates can also be found on our school website under the parent's tab and term dates.

Diary Dates: * new dates

Date	Information
12 th February 2024	Year 4 York Parents/Carers Meeting at 3.30pm in the Theatre
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
7 th March 2024	World Book Day
8 th March 2024*	"The Snap Trap" short drama performance in the Theatre for Year 6
11 th March 2024	Clonter Theatre visit – Year 5
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
6 th June 2024	Whole school photograph
24 th June 2024 to 28 th June 2024	Year 6 Lakes Residential
Thursday 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
7 th October 2024	Whole School - Individual photographs
28 th October – 1 st November	Half Term
4 th November 2024	Inset Day – school closed to children
5 th November 2024	School open for the new term
Friday 20 th December	3.15pm School closes for the Christmas holiday
23 rd December – 3 rd January 2025	Christmas Holiday
6 th January 2025	School opens for the Spring term

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

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