



NEWSLETTER 15th March 2024

Dear Parents /Carers,

Last week was another busy week at Winsford High Street, and it was lovely to see your children taking part in a range of activities linked to internet safety.

Friday

Thank you for your understanding on Friday with regards to the sudden school closure. Sadly, we are so dependent on our mains services that we could not safely open the school. Those who know me well know that you can count on one hand the number of times I have closed High Street in the last 20 years (not counting Covid).

Red Nose Day

Due to the school having to close last Friday, we are inviting the children to come to school this Friday in their own clothing. As planned for last week, we will be collecting £1 donations which will be forwarded to Comic Relief.

Car Park

Sadly, we have had an incident of a car knocking into one of our children whilst they rode their bike through the car park. Although this is a concern, what is more worrying is that the driver did not stop! If you saw the incident, please can you contact the school so that we can update the police with the details.

Please can I remind all of the need to be patient whilst entering and exiting the car park. Although it is a topic of complaint, we are lucky to have a facility close to the school; most schools in the town do not have such a car park nearby. On a positive note, the development of the town centre is progressing well and soon parents will be able to park there as well and walk their children through the subway.

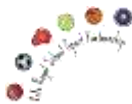
World Down Syndrome Day

Thursday 21st March is World Down Syndrome Day. In support of this we will be selling Gingerbread Socks from 18th March at a cost of £1. The children are asked to hand their £1 to their class teacher in exchange for a gingerbread sock. Children and staff can also wear odd socks on Thursday 21st March to mark the occasion and raise the awareness of Down Syndrome.

Free School Meal Holiday Scheme

Cheshire West and Chester's delivery plans for the 2023/24 Household Support Fund scheme did not originally include a provision for the 2024 Easter Holiday period. However, the Council are committed to supporting pupils in receipt of FSM's and have the remaining funds available to award £10 per week per recipient for the up-and-coming Easter break. We appreciate this allocation is less than previous awards made to families, but the demand to support households with rising energy costs has been significant this year and all available funds have been exhausted.

The funding for Easter has been distributed via email last week in the form of vouchers.



Louie Blow

I am delighted to inform you that after almost 2 years at Stoke City pre-academy, Louie Blow has been offered a 2-year Academy Contract with the club.



Louie's parents and the school are extremely proud of Louie's achievements to date, being in the 10 selected players from across the North West to represent Stoke City at U9s. Well done Louie!!!!

Good Sleep Hygiene

For more information, please see the parent/carers guide attached.

Parent/Carer Guide to Cyberbullying

For more information, please see the flyer attached.

Diary Dates: * new dates

Date	Information
18 th March*	Whole School Parents Evening 5pm until 7pm
18 th March*	Gingerbread socks on sale from today £1 or see flyer for online payments
21 st March*	Whole School Parents Evening 4pm until 6pm
21 st March*	World Down Syndrome Day – Children can wear odd socks today
22 nd March*	New Date - Comic Relief – Non Uniform day for all children - £1 donation to be handed to teacher
28 th March	School closes for the Easter Holidays
1st April 2024	Easter Monday
15th April 2024	School opens after the Easter holiday
18th & 19 th April 2024	Year 1 Conwy Residential
29th April to 3rd May 2024	Year 3 Anglesey Residential (2 Groups – Group 1, Mon to Weds - Group 2 Weds to Friday)
6th May 2024	May Day
27th May 2024	May Bank holiday and start of the Summer Half Term
3rd June 2024	Inset Day- school closed to children
4th June 2024	School opens after the Summer Half Term
6th June 2024	Whole school photograph
24th June 2024 to 28th June 2024	Year 6 Lakes Residential

Thursday 25th July 2024	Start of the Summer holiday
2nd September 2024	Inset day – school closed to children
3rd September 2024	Inset day – school closed to children
4th 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

Head Teacher