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Friday 13th February

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Stars of the Half Term

Congratulations to all of this terms' Stars for their hard work, kindness, resilience and determination. Well done to: Elizabeth, Teddy, Thea, Lilly-Rae, Lexi, Abigail, Holly, Ava, Robyn, Mabel, Emily, Eva-Rose, Eli, Jack, Koby, Lyarna, Bryce, Logan, Leo, Olly, Austin, Leila, Tabitha, Arthur, Joel, Heidi, Theo, Freddie, Lilah and Ruby.

Open Mornings and Children's Mental Health Week

Thank you to everyone who has been able to visit school this week to take part in Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day during our Open Mornings. Everyone took part in some fun activities learning how our sense of belonging as individuals, in our friendships, in school, and in our communities plays a vital role in our positive mental health and wellbeing. It was great to see everyone learning and practising our Active Strategies that support regulation such as 'Hot Chocolate Breathing' in Year 2 and 'Body Scan' in Year 6. Thank you for all the positive feedback.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March this year and we are inviting everyone to join in and 'Read Around the World'. A letter has been sent home with how school will mark the day with dressing up, reading bingo, reading around the world, reading passports, and sharing favourite books. Keep your eyes open for the letter.

Swimming Lessons at School

We are very excited as the swimming pool is coming back to school next half term for three weeks with lessons starting from Monday 2nd March! Children from Nursery to Year 6 will get the opportunity for either a series of lessons (key stage 2 children) or some water-confidence sessions in the pool. A letter explaining all of the arrangements including the schedule, safety measures, changing routines, water levels for age groups etc. will be sent out to each class. This will be the fifth time the pool has come to school and it is always a great success!

Staffing Update

Congratulations to Miss Hope and her partner who have just welcomed twin boys to their family. Mum and babies are doing well and we all wish them the very best.

PTA Fundraising

Thank you to our PTA for organising two fun events for everyone this half term: Jolly January dress up day and Family Film Night. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the film night or donate for Jolly January. If you are interested in helping out with any PTA events you can get in touch via pta@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk

School Dinner Prices Increase

We received notification yesterday, that unfortunately, school dinner prices will rise from 1st April 2026. The current price of a school dinner is £2.95. The new price of a school dinner will be £3.07. The increase is due to continuing food cost inflation at 4%, increases in the National Living Wage and employer's national insurance contributions across the supply chain.

Fundraising

The PTA Christmas Fair was another brilliant event raising over £3000 for school. Thank you to everyone in the PTA for their hard work and to everyone across the school community for their generous donations, and for braving the weather, to make the events such a success. Thank you also to our PTA, on behalf of our Year 6 pupils, for their Leavers Hoodies received this week.

Thank you to everyone who was able to visit the Pop-Up Christmas book fair at the end of November. Your purchases raised over £300 for school. Children in Need also raised over £300 for worthy causes – thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Upcoming Vacancies at Winnington Park

We are currently recruiting for several positions across school and all vacancies can be found on: [Cheshire Schools Jobs](#). Applications for the posts of after school play worker, teaching assistant, cleaner and midday assistant must be completed online, but if you are interested and have any questions about the posts, please do not hesitate to contact school for a chat.

Safeguarding Message from the Local Authority

The Local Authority have asked to schools to ensure that parents are aware that they have recently identified two active TikTok accounts encouraging children to self-harm.

The legal age at which children in the UK are allowed to use social media platforms and messaging services such as Facebook, Tik-tok, Snapchat and Whatsapp is 13 years old. If you have decided to allow your child to use social media, the following information is useful in helping your children enjoy positive and safe internet use.

[What I Wish My Parents Knew](#)

[Keeping Children Safe Online Barnardos](#)

[Keeping Children Safe Online NSPCC](#)

Parking

Please do not use the staff car park for drop off or collection of your child unless by prior arrangement: use the two car parks at Moss Farm. To ensure we have access for emergency vehicles throughout the day, the area directly in front of the school offices and the area by the green gates to the playground, will be coned off at the end of the day. If collecting by arrangement, please park in the gap between the rows of staff cars.

Dropping children off for Winnington Winners before school club

To ensure the safety of your child, please escort them to the front door of Winnington Winners. After some near misses early in the morning, where children have been running through gaps between cars, there are now no parking cones in this area. You can park in the spaces in the staff car park before 8.00am, you can park alongside the front of school in the mornings for dropping off, or use the two car parks at Moss Farm. Thank you for your support to keep everyone safe.

Eco Committee

Thank you to all the pupils in our ECO Committee who have been working hard to make some changes in school. There is a new litter picking rota being supported by all classes, improved energy saving signage around school, there will be stickers for children using the bins well and a recycling award for each class.

Sporting Events

Y3/4 Girl's Football at HHS:

Everyone had an amazing time at the tournament, even if they got injured and had to leave! We scored loads of goals, mostly scored by Alice and Matilda. We played five matches and came third. We were really good at passing and not being selfish and also at defending. Thank you to Mrs Gatiss and Mrs Evans for taking us there and cheering us on, even though it was cold. Eloise, Matilda, Alice and Robyn-Phyllis

Y4 Netball at HHS:

Playing in the netball competition was really good fun. Before we started we did some training of different skills. We played against Barnton and Charles Darwin and won both our games. In the game we used our throwing, passing and catching skills and we also learnt about the different positions. We thank Mrs Evans and Mrs Ollier and Nikki for taking us and training us. Willow, Bobbie and Jorgie

Y5/6 Quicksticks Hockey at HHS:

We were very nervous when we arrived at the tournament because everyone else looked very professional. However, we stayed confident as we went into our first game and motivated each other. Some of the opposition were organised and skilful whereas some had less tactics. For some of the matches our skill level was quite high and we worked well together as a team. We came third in our group winning three of our games. Our team work improved as we got better at passing, we enjoyed ourselves and felt we accomplished something. Thank you to Mrs Page and Mrs Evans for taking us. Charlie, Chantelle and Willow

Governor Visits to School

Governors have been visiting school this half term with a focus on exploring curriculum delivery, teaching and learning and inclusion. Governors observed children being enthusiastic about their learning; children who talked positively about the trips and experiences they have at Winnington Park; children who were able to recall their prior learning and explain how this has helped them with their current learning; and all the children knew what helped them with their learning.

Thank you to everyone on the Governing Body for their support of school. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please speak to Mr Cole or the Chair, Jem Davies at chair@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to everyone who has achieved their Gold and Silver Attendance Awards today. This is something that everyone in the family should feel very proud of and is not easily achieved. Attendance this half term has been 96.7% (which is really good!), and higher than national (94.9%) and local authority (95.4%) averages for the same time period. Year 1 and Year 2 had the highest attendance for this half term of 97.7% which is amazing!

Punctuality for the majority of children this half term has been excellent, however some pupils are consistently late. School starts at 8.45am and the children should arrive for 8.40am when the classroom doors open. Being late causes anxiety and stress for children; it means they may miss out on key information they need for the day; miss the chance to socialise with their friends before the start of the day and miss chunks of their learning. Please can all families ensure their children arrive on time next half term. If you are having any difficulties with your child's attendance and punctuality, please contact school so we can make sure we take the supportive approach that will best suit you and your family.

All holidays should be booked outside of term time. Good attendance at school is essential if children are to make the most of their education. All absences for holiday will be unauthorised (unless in exceptional circumstances) and may lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued.

Free Used WPPS&N Uniform and New Unbranded Uniform

We have plenty of spare uniform in school for any families who would like to access it. Please pop into the school office to make an enquiry or leave a message or email asking for Mrs Nicholas to give you a call back.

Half Term

Well done to all the children in school for their hard work this half term and thank you to all the staff and to all parents, carers and family members for their support. Have a lovely half term week. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 23rd February.

Your sincerely,
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