



Wednesday 1st April

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Stars of the Half Term

We're very proud of this Spring term's Stars for their brilliant attitudes and efforts with their learning! Well done to: Erik, Ava, Archie, Freddie, Bobby, Charlie, Billy, Logan, Alice, Mia, Ollie, Avery, Freddie, Hannah, Isabella, Olivia, Violet, Heidi, Louis, Phoebe, Alba, Esther, April, Tommy, Gracie, Lyla, Noah and Jaxson.

School Trips and Visitors

There have been some very interesting and enriching visits and visitors in the last few weeks. Yesterday, Reception visited St John's Church in Hartford, where they were made very welcome, to learn about the Easter story. Today members of the Church at St Luke's in Winnington visited school to provide a series of workshops for Year 4 to also learn about the Easter story. Thank you to everyone at both churches for their support of our pupils. Year 3 and Year 4 have recently visited Northwich Buddhist Centre to enhance their learning in RE. The children in both year groups asked superb questions of the resident monk showing great curiosity as they engaged in discussion about the beliefs and practices of the religion. Year 1 visited Warrington Toy Museum as part of their History curriculum. The children learnt about old and new toys, took part in a clockwork dance workshop and made a pop-up toy – their behaviour was commented upon as being exemplary! Year 5 visited Tatton Park for a day of learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings! Amongst other things, the children learnt about hunting tools and strategies, how to defend themselves with shield walls against the Viking warriors, how threshing was used to turn wheat into flour and how bracelets were woven for trading with other goods.

Firdale Road 20mph Limit

Please be aware that a 20mph speed limit is now in place on Firdale Road directly outside the school. We kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful of this new limit and to drive with extra care during drop-off and pick-up times. By keeping our speeds low and staying alert, we can work together to ensure the road remains a safe environment for all our children and the local community. Thank you for your continued support.

Neurodiversity Week and Young Carers

As part of our focus on Neurodiversity Week, we were delighted to welcome Emily from Autism Practical Support, who spoke to the children about the importance of understanding and celebrating our diverse strengths. We are incredibly grateful for her visit and the insight she shared with our pupils. Thank you also to Mrs Flower and Mrs Pringle and our other staff members, Emily from APS and Amanda from the CWAC Navigator Service and all the parents, carers and family members who were able to attend our Neurodiversity Coffee Morning.

Additionally, Sam from Cheshire Young Carers joined us to explain exactly what it means to be a Young Carer and the vital role these young people play. Our children engaged in thoughtful discussions and reflections, showing remarkable empathy and acceptance as they learned more about the different experiences of those in our community.

Parent Speakers in School

A huge thank you to Mr. Barlow, who visited us recently to share his fascinating career designing and manufacturing alarms. He spoke to the children about his educational pathway and the qualifications he earned, explaining how a genuine personal interest led him to work in such a specialized field. Our pupils were incredibly engaged, asking insightful questions showing a real interest in the technical side of his work. We continue to invite all parents and family members to visit and talk about their own careers; our goal is

to showcase the incredible breadth of the working world and provide our children with real-life role models for every interest.

Swimming Success

Our swimming lessons have now drawn to a close and the pool has been dismantled for another year. We are incredibly pleased with how well the children across all year groups have performed. From Nursery to Year 6, everyone took part with fantastic enthusiasm and made very good progress in the water. We are immensely proud of the children's determination and the way they built their confidence throughout the sessions. Thank you to everyone for supporting three weeks of successful swimming lessons.

Spring Concert

On Monday afternoon, the children were treated to a very special musical event. Year 5 and 6 pupils performed in their Brass and Woodwind ensembles and pupils in key stage 2 performed in their guitar group. There was also a fantastic performance from the Winnington Park Choir, which included a very special collaboration with the choir from Hartford High School. It was a joy to see our enthusiastic musicians working together and sharing their skills with the wider community. Well done to all the children involved for such a brilliant showcase of musical talent and thank you to the music teachers who supported the children in preparation for their performances.

Bikeability

Thank you to the Bikeability Team who have visited school twice this half term: delivering a programme for less confident riders in Year 3 and 4 and balance bike sessions for Reception. Congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 children who took part - everyone achieved their cycling proficiency certificate and made great progress. The children in Reception improved their balance, core-strength and coordination, using their riding skills to navigate in and out of cones, negotiating obstacles and cycling at different speeds. Some children also moved onto pedal bikes. Well done everyone!

Sporting Events

Smile for a Mile: *all of the children that competed in this event walked to Hartford High School, went onto the school field and ran a one mile long cross-country route! It was a warm day, the track was bumpy and hilly, and towards the end of the race we were beginning to feel exhausted. As you arrived at the end of the mile, you were given a ticket which said where you placed. Roman and Bobby placed highest for Winnington and everyone did their best in a tough event. Thanks to Miss Evans and Mrs Ollier for taking us to the event. George, Eddie and Bobby*

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend a parents' evening appointment last week. If you have not had a chance to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact the school office. 92% of the children in school had a parent, carer or family member attend a meeting with their teacher – thank you for your support. We hope you were able to visit the Spring Art Gallery: the children produced some beautiful work.

Dog Safety

A pupil from Winnington Park was bitten by a dog when walking home with their parents recently. We teach the children about animal welfare and safety and looking after pets in school. However, if your child walks home, or spends time playing outside of the house, you may want to visit the [RSPCA](#) website and the [Dogs Trust](#) website for advice to share with your child about keeping themselves safe when encountering animals. Dogs are not allowed on the school site as the playground can be very noisy and busy. This rule is in place for everyone's safety and the wellbeing of the animal.

Staffing Updates

A warm welcome to Miss Chudyk-Williams and Mrs Cartwright who will be joining the Winnington staff team after the Spring holiday. Miss Chudyk-Williams will be working as a teaching assistant across the Early Years and Key Stage 1 and Mrs Cartwright will be joining our team of midday assistants.

PTA

Our fantastic PTA have been hard at work this half term, today providing a chocolate egg for every child to take home! This follows a lovely Mother's Day Cake sale in the middle of March (thank you for all the

generous donations) and yesterday's successful Chocolate Bingo, a fun-filled event with a lovely atmosphere that is well worth attending next year. The Rainbow Raffle has been drawn and the winning families will be contacted – thank you to everyone who donated. If you'd like to join our dedicated PTA team, please email winningtonparkpta@gmail.com Thank you to everyone involved in our PTA.

Big Walk and Wheel Results

Well done to everyone who has been able to be involved in the Big Walk and Wheel over the last two weeks, reducing congestion on the roads and supporting healthier travel. Winnington Park children made 1683 journeys by foot or wheel, a large increase compared to last year. Our daily participation rate was 54% and Mrs Hainsworth's and Mrs Adam's Y4 Class and the children in Nursery were the joint top ranked classes. Thank you to the older pupils and Attendance Champions for their warm welcomes at school and for handing out stickers on arrival to participating children.

School Dinner Price Increase Reminder

A reminder that school dinner prices rise from today, 1st April 2026. The price of a school dinner is now £3.07.

Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to all the children who have today achieved their Gold or Silver Attendance award – well done everyone! Overall attendance at school this half term has been 96.7% (an increase from Autumn). Year 1 and Year 2 have had the best attendance with 97.5% and 97.3% respectively. Good attendance at school is essential if children are to make the most of their education so all absences for holiday will be unauthorised (unless in exceptional circumstances) and may lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued. Please remember that children should be inside their classrooms by 8.45am when registers are taken. Thank you for your support.

Holiday Vouchers

Until this March, the local authority has always allocated funding to schools to distribute holiday meal vouchers to the families of children in receipt of free school meals. This process has now changed and Mrs Wood has contacted the affected families explaining the new process. If you would like Mrs Wood to support you in making your application to the local authority to receive your vouchers, please contact the school office on 01606 74371 or email bursar@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk

Spring Holiday

Have a fantastic break with your families. School reopens to the children on **Monday 20th April.**

Yours sincerely,

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