



## NEWSLETTER 23 - 17th March 2025

Dear Parents /Carers

Last week I was fortunate to be able to review the reading progress of the children in Year 5. The children I listened to read were selected at random and demonstrated good skills. However, of those taking part, it became evident that a number of children don't read regularly at home. Please can all parents encourage your children to read for at least 15 minutes per day, it will make an enormous difference to their learning in all areas and support their work in school. This week I will be undertaking a similar exercise with a group of children from Year 3.

### **World Down Syndrome Day – Gingerbread socks**

From Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March gingerbread biscuit socks will be on sale to the children for £1 each. We will be selling them to raise awareness of Downs Syndrome and to raise funds for Down Syndrome, Cheshire. The Gingerbread socks will be available to buy in the classroom and will be sent home at the end of the day.

In addition to selling the socks, we will also be encouraging the children to come to school dressed in odd socks on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, again to promote awareness of the condition. We welcome your support for this worthy cause!



### **Hub Before and After School Clubs**

Please can we remind all parents who use the wrap around care to pre-book the Breakfast and Afterschool clubs in advance on the School Gateway app when required.

### **Parents Evening**

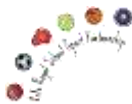
Our Parents Evening slots are now live on Dojo class stories. These will be held on:

**Tuesday 25th March – 5pm to 7pm**

**Thursday 27th March – 4pm to 6pm**

Please sign up for a time online on Dojo. These are strictly one per family.

Please note that Daniel Robinson, Assistant Principal from the Winsford Academy will be available to meet prospective parents on Tuesday 25th March and Emma McLaren, Principal of Winsford Academy will be available to meet prospective parents on Thursday 27th March in the glass corridor. It may be worth a detour to meet them if you are a parent of a child in Year 4, 5 or Year 6! Feel free to go and have a chat with them on the night with any questions you have about the Winsford Academy. Especially for any parents of children in Years 4 and 5 who will be thinking about High Schools for your children.



### **Easter Themed Lunch – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

The kitchen will be making an Easter Themed lunch on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

The menu will be Roast chicken, stuffing, mashed potato, carrots, broccoli and gravy. Alternatively, Quorn fillet roast served with the above. Chocolate krispy nests for dessert or fruit.

If you would like to order an Easter lunch for your child/children this will be available on the school gateway within the next few days. Prices are £2.85 or free for children on free school meals.



### **Comic Relief – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Dress up 1980's style!**

The School Council has decided that as it is the 40-year anniversary for Comic Relief, they would like the children to be dress up in 1980's style! Please don't go to great expense, but if you can support your child with a costume, we should be grateful.

Please see the link below in blue if you wish to make an online donation

[Just Giving is fundraising for Comic Relief](#)

Or alternatively we will also have collections in school on the day.



### **Cyber Protect Event for Reception and Key Stage One**

We look forward to welcoming Andy Kevan back from the Cyber Protect Team on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Andy will be sharing top tips with the children to keep safe on-line with a focus on taking photographs.

### **Over St John's Scouts**

Please see the poster on Dojo for Winsford Scouts. For more information please contact [osjscouts@gmail.com](mailto:osjscouts@gmail.com)



**Diary Dates: \* new dates**

Date	Information
21st March 2025	KS2 Assembly – Construction Health and Safety
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025*	Comic Relief Day Link for donations - <a href="#">Just Giving is fundraising for Comic Relief</a> Dress up in 1980's style
24 <sup>th</sup> March 2025*	Gingerbread socks on sale this week in the classroom £1 each
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2025*	Cyber Protect Team to work with Reception/Key Stage 1 pupils
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parents Evening – 5pm to 7pm
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parents Evening – 4pm to 6pm
28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025*	World Down Syndrome Day – Wear Odd Socks to school!
28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Final payment for the Year 1 Conwy Residential
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025*	Edsential Easter Themed lunch
2 <sup>nd</sup> April to 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Year 4 – Residential to York
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Year 6 Lakes 2 <sup>nd</sup> Installment
7 <sup>th</sup> April to 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Easter Holiday
23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	School opens for the summer term
28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Chester Zoo trip – Reception and Year 2
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Year 1 Conwy Residential
26 <sup>th</sup> May to 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Inset Day – school closed to children
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	School opens for the new term
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Reception, Year 6 whole class and Sports Team photos
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Dogstrust Assemblies and Workshops for Year Reception/Y1 Wheelock and Dee
24 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Dogstrust Assemblies and Workshops for Year 1 Gowy and Year 2
24 <sup>th</sup> June to 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 6 – Residential to the Lake District
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	School closes for the summer holiday at 3.15pm (The HUB will be open for paid sessions as usual until 5.50pm)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	Inset Day – school closed to children
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Outside the Box Theatre production in School – Nursery to Year 4

Should you need to make contact with school, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Joule on: [head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk) or [returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto: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 holiday, to ensure a work life balance for the staff.

Kind regards,  
Mark Joule,  
Head Teacher