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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/ Carers

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. Throughout the year we have enjoyed working with your child(ren) and seeing them grow and develop in many ways. We look forward to continuing to do so for those who will remain with us in September, but wish those leaving the school, all the very best for the future.

Leavers' 2019

Last night our Y6 children were real stars, performing a short play entitled 'The Pirates of the Curry Bean' for their parent's which was followed by a presentation and drinks / refreshments for all involved. This was a lovely evening for all concerned and one in which the children and parents were able to share their memories of their time spent at High Street.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the 2019 leaver's together with any other child relocating schools, all the very best for the future. They will all be welcome to visit in the future. 'Once a 'High Streeter', always a 'High Streeter'.

Staff Leavers

As we finish for the summer break, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following staff for their service to the school, as they move to their new positions: Mr Wright, Mrs Astley, Miss Levis and Mr Thorburn. In addition I would also like to wish Mrs O'Cleirigh a long and happy retirement. Finally I would like to wish Miss Sugarman all the very best for the future, as she has also secured a position closer to her home.

Pyjama Day: 18th July

Thank you for encouraging your child(ren) to participate in the recent Pyjama Day. This was a great success with £418.65 being raised for children requiring organ transplants. A proportion of this will also be used to support Tyler from Y5 in his quest to participate in the Transplant Games. We wish him all the very best in the competition and look forward to hearing how he has got on.

Uniform

As you may have noticed some shops have started to advertise 'back to school' children's wear. This always amuses me as it becomes earlier each year! However, with this in mind and as you prepare your child for the year ahead, please can you ensure that your child is following the school uniform policy.

Children should wear the following to school on their return in September:

Summer dresses (Light blue gingham check)

White shirt / blouse

Grey / black skirt / trousers / shorts

Blue school sweatshirt

Please note that ties are compulsory from Y3 –Y6 but optional in EYFS / KS1

Black school shoes (NOT TRAINERS)

School Meals

We have been informed by Edsential which is the Local Authority corporate group who supply school meals that there will be no increase in the cost of each meal in September and the cost will remain at £2.30 per meal. **Please also note that children moving from Y2 to Y3 are no longer eligible for Universal Free School Meals, as these are only applicable for EYFS / KS1 children.**

Should you feel that you are eligible for free school meals due to your financial position you can contact Wyvern House on 0300 123 7039 to apply.

SIMS Pay

Winsford High Street Primary school has an online payments system which we encourage parents to use to pay for school meals.

The system we use is known as SIMS Pay which is very easy-to-use and will offer you the flexibility to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that payments are secure and use the highest level of card security and that funds will reach the school safely.

Getting started with SIMS Pay online payments

1. You will already have received an email which includes your child's unique registration reference for SIMS Pay. If you have not got an email address you will have received a letter which contains your child's registration number.
2. To access SIMS Pay you will need an email address and a Microsoft Account. You can use an existing account if you already have one, or create a new one online – they are free, very easy to setup and you can use any email address and password – to get a Microsoft Account please go to <https://signup.live.com>. You can create a Google Account at <https://accounts.google.com/SignUp>
3. Please login to SIMS Pay - <https://www.sims-pay.co.uk/Home>
4. When prompted you will need to enter the Invitation code and then your child's date of birth.
5. Follow the simple online instructions to register your account.
6. **Please register your new account as soon as possible as the passwords have expiry dates. If the password has expired please contact the office.**
7. You will receive a confirmation email – once you have activated your account by clicking the link in the email you will be able to make payments for school meals straight away.

If you have any difficulties in registering or using the online payment system please contact the school office.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all concerned a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Kind regards
Mark Joule
Head teacher

Please note that the school reopens for the children on Wednesday 4th September 2019, although the staff will be undertaking training on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd.