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Newsletter

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A letter from Mrs Appleyard



It is hard to believe that we are already into the fifth week of the term and there are only two weeks to go until the 'half-term' holiday. We have had a very busy start to the year and pupils are working hard to make the most of their learning opportunities, whilst having fun. Pupils are enjoying the new No Nonsense Maths in Key Stage 2 and their newly zoned learning areas in Key Stage 1.

We are beginning to develop some international links for the school. Mrs Preston and Heron Class had a Skype session with a museum in Greece this week and Miss Pearson, who taught Key Stage 2 for a day last week, is off to teach in Australia next month and we hope to be able to set up links with her school down under. It will be fun to have some virtual pen pals on the other side of the world.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Festival in church and for your generous gifts which have been taken to support local people through the Lord's Larder in Chard. Thank you especially to our wonderful staff who worked with the children to produce such a lovely service.

Staff from across the small schools of the Redstart Learning Partnership have come together this week to look at the literacy and numeracy in our schools and how we can deliver it effectively. This is one of the ways that we can all help and support each other with ideas and experience. It is good to be able to join in with activities for both staff and pupils in this extended learning family.

important Dates:

19th October -wear it pink day.

1st December- Christmas Bingo 7pm Jubilee hall

6th November– 9am School Photos

16th November-Heron class School trip SESC.

7th December-Advent story in church

All dates and times correct at time of printing

Awards and Certificates

Good Egg Trophy

Well done to

Tamsin

Charlie

Superstar Award Certificates

Joshua-for super writing

Oscar-for settling down

Ryan-creative ideas in Literacy

Layla-Fantastic Maths



Woodpecker Class EYFS/KSI



What a lovely start to October we have had here in woodpecker class. We have a new smart screen in class, Woodpeckers have been registering themselves each morning and have enjoyed writing on the screen.

A big thank you to Woodpeckers, you were brilliant in the church for our Harvest Festival; we created our own art and used adjectives to describe our fruits. We have been working really hard to create and write our own five sentence stories, we have been focusing on character description and the use of adjectives to add additional information. Reception have drawn their stories and retold them to each other.

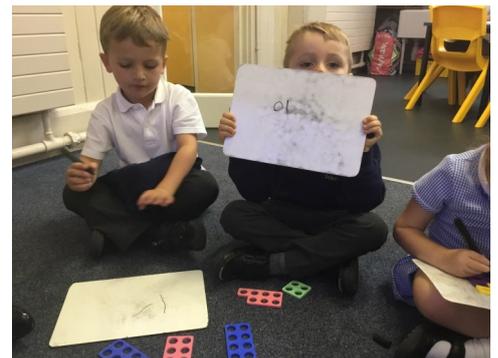
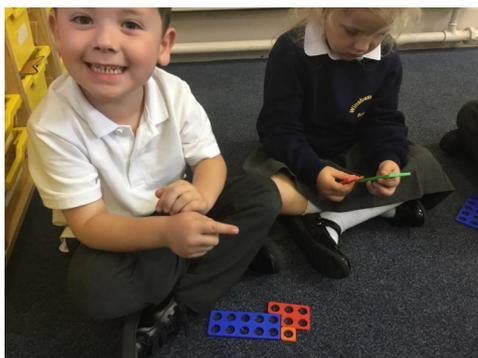
Year Two have been working really hard working out addition and subtraction word problems and Year One have been using a range of manipulative to work out our number sentences. Reception have been counting to and beyond 10 and working on their number formation.

Woodpeckers have enjoyed accessing the continuous provision- in particular the flour, sand and water!

Year one and two have common exception words in their book bags, children can practice these at home as part of their homework. We practice a selection of these during our handwriting sessions each morning. Reception have sound fans, these will be added to as reception learn a new sound. A reminder for children to bring in a water bottle each day to have in the classroom and fruit is provided by the school for snack.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Luesley and Mrs Bulgin



Heron Class KS2

In Literacy, the children have finished their quest stories and their creativity is superb. They have worked extremely hard to make sure their stories include all the elements we have been working on for developing a descriptive scene. We have just started our new unit which is looking at a newspaper recount. Our text is based on the story Little Red Riding Hood but is presented as a newspaper recount. We will then adapt the text to suit a new piece of text incorporating a different character view point.

In Maths, the focus is now on addition and subtraction. It's still important that all children in KS2 continue to learn their times tables so we are practising them first thing in the morning during registration.

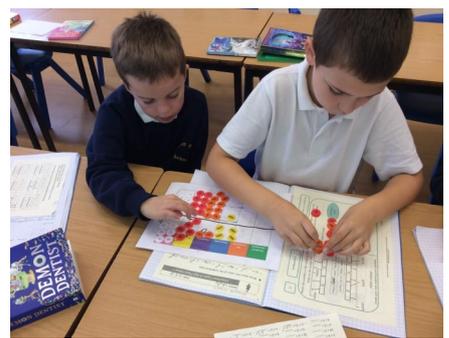
In History, we have looked at what life was like during Ancient Greek times and the differences between Sparta and Athens. It was also exciting to be able to take part in an online video call to a museum in Corinth, Greece. We learned about some features of an archaeological dig and how clues are pieced together about life in Ancient Corinth from the items found. We also learnt about some Ancient Greek architecture and what they used the buildings for. The children asked some very interesting questions during the session.



In Art, we have started painting our Greek designs onto terracotta pots trying to only use the colours typically found on Greek pots.

Please can you ensure your child brings their library book they borrowed from the library bus back into school, as it will be returning soon. Thank you for your support with encouraging your child to complete homework. Please continue to encourage your child to read at least four times a week.

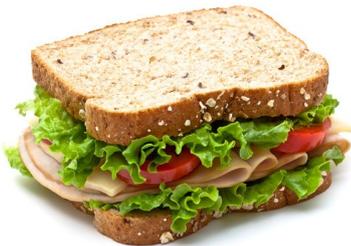
Mrs Preston



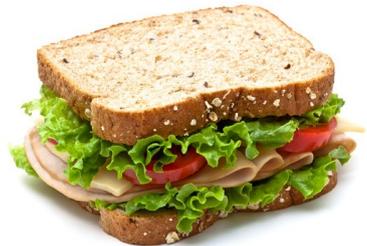


On Friday 19th October Winsham Primary School will be taking part in the “wear it pink day”
If you would like your child/children to participate, then please send them into school wearing anything pink along with a £1.00 donation for the charity.

Thankyou.



Reminder



Please can I remind you that we will not be serving hot school lunches the Week beginning of the 22nd October, this is due to the kitchen being Closed In Bridport for their half term holiday.

As you are aware we have arranged for sandwiches to be ordered through a local company.

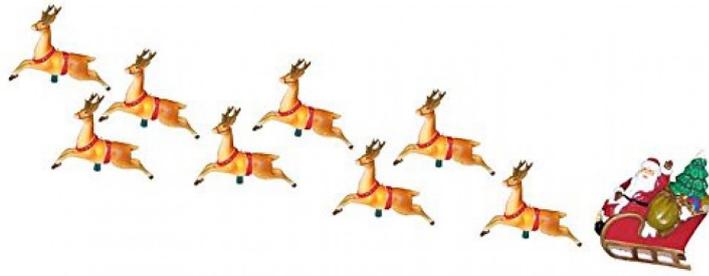
Please can you make sure that you return your completed order forms on Monday 15th of October as requested, in order for the company to have plenty of time to process the orders.

All meals provided to Woodpecker class (EYFS,year 1 and year 2) are free of charge. If your child is in Heron class (KS2) and would like the packed lunch on offer then there will be a charge of £2.40 per day.

If we do not receive your order forms back then we will presume that you will be supplying them with a packed lunch for that week.

I thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs J Robbins



Christmas Bingo

Winsham Pre-school and Winsham Primary School

Saturday 1st of December in the Jubilee hall.

Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 7.30.

Raffle and children's game in the interval.



Is your Child due to start school in September 2019 or transfer to secondary school?

I am just writing to let you know that for the first time this year South Somerset Admissions and Entitlements Team **will not be** sending out letters to children due to start school or children due to transfer school. The application portal on their website will open 3/9/2018 and parents can apply on line <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/> or they can phone Somerset Direct for a paper copy of the application 0300 123 2224.

Parent information is now available on their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Somersetschooladmissions/>

The closing date for First Admissions (includes infant to junior and first to middle) is 15/01/2019 and Transfers 31/10/2018.



Winsham Primary School

The start of the school day

Please can we remind all parents/carers of the starting times of the school day.

8.45am - the school gate will be opened and the children come into school. If the weather is bad we will open the gate earlier and you will be able to take cover in the shelter.

8.50am– the register will be taken and lessons begin.

If your child arrives at 9.00am they will be marked as Late. If your child arrives after 9.10am they will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

We know that sometimes it is unavoidable, but children coming into class can cause a distraction for those children who are already in class learning .

We thank you for your continued support.