

Wimbotsham & Stow Academy A proud member of the Unity Education Trust



Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. The children have settled back into school well even with the excitement of halloween! This week staff have been planning dates for what is always a busy half term with Christmas fast approaching. We will provide more detailed information next week separately but we have lots of exciting things coming up including:

- Bedtime reading cafes
- Christmas Fairs
- Christmas performances
- Singing on Radio West Norfolk!! (we'll let you know when)
- · Children in Need
- Anti-Bullying week activities

During Anti bullying week, (week beginning 13th November) the children will be taking part in lots of PSHE sessions discussing positive relationships and understanding different types of bullying. Children in Need falls at the end of this week and we are asking all the children to come dressed in spots and during the day they will take part in a range of activities. If you would like to donate to Children in Need you will be able to do so through Parent Pay.

We look forward to the rest of the half term.

Mrs Arrowsmith

Next Week

Tuesday 7^{th} — Ducklings and kingfishers Lynn Museum £10.11 to ParentPay. Packed lunches needed please.

Friday 10th — Pret-A- Portrait individual/sibling photos. <u>Please wear uniform that day with trainers as it's a PE day.</u>

<u>LAST CALL</u> - for FOWPS Christmas Cards — Please remember to pay via Parentpay and hand your design into the box at the office — Thank You

Reminders

- Dick Whittington Panto Friday 8th December £17.50 per child via ParentPay
- Please ensure that your accounts are up to date and in credit. It is important that you login to your ParentPay account regularly to check your outstanding balance - Thank You
- Please can you ensure you label your children's clothes clearly with their name. We have several jumpers and cardigans left outside with no names on.
- EMAIL/CALL Please remember any messages about your child should go through the school office, for example different people picking them up etc
- If your child is unwell, please report their absence to the <u>school office</u> by 9.30am each day either by <u>phone call/email or Parent App</u>. <u>Please do not message their teacher through TAPESTRY, SEESAW or class DOJO</u>. If no absence is provided the absence is recorded as unauthorised. Thank you.
- School Lunches are £2.35 per day.
- Breakfast Club/Afterschool childcare is £2.50 per session. DOORS OPEN at 7.45am for breakfast club. Afterschool club finishes at 4.30pm.
- PE Day is a Friday ~come to school in PE clothes.

Changes we need to know about are:

- Medical details (any new allergies, asthma etc.)
- Change of address, telephone numbers or email address
 Keep us informed.

It will be up to you to keep us informed and you can do this by emailing the school office at: office@wim.unity-ed.uk

FLU VACCINE

<u>Children in Year Reception – Year 6</u> <u>Monday 13th November 2023</u>

Please note this is not the Covid vaccination.

You can now complete consent for your child online. Please go to the letter on ParentApp and click on the link to give consent, or to decline consent.



Friday 17th November Children In Need



It's time to get Spotacular — your children can come to school dressed in spots! Non uniform

We are asking that you follow this link and send any donations directly through the BBC Children in need page of ParentPay

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11596
Thank You

WINTER COATS

As the weather has turned colder and wetter, children MUST come to school in a warm winter waterproof coat.

We try and go out in all weathers for break times.

Thank You

Poppy Appeal

Slap bands, zip pull, reflectors, rubber bracelets (all £1) and poppy's are still available to purchase at breaktimes.

First come first served basis, one they're gone, they're gone!



Upcoming Events 2023/24

November

Tuesday 7th November — Lynn Museum Trip Ducklings/Kingfishers
Friday 10th November — Pret — a — portrait individual photos
Monday 13th November — Class R-Y6 Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 21st November — Year 6 school nurse visit (national Child
Measurement Programme)
Friday 24th November — FOWPS Winter Fayre
Monday 27th November — Selected Herons Tag Rugby Festival

December

Friday 1st December — Bikeability Year 4

Monday 4th — whole school Decoration Day — House Teams

Tuesday 5th December — Bedtime Reading Café 5-6pm

Friday 8th December — Whole school to see the PANTO @ Corn Exchange

Thursday 14th December — Christmas Performance at Stowbridge village

Hall — Details to follow.

Tuesday 19th December – FOWPS Childrens Christmas Party Wednesday 20th December – whole school Christmas Dinner Wednesday 20th December – break up for Christmas.

January 2024 – Swans start swimming all this term.

<u>January 2024</u> Thursday 4th Jan 2023 – Back to school



Welcome to our half termly SEND Shout out! A section of the newsletter addressing important and helpful information relating to SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

This week we are talking about *Mental Health*.

We take the mental health of the young people in our care very seriously. There is a wealth of information out there for parents and children, but it can be overwhelming when researching this topic.

The **Anna Freud** website has some informative and helpful podcasts to listen to regarding different areas of mental health, including anxiety. Click here to listen: <u>Podcasts</u>. The website also has resources to help you create your own self care plan with your child; there is a section on <u>Self Care for parents</u> too.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child, please speak with their class teacher or arrange an appointment with the school SENDCo.