



Welcome from the Headmistress

Welcome back to both parents and pupils! We start the term with much to look forward to and as ever a busy calendar filled with sport, music and drama events. We also welcome two new members of staff – **Mr Simon Dieppe** who will be teaching a variety of subjects in Key Stage 2 and 3 and **Dr Jo May**, who will take on the role of Head of Science. We are delighted to have a number of new children joining the school and we warmly welcome them all to the Winterfold family.

A few other exciting bits of news – **Mr Rick Cotterill** will be taking on the role of Acting Academic Deputy Head. This term sees the introduction of Spanish on the timetable for Years 6 and 7 with a view to rolling it out in other year groups in the future.

Early next week we will be sending out a questionnaire. We hope you will take the time to fill this in as we really value your opinion.

All parents are invited to our new **Coffee Mornings** in which we hope that many of you from all year groups will be able to come along and socialise with each other as well as with myself and other members of staff. The first of these will be on Friday 16th September in the front hall of the main house and I hope to see many of you there.

Mrs Denise Toms

PREP SCHOOL NEWS

New books, new shoes, smart haircuts and blazers that don't quite fit yet; Christmas Term has begun! September is a lovely time in school; lots of things are 'new', everyone is eager to do their best and there is a hum of excitement about the new year ahead. You will notice that we have made several changes for the start of the new school year. For children in Years 4 and above, we have moved all **Prep sessions after 5:00pm to the ICT rooms** which are located in the main school house. This allows the children greater supervised access to the computers and means that they will always be in the same place for you to collect at the end of the day. We are sure that the children will be very keen to collect pluses for their packs and the **new look Interim Reports** will show where pluses have been earned and also how close they are to a bronze (150), silver (250) or gold (350) certificate. We have also decided to **welcome Year 1 and Year 2 into the Pack system** and they will soon be learning if they are an Eagle, Hawk, Kite or Swift. We look forward to sharing with you more exciting changes at Winterfold at the Prep school induction night on Tuesday.

Mr Cotterill, Academic Deputy Head

PRE-PREP, EARLY YEARS & WOODHOUSE NEWS

Years 1 and 2 have had a lovely start to the new school year. All the children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their Summer holiday adventures and this has provided a great stimulus for their independent writing. As part of the special Roald Dahl centenary celebrations, Year 2 paired-and-shared 'whizz-banging' and 'splendiferous' dream jar ideas, whilst Year 1 have designed their very own personal crests. The children in Early Years have all settled in brilliantly for their first week back to Winterfold. Kindergarten 1 children have been carrying out lots of 'Getting to Know You' activities and children moving up to Kindergarten 2 have started their topic on 'Who are You' and focused on the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' as well as thinking about words which begin with the 'S' sound. Reception children have started to get to know their teachers and talked about themselves and their families, creating portraits and collages of themselves. A big welcome to all of the new Nursery children at Woodhouse. Over the Summer we had some lovely new windows and carpets fitted. Our topics this term include 'Autumn' and 'Colours and Shapes'. The children have already been busy making, painting, playing and enjoying walks in the fresh air.

Mrs Bolton, Head of Key Stage 1
Mrs Thackery, Head of Early Years
Mrs Parker, Nursery Manager



SUCCESS STORIES

Congratulations to **Emily Bower** who is currently the No.1 in the ASA swimming rankings, following the club sprint championships over the Summer. Congratulations also go to ex-Winterfold pupil **James Bell**, who achieved an 'A' in Latin two years earlier than expected. He has also achieved A* in Latin Literature and 'A' in Greek – again, a year ahead of normal GCSE's. He will now be taking his 'A' levels in Latin and Greek in Year 12, followed by History, Classical Civilisation and RE in Year 13. This academic success has its foundations at Winterfold, which have been kindly acknowledged by his parents.

SPORTS NEWS

Welcome back everyone; I hope that you have all enjoyed a good summer break and that you are looking forward to the new term ahead. We are very excited about the start of our new hockey and rugby season and our fixtures programme starts in earnest next Wednesday. Apart from our matches we also have cross country running competitions to look forward to later in the term and in preparation for these Early Morning Running Club will be taking place once again on Tuesday mornings starting from next week. This club is free and open to all children from Years 3-8 who would either like to train for cross country or just come along to get a little fitter for the rugby and hockey season. We meet at the changing rooms at 8.00am and children should wear their favourite running kit and bring some spare socks and trainers as it can be rather wet at times! Please could I remind you that every item of PE and Games clothing needs to be labelled on the front using the big labels which can be purchased from the school shop. Please also label socks, trainers, stud boots, head guards, gum shields, hockey sticks and anything else that might get lost! Good luck to the Colts A rugby team who begin their season with a tournament at The Elms School on Saturday afternoon at 2.00pm – enjoy yourselves boys and play well! Good luck also to all of the girls who have got through to the second round of county trials which are taking place tonight. We wish them all the best: be confident and play well! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible supporting us on the touch line this term; here's to an enjoyable and successful season!

Mrs Humfress, Director of Sport

DRAMA NEWS

It is with great pleasure that I can announce the main Drama productions for this coming year. During activities on Tuesdays, Years 6, 7 & 8 will be preparing *The Witches* for a performance at the end of the Christmas Term. Year 3 will be taking part in the Christmas Carol Concert, producing a Nativity Tableaux. In Pre-Prep, all children will be involved in the Christmas productions: Early Years will be performing *We Three Kings* and Key Stage 1 *Born in a Barn*. Mrs Thackery is also running a Drama club on a Tuesday for Pre-Prep children, focusing on the traditional tale of *The Princess and the Pea*. The main Senior Play will be *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, using songs from the original Gene Wilder film. In lessons, Year 5 will prepare their Monologues for the Lent term, while Year 6 will tread the boards in versions of *Macbeth* or *Romeo and Juliet*, performing in the summer. Year 4 will prepare their Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes to finish off the calendar. This year could prove to be the most exciting yet in the Drama department with scheduled trips to the RSC, the New Alexandra Theatre, workshops at Shrewsbury schools as well as visiting theatre companies.

Mrs Miles, Head of Drama



CHAPEL NEWS

I always feel the term has really begun when we have had the first Whole School Mass. This took place on Thursday morning and the children conducted themselves in a reverent and respectful manner. We all felt very proud of them. This term, we are trialling weekly class masses in the chapel - parents are very welcome to join us as normal.

Ms Howarth, Head of RE

MUSIC NEWS

ABRSM Results Congratulations to the following children who took ABRSM exams last term:

William Bayliss	Alto Sax	Grade 4	Pass
Isabelle Bolton	Singing	Grade 5	Pass
Catherine Chung	Violin	Grade 2	Pass
Eleanor Dunn	Singing	Grade 5	Distinction
Eleanor Dunn	Piano	Grade 4	Merit
Ariane Eddy	Clarinet	Grade 2	Pass
William Evans	Cello	Grade 3	Pass
Pippa Fleming	Clarinet	Grade 3	Pass
Orla Hession	Piano	Prep Test	Pass
Grace Hynes	Violin	Grade 1	Merit
Areasha Jafferi	Singing	Grade 2	Merit
Olivia Leung	Clarinet	Grade 1	Merit
Olivia Odell	Piano	Prep Test	Pass
Owen Price	Piano	Grade 5	Merit
Jack Rice	Alto Sax	Grade 4	Merit
Kitty Rice	Singing	Grade 1	Merit
Lara Shuker	Violin	Grade 2	Pass
Jaspar Steele	Clarinet	Grade 3	Pass
Jacob Stirk	Jazz Tnr Sax	Grade 1	Merit
Gabriel Tucker	Trumpet	Grade 1	Pass
Oliver Tucker	Piano	Grade 3	Pass
Joshua Udy	Trumpet	Grade 1	Merit
Willem Van de Heuvel-Berkers	Violin	Grade 2	Distinction
Emily Vines	Flute	Grade 1	Pass
Tiya Virk	Clarinet	Grade 1	Pass
Zachary Watson	Jazz Alto Sax	Grade 1	Merit
Oliver Weekes	Violin	Grade 2	Merit
Eleanor Witt	Singing	Grade 1	Pass

Mr Price, Director of Music



GENERAL NOTICES AND INFORMATION

Lost Property Jaspar Steele has lost his brand new, named tracksuit bottoms, and Zoravar Uppal has lost his navy blue Nike jacket – please check.

Extras All Extras will begin next week, commencing Monday 12th September. Please check the lists in the Main Entrance and see the school office if there are any problems.

Friends of Winterfold News There will be a FOW Meeting on Tuesday 13th September at 7.30pm in the dining room. All parents are very welcome to attend.