

A word from the Headmistress

Welcome back to another academic year at Winterfold. It is always wonderful to welcome back familiar faces as well as some new ones. This term we have three new members of staff: Mrs Cox in Kindergarten 2, Mr Loughton in Year 6 and Madame Farrell in Year 7. They come with superb credentials and most importantly, a passion and enthusiasm for teaching here. We also welcome all of the new pupils and their families to Winterfold, and remind everyone that our highly successful Friday coffee mornings start next week - which is a great way to meet and make friends. I look forward to making the journey with you all through this next academic year, and wish you all the very best for this term.

Mrs Denise Toms



There will be a ***Friends of Winterfold*** meeting on ***Thursday 14th September*** at 4.00pm in the Dining Room. All are welcome to attend. Also, there will be a ***Macmillan Coffee Morning*** on ***Friday 29th September*** at 8.45am. More information to follow next week!

SCIENCE CLUB

This term in Science Club, pupils can look forward to some exciting new activities including investigating exothermic reactions, understanding how foams are made and looking at types of rocket propulsion. Due to popular demand, there will also be the usual favourites involving slime manufacture and bouncy balls! Towards Christmas, pupils will also have the opportunity to make a robot Christmas card by creating a series circuit with a switch and flashing LEDs.

Dr May, Head of Science

GENERAL NOTICES AND INFORMATION

Lost Property Bessy Hingley (Year 5) has lost her named school blazer – please check.

Late Book If you are unable to collect your child by 6.00pm for exceptional reasons, please phone the school office before 6.00pm to let us know your estimated time of arrival. When you arrive, you will be required to come into the school building to collect your child and sign the Late Book. This is primarily for the safety and protection of your child. Many thanks.



Back to school fun in the Adventure Playground!



Year 8 and Year 3 pupils enjoy paired reading sessions in the classroom today!



We would like to send our heartfelt congratulations to our very own Mrs Price (formerly Miss Gready) who got married during the Summer holidays. We wish her and her husband, James, much happiness for the future,

During the Summer holidays, we were visited by former Headmaster Bill Ibbetson-Price, and his wife Linda, who were back in Worcestershire to enjoy their 'Morgan Weekend' retirement gift. They had a lovely couple of days cruising around the Cotswolds, and would like to thank the Winterfold Staff for their very kind gift. Bill and Linda are enjoying rural life in North Yorkshire alongside various country companions including pigs, chickens, sheep and goats.



PREP SCHOOL NEWS

By now, the children should have all brought home a copy of their new timetables and prep timetables. We are delighted to be offering new subjects in several year groups. Spanish is now being taught from Year 3 upwards, Forest School is being continued from the Pre-Prep into Years 3 and 4 and we have introduced a Latin and Classics course into Year 5. We have increased the teaching time for Maths and English in Years 5 to 8 and have brought CDT and Drama back into Years 7 and 8. We are also holding a celebration assembly every Friday and hope that the children will bring in their medals, trophies and certificates that they want to share on this day. To facilitate these changes, we have reduced lunch times by ten minutes. However, we have also taken orchestra, choirs and squad training out of lunch times so that children have thirty minutes free time to play every day. Orchestra and Junior Band are now during Tuesday activities whilst Squad Training is taking place following afternoon collation on Thursdays.

We were very grateful for your feedback on the parent survey that went out just before last summer. We have carefully considered and valued your views when making changes for this academic year.

Mr Cotterill, Academic Deputy Head

PRE-PREP NEWS

The children in **Year 2** have had a very productive start to the new term. They have worked very hard and have settled in really well. They are all embracing their new routines and a more challenging workload.

In **Year 1**, the children have learnt new routines and have created their own class rules and pledges that were agreed. The children also wrote holiday postcards considering what they would like to achieve this year. In Art, children drew and painted their self-portraits and designed their own cross.

Reception children have started to get to know their teachers and talked about themselves and their families. They have started work on their welcome boards for the classroom by painting themselves in school uniform. They have familiarised themselves with the Oxford Reading Tree characters and learnt a little more about who they are in preparation for starting the reading scheme next week. Our class Puppets 'Millie' and 'Billie' have been getting up to some very mischievous tricks in the classroom when the children are not there and

we have had to discuss boundaries within the classroom and around school. Our topic this half term is 'Our Bodies' and the children have enjoyed sharing their ideas and produced a topic web.

In **Kindergarten 2**, the children have all settled in very well. They have been introduced to our topic of 'Me and My Family' and have all enjoyed painting a self-portrait.

Kindergarten 1 children have been welcomed into school and getting used to their new environment and new routines. With lots of new children starting, it is important for them to build good relationships with each other and with the staff, to lay good foundations for their future learning. This all links in nicely to their topic is 'Everyone is Different' and children have participated with Circle Art and First Day Handprints.

Mrs Bolton (Head of KS1) and Mrs Thackery (Head of EY)

WOODHOUSE NEWS

This week the children in the Nursery have enjoyed a gentle settling-in period, getting to know their new key workers. We have all had fun talking about our new topics and have enjoyed some Autumnal walks around the school grounds.

Please can we ask parents to be vigilant and if children show any symptoms of sickness and diarrhoea, they are kept at home for 48 hours. This is to protect other children and staff members.

Mrs Parker, Nursery Manager

CHAPEL NEWS

Children and Staff from the Prep School gathered together for their first Whole School Mass yesterday. They sang heartily and Father Lamb reflected on the new beginnings of a new school year. The Year 8 pupils who served and read during mass proved themselves worthy of their prefect badges and set a super example for their fellow pupils to follow.

We are very fortunate at Winterfold, in welcoming Deacon Sean to our school community. Deacon Sean has worked at Bromsgrove Prep School as a Religious Education teacher and as Deputy Head and in recent years his role as a Catholic chaplain has come to the fore. His own parish is Our Lady of the Wayside in Solihull. Deacon Sean will be based at Winterfold for two mornings each week (Tuesday and Thursday) and his role will be to take a weekly assembly in Prep and Pre-Prep, serve alongside Father Lamb during Whole School masses, assist me in the Sacramental preparations and provide support for pupils pastorally. We look forward to getting to know Deacon Sean and I know that he is very much looking forward to serving us on behalf of Christ at the heart of our school.

Ms Howarth, Head of RE

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to all pupils who took ARBSM exams last term. The results are as follows:

Oliver Beardsley	Grade 4 Tuba	Merit
Zara Bedford	Grade 4 Singing	Pass
Isabelle Bolton	Grade 3 Clarinet	Pass
Henry Bower	Grade 5 Theory	Pass
Charlotte Chung	Grade 1 Singing	Pass
Abigail Culwick	Grade 1 Flute	Pass
Luke Culwick	Grade 2 Tuba	Pass
Eleanor Dunn	Grade 5 Cello	Merit
Eleanor Dunn	Grade 6 Singing	Merit
James Dunn	Grade 1 E-Flat Horn	Merit
Charlotte Field	Grade 1 Bassoon	Merit
Pippa Fleming	Grade 6 Singing	Pass
Anna Gibbens	Grade 1 Clarinet	Distinction



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Rufus Heathcote	Grade 1 Trumpet	Pass
Orla Hession-Wilson	Grade 1 Piano	Pass
Orla Hession-Wilson	Grade 2 Cello	Pass
Bessy Hingley	Piano Prep Test	Pass
Bessy Hingley	Grade 1 Singing	Merit
Grace Hynes	Grade 2 Violin	Pass
Areesha Jafferi	Flute Prep Test	Pass
Annabel James	Grade 3 Flute	Pass
Charlotte James	Grade 5 Cello	Pass
Oliver James	Grade 1 Cello	Pass
Annabel Lucking	Grade 1 Singing	Merit
Jack Maydew	Grade 4 Alto Saxophone	Pass
William Millard	Grade 4 Saxophone	Pass
Poppy Pinfield	Grade 3 Singing	Pass
Ruby Raine	Grade 1 Alto Saxophone	Pass
Kitty Rice	Grade 2 Singing	Pass
Archie Samuel	Grade 1 Cello	Pass
Lara Shuker	Grade 3 Violin	Pass
Jacob Stirk	Grade 3 Tenor Saxophone	Pass
Anna Stockdale	Grade 1 Singing	Pass
Bethan Taylor	Grade 2 Bassoon	Merit
Henry Taylor	Grade 1 Piano	Pass
Gabriel Tucker	Grade 3 Trumpet	Pass
Emily Vines	Grade 2 Flute	Merit
Zachary Watson	Grade 3 Alto Saxophone	Pass
Alex Witt	Grade 3 Alto Saxophone	Pass
Eleanor Witt	Grade 2 Singing	Pass

We are really looking forward to seeing all of the Music groups starting next week. Please note the new times are as follows:

Monday

8.30 Senior Strings (OMR)

8.30 Sax Group (PAC)

1.30 to 2.30 Chamber and Senior Choir

12.50 Junior Choir (PAC)

4.15 to 4.50 Senior Brass (PAC)

4.20 to 5.00 Girls Harmony Group

Tuesday

4.15 to 5.00 Junior Band (Penryn Hall) Orchestra (PAC)

Wednesday

11.00 Percussion Group

8.20 to 9.00 Groove Diggers (PAC)

8.30 to 9.00 Junior Strings (OMR)

Friday

8.30 to 9.00 Off Beats (PAC)

Morning rehearsals start at 8.30 sharp.

MUSIC SHOP

The Music Shop will reopen on Monday 11th September. The shop will be open every morning next week from 8.15 to 8.30, and will also be open on Tuesdays at 5.00pm just after band and orchestra for any urgent supplies.

We stock valve oil, music bags, strings, reeds, second hand music and most importantly new smart music practice books, which are useful to help your child organise their practice. Please do support the shop as any profits go back into the school.

A Music events calendar for the term will be published shortly on the Winterfold House Twitter page, so please do keep an eye out for it. We are looking forward to another successful and enjoyable year at Winterfold.

Mr Price, Director of Music

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 should 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! Also good luck to Nissa Niroumand, Sophie Spittle, Eleanor Dunn and Pippa Fleming who are attending County Netball trials tonight.

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

Winterfold In Bloom!

