

### **A word from the Headmistress**

It is with great pleasure that I offer both pupils and parents a very warm welcome back to Winterfold for the 2018-19 academic year. While everyone has been enjoying this memorably hot summer holiday, things have not stood still here at Winterfold. Starting back this term you will see many new changes around the School and grounds. As well as there being some new staff and new pupils, most strikingly, as you turn into the gates, there is a brand new drive! Alongside this, the ongoing development of the fabulous AstroTurf facility is coming on at quite a pace. The excitement of this wonderful new facility is tangible and I know the children are itching to start using it to train and play matches. It is an excellent investment for the School. All-in-all, there is a lot to look forward to at Winterfold, and I very much look forward to making the journey through the school year with you all.

*Mrs Denise Toms*



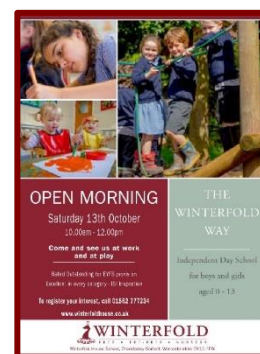
A reminder that there is a **Friends of Winterfold Meeting** on Thursday next week at 7.30pm in the Dining Room. For those of you who are new to the School, FOW is our 'parents association'. We would encourage as many parents to attend as possible – and we are always looking for new members from Nursery all the way through to Year 8. It is a wonderful opportunity to have a greater involvement in the life of the School, and to make a difference. FOW committee members assist with social events such as Bonfire Night, the Christmas Market and Summer Fayre, to name a few. Please do come along - we look forward to welcoming you next week.

### **Library News**

The School Library will now be open more regularly for your child to use. We are very lucky to have such a variety of fiction and non-fiction books on the School premises. The Library will be open during Monday morning break time for Years 6-8, and Wednesday morning break time for Years 3-5. It will also be open during lunchtimes and before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays (8:10–8:30). The Library is also in need of some child librarians – children from Years 5–8 have been invited to fill in an application form to become a School Librarian for this year. We have already been overwhelmed by the response of the children, having received over thirty applications. Forms are available in the Library and the deadline for handing the forms in is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Happy Reading!

### **Open Day**

Do you know anyone who is looking for an independent school for their child? We have an Open Day on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October...do mention it to your friends and family. Bookings can be made by contacting Mrs Jayne Gwillam, Admissions Manager on the main School number.



## PREP SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to this week's Prep Stars of the Week:

3H – Arun N; 3J – Sofia R; 4W – Zoravar U; 4L – Jessica J; 5F – Noah B-G; 5S – Maiyla D-N;  
6L – Kai F and Sam S; 6S – Olivia L; 7B – Harvey P; 7D – Heydon S; 8M – Joe B; 8C – Ruby R.

In the Prep School, we welcome our new staff members to the School:

Mr Mitchell – Deputy Head Pastoral

Miss Jones, Year 3 Form Tutor

Mrs Langston, Year 4 Form Tutor

Mr Shaw, Year 5 Form Tutor

Mrs Stark, Year 6 Form Tutor

A reminder that this year's Head Boy is Alex W and Head Girl is Amy B. Their Deputies are Jakson S-M and Olivia G.

This year's Pack Leaders are: Finlay H-G (Kites), William M (Eagles), Charlie B-T (Swifts), Luke C (Hawks) and we can report that Kites have taken an early lead in the first week back!

The Form groups have elected their new School Council Reps and the first meeting will be held next week.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for the Induction Evening yesterday. If you weren't able to make it or you have any general questions, please contact your child's Form Tutor.

Please note that all music groups and lessons begin next week – lists are displayed at the bottom of the stairs next to the visitors' toilets.

## PRE-PREP NEWS

### Early Years

The children in Early Years have all settled in brilliantly for their first week back to Winterfold. We welcome all our new children in every Early Years class who are already beginning to learn many new things. For the first time this week, Reception children attended Mass as part of the whole School and behaved impeccably. We are all very proud of them.

Reception children have started to get to know their teachers and have started work on their welcome boards for the classroom by creating portraits and collages of themselves. They have familiarised themselves with the Oxford Reading Tree characters and learnt a little more about who they are as well as talking about class rules and boundaries in and around school.

Kindergarten 2 children have started their topic on 'Our Bodies' and focused on labelling parts of their body. The first sound of the week has been introduced to them and they have all been thinking about words which begin with the 's' sound. In Maths, the children have been counting with Numicon.

In Kindergarten 1, the children have been carrying out lots of 'Getting to Know You' activities and getting to know their environment.

Please ensure that your children have coats and wellies in School at all times to ensure that children stay dry during outdoor play.

## Key Stage 1

The children have been getting to grips with many new routines and catching up with their friends after the Summer holidays. Inspired by Lisa Milroy, the Year 2 children have been experimenting with charcoal and exploring the School grounds to create rubbing boards of a variety of textures and patterns within buildings.

The Year 1 children have also become budding artists this week and have painted beautiful self-portraits. In their Literacy lessons, they have thought about their goals for the coming year.



## NURSERY NEWS

We have welcomed many new children to Nursery this week. Some of our existing children have moved into their new rooms and have had a lovely week of settling in.

The Babies have enjoyed the sensory room, ball pit, and music sessions in the afternoons.

The Tweenies have started on their Autumn theme, as well as taking lots of walks in the lovely weather we have been having.

The Toddlers have been out for walks taking their buckets with them, collecting some lovely apples from our trees, which they then enjoyed back at Nursery. They have also used the apples in their art sessions, making apple prints.

## NOTICES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

**Please may we remind all parents that we are a NUT FREE school as we have some children who have nut allergies, ranging from mild to severe. Thank you.**

### Road Safety and Car Parking

With the ongoing building work, please be particularly vigilant as you approach the site works entrance and School crossing and observe the 5mph speed limit. New traffic calming measures will be put in place on Saturday. However, for the first week the speed humps will not have been painted so please take extra care.

Please could we remind parents that there is a one-way system in place on the Car Park, and a specific drop-off lane for parents to drop and go. Children should be supervised **at all times**. We would also ask that you use the walkways and pedestrian crossings and please do not park on the roundabout area for safety reasons as this is hazardous and restricts traffic flow.

Finally, please note that on exiting the School drive you must STOP and look left and right as you are joining a public highway. We have had a number of near misses and complaints this week.

**A message from Mr and Mrs Aldred**

Dear Parents and Children,

We hope that you have all had a lovely summer and have settled back into the new academic year. We have been thinking of you all!

Thank you all for the kind messages and gifts you gave us as we left at the end of term. We were very touched by your generosity.

With best wishes,  
Mr & Mrs Aldred