

*"Every child is a unique child of God."*

WHINMOOR



ST PAUL'S  
C of E Primary School

Dear Families,

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As we near the end of the half term, we reflect on how busy we have been in school over the past few weeks and look forward to the exciting events we have in store for next week!

### **Bikeability**

Year 5 took part in Bikeability sessions last week which taught the children techniques for riding safely on the road. They completed Level 1, 2 and 3 training both on the school playground and in the local area and roads close to school. The children thought about how they could stay safe as cyclists on the roads through the check, look, move, communicate and ride method. Not only did they learn to ride safely, we enjoyed being out in the bracing weather, keeping healthy and active! Well done Year 5 – as it was very windy!

### **National Storytelling Week – 29<sup>th</sup> January until 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

This week we have been celebrating National Storytelling Week in school. Throughout the week, our classes have been visited by guest readers (different teachers) who have read stories to them. This has been very exciting for the children and they have really enjoyed listening to those different voices! On Monday, Mrs Vaughan wrote the first chapter of our 'Whinmoor St Paul's Story.' She then passed this onto Nursery who wrote the next chapter. Our story has been sent through school and each class has added a new chapter to finish it. Our children have really impressed us with their unique and inspiring ideas! What a fabulous way to promote a love of both reading and writing within school.

### **Maths Week - 29<sup>th</sup> January until 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

This week we have explored and celebrated how we use maths every day, often without even thinking about it, in our daily life. Over the week, we have looked at the impact of number, shape and space within our own community and in the wider world. We have also taken part in several fun activities to bring maths to life, including a mathematical treasure hunt, where children from every year group will take part in solving a puzzle, aided by our wonderful year 6 mathematicians at break time.

### **Looking ahead...**

### **Reminder from Mrs Percival - Online Safety Desktop Design Competition**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** it is our 'Safer Internet Day' - an event that is celebrated throughout school. A couple of weeks ago, we sent out a 'Design our Desktop' competition. We are looking forward to seeing your entries which will share key messages about how to stay safe online. The School Council will judge the winner of the competition. The deadline for submitting your entries for the competition is **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**.

### **Children's Mental Health Week – 5<sup>th</sup> February until 9<sup>th</sup> February**

This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> year of celebrating and raising awareness for this important cause. The theme is: **My Voice Matters**. Each class will complete a range of activities and have discussions surrounding mental health and how we can look after our own wellbeing. Please spend some time discussing this further with your children at home.

### **Reminder: Whinmoor St Paul's Spring Disco**

It is the Whinmoor St Paul's Spring Disco next week on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**. The disco will be hosted by our wonderful PTFA. The children will be able to dance the night away with their friends and join in some fun games/competitions, whilst raising money for our fabulous school. The timings of the disco are:

**Years 1, 2 and 3 – 3:30pm – 4:15pm**

**Years 4, 5 and 6 – 4:30pm – 5:15pm**

The price is £2.50, which includes entry to the disco, as well as a drink and bag of popcorn. There will also be a red-themed tuck shop available at both events for children to buy extra drinks and snacks. All prices are set to 50p per item. On the day, children can either bring a bag of clothes to get changed into for Years 1, 2 and 3 or return to school at 4:30pm in their party clothes for Years 4, 5 and 6. If you would like your child to attend the disco, please complete and return the slip and ticket money to school before **Friday 2nd February**. Any slips after this date may not be issued tickets.

### **After School – Clubs on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Due to the Spring Disco (mentioned above) there will be no after-school clubs on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**. All other after-school clubs will run as normal next week and will resume after half term.

### **Behaviour Policy**

In line with ideas from the School Council – we have changed part of our school's Behaviour Policy. We now have a traffic light system in each class which gives a visual representation of behaviour. The draft Behaviour Policy is on our school website. Please do take a look and if you have any comments, please email them to the school office by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**.

### **Reminder: Consultation Evenings**

Our spring term consultation evenings will take place on **Wednesday 21st** and **Thursday 22nd February** between 3.30pm – 6:30pm. These meetings will take place in school, however, if you are unable to commit to either of the dates, please let us know and we will do our best to find another time to meet or speak to you over the phone. Meetings will last just under 10 minutes and it is important teachers stick to timings, as they have to speak to many parents/carers. If there are issues to discuss which cannot be covered in the allotted time, the teacher will make another appointment to speak with you as soon as they are able to. The letter regarding making an appointment has been sent out today.

### **School Gates**

After the half-term break the **front** and **back** school gates will open at **8:25am for our Year 6 children** and from **8:30am for the rest of school**. Please do not allow/bring your child before these times as they will not be allowed onto the school grounds due to insurance purposes. Teachers/staff in school are responsible for the care of your child/children when the school doors open. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### **Message from St Paul's Church**

St Paul's Church meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the school hall at 4pm (approximately an hour) of friendly fun. Everyone's welcome! There is plenty to keep grown-ups and children busy with crafts and games, singing and refreshments. The next service is this Sunday - 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Enjoy a wonderful half term break when it arrives. School will close on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** and will re-open to children on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** at 8.40am for all classes, except Year 6, who are welcome into school at 8.30am. We ask that children return to school on time and in the correct uniform.

We thank you for your continued support over what has been a busy and lively half term. We hope all our families enjoy a happy and peaceful break.

Thank you

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