



# WINTHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*learning together - growing together*

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## Whole School Newsletter, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, before they quickly become a distant memory, I hope that you all enjoyed a fun and relaxing summer holiday. It's been great to see everyone returning to school with big smiles and lots of stories to share. It's hard to believe that we've only been back at school for four days – everyone has hit the ground running and it's been good to see everyone settled and already starting their learning for the year.

### Staffing Update

We have ended our cleaning contract with Nottinghamshire County Council and moved to a new provider. Unfortunately, this means that our previous Caretaker, Gary, will no longer be working at Winthorpe. We will certainly miss his cheerful personality around school in the morning and would like to wish him all the best for the future.

Mrs Cobb is continuing to make good progress in her post-operative recovery, but unfortunately is not yet well enough to return to work. We all continue to wish her all the best with her recovery.

This is our staffing structure for this term:

Office Manager – Mrs Wilkinson

Class 1 - Teacher - Mrs Devenish, supported by Mrs Alexander and Miss Hyde

Class 2 – Teacher – Miss Beanland, supported by Mrs Palmer, Mrs Wright and Miss Mitchell

Class 3 – Teacher – Mr Smith, supported by Mrs Palmer

Class 4 – Teacher – Mrs Broome, supported by Mrs Ellerton

Mrs Edmonds will continue to be our SENDcO, providing additional support to children and families as required, and will also provide cover and release time for all our teachers.

Mr and Mrs Stanton will continue to teach Music and German to Class 2, 3 and 4 on a Wednesday afternoon.

Carol will continue to serve the school dinners, supported by Julie, Janice and Hattie. Carol will also continue to run our Breakfast and After-School Clubs, supported by Janice in the mornings and Janice and Charli in the afternoons.

### Swimming

Class 4 will start their swimming lessons next week on Tuesday. They will be swimming for 9 weeks, up until 19<sup>th</sup> November. Class 3 will start their swimming lessons on 26<sup>th</sup> November and again will swim for 9 weeks up until February Half Term. Our swimming lessons are run by the Nottinghamshire County Council School Swimming Team and take place at Newark Sports and Fitness Centre, off Bowbridge Road. The sessions take place on a Tuesday afternoon during school time.

## SchoolMoney

There are still some families who haven't cleared their child's SchoolMoney accounts from last year. Could these parents please look at addressing this, even if it is only by making a small payment each week to pay the balance off over a longer period of time.

## Gold Book

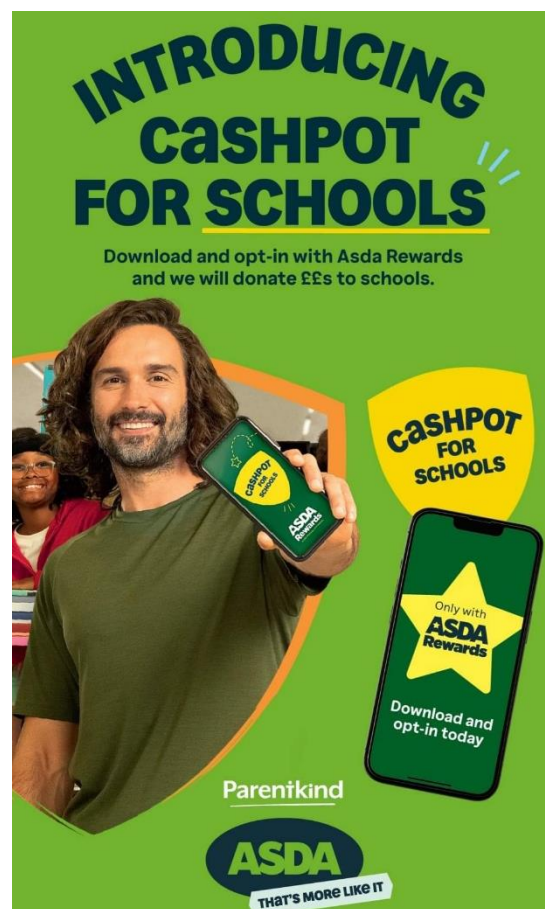
Our weekly celebration assembly – Gold Book – will start next week at 9:00am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. All parents and family members are welcome to join us to celebrate the children's achievements both in and out of school. The children are encouraged to bring in swimming certificates, football trophies etc. so that we can share and celebrate their achievements. Each week, the class teachers will nominate two children from their class to be in the Gold Book Assembly because of their achievements in school. If your child has been nominated for Gold Book, you will receive an email from your child's class teacher on Thursday evening so that you can hopefully attend. Please try to not let your child know that they have been nominated for Gold Book, so that is a lovely surprise in the assembly. Children who are nominated to be in Gold Book will be awarded with a certificate and a book.

## PTA

The PTA are already starting to think about how they can support the school this year and details of their plans and the date for the AGM will be released soon. In the meanwhile, could I encourage all parents who are on Facebook to join the PTA's private group? You can find it by searching for 'Winthorpe PTA' on Facebook.

## Asda Fundraising

Asda have launched a new fundraising initiative for schools. It's called Cashpot for Schools and allows our school to benefit every time you shop at Asda. Our PTA Chair, Natalie (Alfie, Evie and Joshua's Mum), has signed us up and we're hopeful that it could become a good fundraiser for the school. It seems like a fairly straightforward process to sign up – please see the instructions below – so if you do do any shopping at Asda, please consider signing up to the scheme!



1

### Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

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### Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

3

### Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

**Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.**

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.



## **School Photographer**

The School Photographer is in on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September to take individual and family group photos of the children. If you have a younger child who doesn't attend school yet, they are more than welcome to come in at drop off and have a photograph taken with their siblings.

## **Reading Diaries**

Please do try to get into the habit of checking your child's reading diary on a regular basis. The diary may contain communication from your child's teacher and will have your child's weekly spelling list inside. The children also take their weekly spelling tests in their diaries so you will be able to see how they have got on. Please encourage your child to read every night, and record in the diary if they have read or you have heard them read. Reading is crucial to your child making strong academic progress!

## **Class Twitter / X accounts**

Each class will once again be running their own Twitter / X accounts this year to help keep you informed about your child's learning. They are private groups and the class teacher will only accept you as a follower if you request to join and direct message the account with the password that can be found in your child's reading diary.

If your child has stayed in the same class this year, then no new action is required.

If your child has changed classes this year, then can I ask you to please unfollow your child's previous class. The class teacher can obviously control who is in their group, but it appears they will have to 'block' you, which doesn't seem a terribly friendly approach!

The Twitter / X handles are:

Class 1 - @EYFSWinthorpe

Class 2 - @Y1and2Winthorpe

Class 3 - @Y3and4Winthorpe

Class 4 - @Y5and6Winthorpe

## **Class 1 Parents' Phonics and Reading Workshop**

Mrs Devenish will be holding a Phonics and Reading workshop on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 2:45pm for all our Reception parents. She will be explaining our Phonics system and provide guidance on how you can best support your child as they begin / continue their reading journey. If

Thanks for your support,

Mr Rob Cook  
Headteacher



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Training Days *
Bank Holiday **

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