



WINNS WEEKLY

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DATES FOR DIARIES W.B. 12.9.2022

Monday 12th	5AF swimming - all week
Tuesday 13th, 12pm	Deadline for <u>Reception club applications</u>
Wednesday 14th	Parent tour for prospective Reception parents
Monday 19th September	After-school activity clubs start
Tuesday 27th September	Friends of The Winns AGM, 7pm @ the school
w/b Monday 17th October	Parental consultation appointments

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This week has been a strange week for us all. We started the week full of excitement and joy as we welcomed back our children. It has been great seeing them back in school again, settling quickly back into school routines. We welcomed our new Reception classes over the past few days and have been so impressed with the way they have started to settle into their new classes.

Yesterday, we all received the news that Her Majesty, the Queen had passed away. This news brought sadness to our school and we know that many of you at home will be mourning her loss. Today we held assemblies with the children and talked to them about the significance of this event and what it means for our country. We took time out in lessons to talk about Queen Elizabeth and why her loss will be felt so strongly across the world. The children were incredibly respectful and compassionate. As the nation begins two weeks of mourning, we will continue to talk to the children about the events that are happening in an age appropriate way.

Most of you will now have visited our new playground on Fleeming Road. It has been really lovely seeing the children playing in there this week. If you haven't had a walk through yet, do come and visit! A huge thank you to Friends of the Winns for helping to make this happen. Friends of the Winns are now keen to continue to find ways to improve our school and are holding their AGM on Tuesday 27th September at 7pm at the school. Please do come along.

As we start the new year, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us if you are worried about your child or are unhappy about anything. Senior leaders are always available at the end of the day for a quick chat. Alternatively, you can contact the school office for an appointment with a teacher or a member of the leadership team.



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REMEMBERING OSCAR

Many of you will have known Oscar Nichols who was a pupil at The Winns until July 2021. Many of you will also know Sarah and Cass, Oscar's parents who have been part of the Winns for many years. You might also know Isaac, Oscar's brother who is now in Year 5 at The Winns. Sadly, Oscar passed away over the summer holidays after a long period of illness.

Oscar was a very special boy who faced great challenges in his life. He was loved by everyone at The Winns. His spirit, his sense of humour and his incredible zest for life, even when things were hard, meant that he was loved by everyone who was lucky enough to know him. He taught us all so much about care, compassion, resilience and the desire to enjoy every precious moment in life. We will all remember Oscar in our own special way and over the coming weeks we will be thinking about how best to have a permanent reminder of the special time he had here with us.



NEW PLAYGROUND

We are delighted that our new Early Years playground has been completed and is ready for children to use. Over the Summer holidays, we have transformed this playground into an exciting space for our children in Early Years. Although the space will be used primarily by children in Early Years, we will also ensure children in Y1 are able to use the space at lunchtime and will also use the space to enhance the provision for children who attend tea-time club.

Water play and a lazy river, climbing adventures, green natural spaces, mud kitchens and secret nooks to hide away - we can't wait to see the children enjoying this incredible new space!

Our playground has been designed and created by a company called [Made From Scratch](http://www.madefromscratch.co.uk). Check them out at [Made From Scratch](http://www.madefromscratch.co.uk)

We would like to say a huge thank you to Friends of the Winns and to all our parents who have supported our fundraising efforts over the past few months. Without your contribution to the project, we wouldn't have been able to make this happen. It is a great example of what can be achieved when we have a great community behind us.



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POLITE REMINDERS FOR THE START OF THE NEW YEAR

- Please leave the playground promptly at the end of the day. Our after school clubs are starting soon and children use the playground for clubs. If the playgrounds are not empty, our children cannot start their club.
- Our playground apparatus should not be used at the end of the day.
- We ask all children to walk their bikes and scooters when they are in the playground and not to ride them until they are outside.
- Dogs must be kept outside and not brought onto the playground.
- Please label all jackets, jumpers and water bottles. We are only one week into term and we have already collected lots of jumpers and water bottles. It is very difficult to find who they belong to if they have not been labelled.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The start of the year is a good time to remind everyone about our school uniform policy.

It was lovely to see most of our children returning to school wearing the correct school uniform, including black shoes or trainers. However, there are still a small number of children who are not wearing the correct footwear. Children should not be wearing shoes to school which are brightly coloured. School uniform helps to make sure that everyone feels equal and it isn't fair if some children are wearing brightly coloured or expensive trainers to school.

School shoes also need to be suitable for running around and climbing. The children spend a great deal of their time at lunchtime climbing on the apparatus in school. Loose sandals, flip flops and crocs are not suitable for climbing. Please make sure the shoes they are wearing are appropriate.

We do understand that there may be other reasons why your child isn't wearing the correct shoes to school. If that is the case, please let us know. We may be able to help.

Children should not be wearing jewellery to school. The exceptions to this rule are small stud earring or an analogue watch (when children can tell the time).

If your child wears a head scarf, it should be school uniform colours - white, blue or black.

Thank you for your support.

VACANCIES AT THE WINNS

We are currently recruiting for the following vacancies at The Winns:

- a teaching assistant position (8.45am - 3.45 pm)
- a play worker position (3.15pm - 6.00 pm)
- a cleaner - early morning (6.00am - 8.00am)

If you are interested in applying for any of these roles, please email Sam at office@winns.waltham.sch.uk who can provide further information.



NHS Dentists in Waltham Forest

This is an up-to-date list of NHS dentists currently offering routine appointments and accepting new patients

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Wood Streets Dental Practice
176 Wood Street
E17 3HX
0208 509 0055

Mr Gupta and Associates
399 High Road Leyton
E10 5NA
0208 539 1653

Dr S,K Malik
73 Hoe Street
E17 4SA
0208 521 7777

📞 020 8496 5223

✉️ wfsupport@henry.org.uk

Please note that we do not endorse or recommend any particular practice.

This list is up-to-date as of the 5th September 2022.