

# Wintringham Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy couple of weeks for children at Wintringham! The warmer weather has seen some fantastic outdoor learning activities being put into operation. It's lovely to see children have had the chance to create some natural paints using found items from around the school grounds, and also seeing them partake in some traditional Japanese arts and crafts such as Hapa Zome printing. These activities have been used to aid children in exploring the outdoors as part of The Wildlife Trusts '30 Days Wild' Scheme. It has also been great to see all the parents' contributions to this scheme through children's individual learning journeys on Tapestry.

Children have been learning about 'The Natural World'. We have been using language rich books to support their understanding and development in this topic. The books children have accessed so far are 'The Street Beneath My Feet' by Charlotte Guillain and 'The Wide, Wide Sea' by Anna Wilson. There has been some extraordinary learning throughout the indoor continuous provision which has seen children using their fine motor skills to help save marine animals and looking at the life cycles of some different insects – such as 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

We have also looked at some other animals. Some children chose to look at giraffes to celebrate 'World Giraffe Day'. Children used a globe to look at where giraffes come from, where they live, their patterns, what they eat, and used some personal experiences of seeing giraffes to create their very own giraffe body paintings and prints.

Children advancing into a Reception class in September have been heading to the main hall for their lunches. They have now had the chance to try all the meals on the three-weekly rolling menu that is supplied by our catering company, Aspen's. I have been into the hall and seen the brilliant table manners and choices children have made for their lunches. The lunches have seemingly gone down a treat.



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Please can we remind all our parents that as the weather remains unpredictable and is warm some days and wet on others it is vital that your child has a named sun hat, suncream, wellies and coat in preschool for each session - a lightweight rain mac will be plenty now we are in summer. Suncream should be no less than a factor 30 and should be applied before your child's session. Pre-School staff will then help your children to reapply as the instructions on the bottle advise. Without these items your child's access to the outdoor area may be disrupted as a precautionary measure to keep them safe.

Also, if your child will not be in attendance of a session due to a holiday or appointment, please can you ensure that you email the office at [pre-school@wintringham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:pre-school@wintringham.cambs.sch.uk) detailing this and the dates your child will be absent for.

We have a closed Facebook group that is only open to parents and carers of children in the Pre-School. A request to join this group can be made using the following link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/397561551714119>

The page is updated regularly with photographs and information of news and events.

Term dates for the school year 2023/2024 are provided in the diary dates section at the end of this newsletter. Future term dates for the school year 2024/2025 can be found on the school website.

Please be aware that if a child vomits or has diarrhoea in Pre-school, they will be sent home immediately. Children with these conditions will not be accepted back into Pre-School until 24 hours after the last symptom has elapsed.

Please, if possible, could you walk to school with your children. If you have to drive, please can you park with consideration. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Uniform**

Please note that children in Pre-School do not have to wear uniform. Children aged 3 and above may purchase a sweatshirt with the school logo on if they wish however, Please ensure that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to Pre-school with them every day. All children should also have a named water bottle or Sippy cup with them every day.

### **Email Communication**

We have an email communication system, Arbor, which allows us to communicate with parents by email. Please ensure that your email address and all telephone numbers are kept up to date with the school office.

### **Online Payments**

Our Arbor online payment system is used for recording charges incurred for sessions taken and for you to be able to pay for sessions. If you can't access the Arbor Parent Portal or app, which is also now available for both Android and Apple devices, please contact the school office.

### **Nut Allergy**

May I remind parents that children's packed lunches must **NOT** contain peanut butter or other nut snacks as we have several children with allergies in school. This includes items that state that they 'may contain nuts'. Thank you for your consideration.

## Diary Dates

### Summer Term 2024

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - End of Term

Please be aware that we do occasionally need to alter some of these dates, but any alterations will be notified to parents.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Bryden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Mrs Tracy Bryden  
Executive Headteacher  
On behalf of Wintringham Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)