

Hello, we hope everyone is enjoying the first few weeks of this school term. Lots of really exciting projects are underway in school, along with some fantastic sporting successes. Look out for these later in the showcase section of this newsletter.

We also encourage parents and carers to ensure they are up to date with the latest guidance in relation to Covid19 which can be found on pages 1&2. Likewise, where classes have received more detailed correspondence via letters this week, please follow the guidance detailed in those documents.

A message from Elise Redman, new Acting Headteacher for Wynstream Primary School.



*Dear Parents and carers,
I am delighted to be joining Wynstream Primary School as a seconded headteacher immediately after the Easter break. I have been fortunate enough to visit the*

school recently; between now and Easter I am looking forward to getting to know the children, parents, carers, school, and community better.

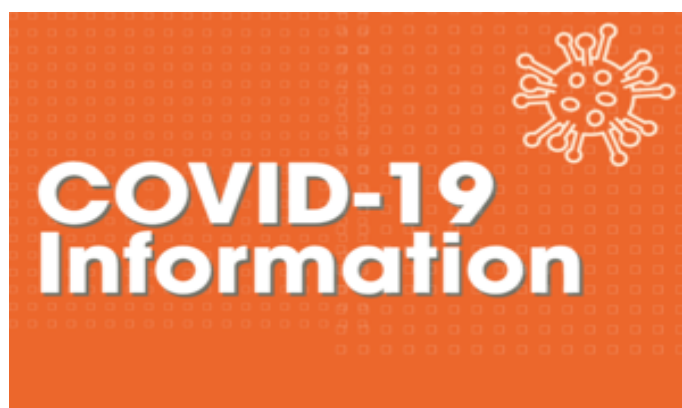
I will be setting up times to informally meet you. I am keen to hear your thoughts about the school.

I have worked in education for over 25 years, having spent many years in

Hackney, London, and I have also taught internationally. I am excited about the opportunities for children at Wynstream.

Currently, I am headteacher of Christow Community Primary school where I have led the school for over four years. During this time, working with the Christow team, we took the school through a successful Ofsted in 2018 and become a UN silver Rights Respecting School.

I very much look forward to getting to know you over the rest of the academic year and beyond.



Covid19 Test reporting. With changes relating to isolation periods, and the sole use of lateral flow tests to report positive cases, we would like to clarify steps that parents/carers should take in relation to school. In all cases referred to below, GOV.UK test confirmations should be sent to wynstreamadmin@ecfschools.org.uk

1. In the event of a **lateral flow test appearing positive for a pupil** resulting in school absence, please register the test on the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) website. The confirmation text/email can then be sent to school to ensure the correct absence coding.

2. In the event of a **child returning from abroad**, evidence of a Covid test may still be required depending on country visited. Please send the test outcome to the email address above. If a lateral flow test is used please ensure you register the test result at [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) and send the confirmation email/text to the school email address above.

3. In the event of a **child isolating following a positive Covid test**, it is now possible to be released early from the 10 day isolation period providing that the child has 2 x negative lateral flow tests. Effective from Monday 17th January The 1st test can be no earlier than Day 5, the 2nd test has to be on Day 6, no less than 24 hrs after the 1st test. If the Day 6 test is negative then children can return to school that same day. Please register the test result on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk), with the confirmation email/text sent to school.

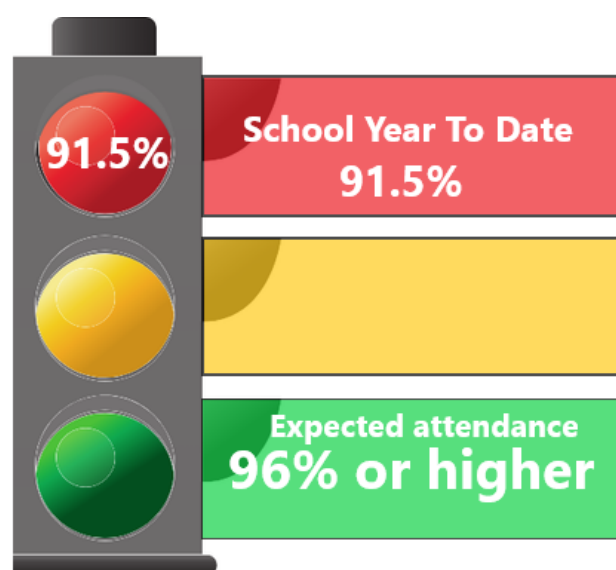
COVID-19 - The latest Government guidance for Parents and carers relating to school settings during COVID-19 can be found [here](#)

We really do appreciate the efforts our school community are taking during the Covid pandemic, and thank everyone who is playing their individual and collective part to keep cases as low as possible.



School Attendance - Ongoing Reporting.

The information below shows that whole school attendance for the dates between 6th September 2021 and 26th January 2022 is currently **91.5%**, down 0.2% from when reported 2 weeks ago. This is below the expected attendance rate of **96% or higher**.



Free School Meal Vouchers—February Half Term. We are working with the Devon County Council FSM team to ensure that our eligible families receive the vouchers for the half term break. Vouchers will be sent by email so please update us if your email address has changed. The cut off date for updating contact information or new eligibility is **Friday 18th February** to receive the vouchers for half term.

School Library Renovations are going really well as we remodel the space around an engaging Jungle theme. Pictures to follow soon as we launch in time for World Book day 2022.



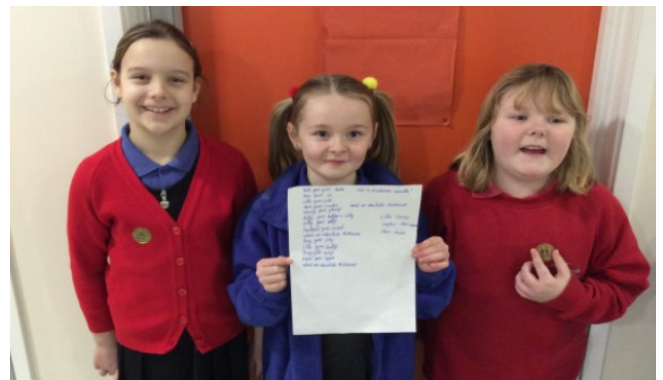
Year 3 are enjoying their Stone Age - Iron Age topic and this week enjoyed some immersive storytelling where they acted the part of a young stone age person. Some of them were very frightening when they attacked the bear!



In **year 6** we are looking at the artist who illustrated 'Where the wild things are' - Maurice Sendack. The children are creating their own versions of this artists work. **Really well done Brayden** for your amazing drawing!



Year 3 are continuing to look at Nonsense Poetry this week. As well as writing their own poetry based on "The Owl and The Pussycat", they have also taken part in a poetry challenge to write a nonsense poem in a group. These two groups were fantastic and performed for Mrs Brown, earning them a Headteacher's award. Well done to Ella, Daisy and Sophie and Darcie and Amelia!



Some really great Friday Sports news! Our U11 Girls Futsal team were victorious over Montgomery in the School Games Cup Final, winning 17-6.

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Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to Jayden Cole, Isla Land, Lucas Grieve, Freya Evans, Isla Croft, Ethan Romeril-Jones, Dainton Stevens and Kyzer-Bailey Gould. Well done also to Ethan Gray, Callum Hooper, Tommy Armstrong, Libby Willis, Dudley Smith, Kaysten Page-Mills, Zac Slayford, Georgia Stone, Rexlin Selvans, Anthony Evans, Katarina Bykouskaya and Neave Hoy. Super poetry performances too by Ella, Daisy and Sophie and Darcie and Amelia.

Sports update continued;

Our Year 5 Boccia teams competed at St Lukes recently in a 10 team competition. The boys team, Wynstream Lions finished 3rd overall coming home with bronze medals! Our girls team, Wynstream Tigers, won medals for showing respect to all teams and officials throughout the competition. Excellent work!

Special mention to Oscar who won a medal for showing great teamwork. Well done to all the children involved in both competitions—everyone at the school is extremely proud of you.



Key School Dates;

February Half-Term Holiday. Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February inclusive. First day back in school is Monday 28th February.

Easter Holidays. Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April inclusive. First day back in school is Monday 25th April.

Wonford Planters: update on the Pocket Park on Wonford Green (by the GP surgery)

The fruit trees will be delivered at the end of January so we'll be looking to put together a working party to plant those, if anyone would like to help please contact us via details below. One of the apple trees is dedicated to Mary Carpenter, who was born in Exeter in 1807. Mary was a social reformer and founder of free schools for the poor. During her life she founded a society who worked in the slums in Bristol to raise funds to alleviate poverty and improve education. She was also a great supporter of the movement for higher education of women. We would therefore like anyone from the Carpenter family to come along and help us plant this tree in honour of this woman, just contact us via details below.

A date is to be confirmed but the guys from Co-Create Exeter will be coming to the school soon to build the bug hotel, which will then be situated on the pocket park site. Insects and other minibeasts need safe spaces to shelter, hide from predators and raise their young. A date is to be confirmed but this is advance notice if any children would like to be involved with this project. And indeed, parents too! Please get in touch with either Barbara Beames, Community Builder, on 07784 357 513, or Jenny Mitchelmore on 07305 872 540.

