

30th September 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

Our School Council held their first meeting and came up with some great ideas in response to the question:

How can we make Wynstream better than it already is?

Their answers were:

1. Have more **rewards** – ideas – Post-cards. Have a school competition to design the front.
2. Continue to raise money/collect food for the **Exeter Food Bank** – Harvest Festival (October 1st - 23rd October 2022) Ensure we raise awareness via posters, school facebook page/social media. Have a collection in school.
3. **Noise at lunch** – how can we raise awareness around the noise? - Whole school assembly to remind children.
4. **School council noticeboard board** outside head teachers' room .



Over the next few weeks, we will work with the children to realise these goals. Thanks to Mr Baldwin for facilitating the meeting.

We are continuing to focus on school uniforms but please rest assured that we are here to help.

<https://www.wynstreamprimary.org.uk/school-uniform>

If you are missing any items don't forget our PTFA have set up a free uniform swap shop as we all want to recycle, reuse and reduce waste. The link for the Facebook school uniform swap group and the QR code are here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/461220075806415/?ref=share>



On Wednesday, we held a whole school attendance assembly for Years 1-6. It was the first time doing this and we were very impressed how calm and focussed all the children were.

Woodpecker	98.53
Kestrels	97.93
Ladybirds	97.54

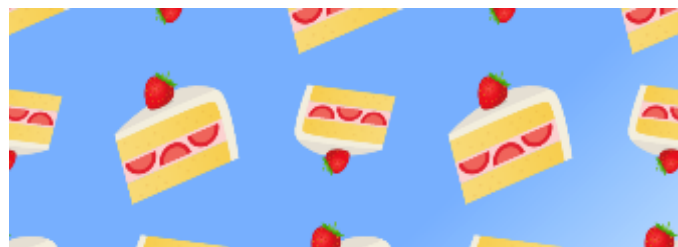
Congratulations to the winners, Woodpeckers. Well done to all the children who have managed to be in school every single day.

We will continue trialling these Wednesday assemblies. Please bear with us whilst we iron out any problems! Next week will be a School Council assembly.

This week you should have received the Christmas card design that your child has made. If you are ordering designs please make sure that it is returned by **Monday 11th October** at the latest.



Also, on Wednesday (Ceder) and Thursday (Willow), Year 5 went out on a trip to Backswood Farm as part of their science learning. Despite the drama of the mini-bus getting a flat tyre on the way home on Wednesday all the children had a brilliant time and really impressed all the adults. Well done all and thanks to Miss Williams and Miss Galling who organised the trip. Thanks also to Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Paradine who drove the buses and to Mr Rouse who drove the rescue bus!



Today we will be holding our first PTFA Cake Sale. Thanks to all the parents and carers who were able to donate. Butterfly and Ladybird Classes will sell cakes at the front of school (by the picnic tables) and cakes will cost 20p each. We will share how much money was raised with you all next week.



Next week, our Year 1 children will be going to West Town Farm in Ide as part of their science learning.

Next week we would like to welcome parents/carers into classes for a brief meeting to share expectations for the year ahead. It is also an opportunity to sign up to the PTFA and sign up for 1:1 meetings with class teachers for the following week.

For working parents and those who are unable to attend, we will be sharing the information to all via class dojo and the newsletter.

Next week we will also be welcoming any of our Year 6 students from 2022 to visit the school playground and see old friends and teachers between 3:30-4:30pm on Thursday 6th October. Sadly, if the weather is wet, then we will have to postpone.



At the end of last term we got some feedback from the parent survey saying that the school could celebrate more children, more frequently. As staff we have thought about this and in addition to the following:

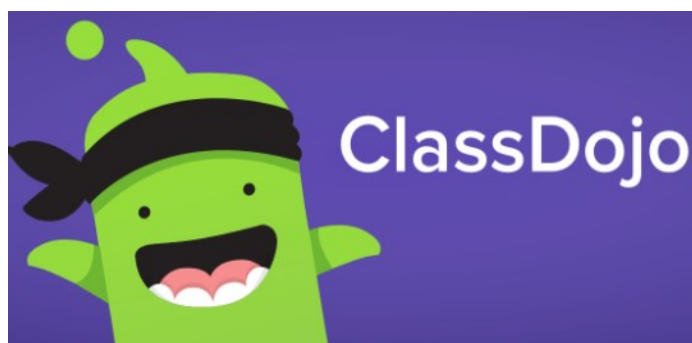
- Newsletter praise
- Headteachers awards in assembly and in the newsletter
- Dojo messages
- Dojo lanyards
- Governors' Awards and Progress Awards.

we will introduce two new ways of sharing childrens' success with you.

1. Postcards home (thanks to our School Council)
2. Texts home

We keep a record of those children who receive awards and will try to vary who gets one- although they still have to be earned!

With this in mind we would like to have a competition for all children to design a postcard with the theme, 'Praise Postcard'. All children are welcome to enter the competition, the deadline is Friday 21st October 2022. Please can entries be colourful and have the child's full name on the back. We will select a winner and share in the first week back after half term. Please hand any entries into the school office.



Lastly, we know how useful class Dojo is but during school hours teachers may not be able to look at it- they usually will be busy teaching. If you need to get an urgent message to the school for your child, please contact our admin team in the front office on 01392 284990.

We look forward to seeing everyone ready for school photos on Monday morning!

Best wishes,

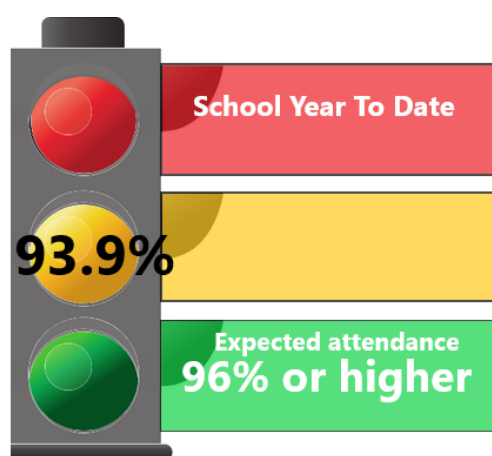
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elise Redman'.

Elise Redman
Headteacher



School Attendance - Ongoing Reporting

The information below shows that whole school attendance for the dates between 6th September 2022 and 29th September is currently **93.9%**, much improved on the 91.9% statistic we reported on for the end of last term. This is however down 0.5% versus the 94.4% attendance reported last week.



This is now below the expected national attendance rate of **96% or higher** and **3.1% below our aim for 97%**.

Tempest School Photography. Tempest will once again be visiting school to take photographs of our pupils. The diary date is this coming Monday the 3rd October. Photographs will be taken for pupils registered here at Wynstream school.

Winter Childhood Flu vaccinations. These will be delivered by an NHS partner, and full details including how to provide consent will follow in due course.

Year 5 School Trip to Backwood Farm. On Wednesday and Thursday, the year 5 classes went on a trip to Backwood Farm near Bickleigh. With only a few occasional showers, the children had a brilliant time exploring the farm.

They walked around the nature gardens, learning about: bees, vegetables which we can grow, bug hotels, how the lifecycle of plants works, looking in the ponds, finding out about the crops grown on UK farms. They also explored the woodland areas and someone even found a lizard! The children loved getting close to the sheep and cows too!





"It was great fun and I loved seeing the sheep when they were feeding. I just wish the minibus didn't break down on the way home! We did keep ourselves busy chatting and telling stories though so it wasn't so bad"

William

"I loved looking at the sheep because we managed to get really close to them. I also liked sitting on hay bales and looking at the difference between hay and straw."

Jessie

"It was adventurous exploring the nature garden. I enjoyed looking in the different ponds and finding the lizard too"

Myka.

Headteacher's Award

As we work through celebrating our 5 school values and nominated British Values, our teachers this week have nominated a pupil in their class who has demonstrated any one of our 5 values.

Congratulations to the children who have been nominated.

For more information about our school values, vision and ethos please visit our website or click [here](#)



Congratulations to:

EYFS

Boaz Down & Freya Palmer

Year 1

Rosie Corcutt & Lottie Miller

Year 2

Henry Tancock & Kian Marshall-Ley

Year 3

Darcey Western & Malakai Graham

Year 4

Connie Pawley & Isabelle Daly

Year 5

Maksymilian Budziszewski & Isla Land

Year 6

Bailey Page-Mills & Lois Harris

Congratulations, and really well done to everyone.

Some examples of the nominations this week include:

Responsibility

"I can always rely on her to do the right thing at the right time. Polite, respectful and kind to all."

Aspiration

"This pupil has made a tremendous effort with his home learning this week. Not only has he practised phonics at home, he has shared autumn finds and told us about where he lives. His is an aspirational learner who works hard to improve his skills and knowledge."

Integrity

"Always doing the right thing and has a strong moral compass. She is an excellent role model for the class and Wynstream."

Resilience

This week this pupils responsibility as a learner has really begun to shine. He is taking huge steps towards being a fantastic member of Year 3 and has done so through hard work and resilience in his reading and maths. Keep it up!



Key School Dates;

PTFA Cake Sale—After school, Friday 30th September. Donations from EYFS class.

Tempest School Photographs— Monday 3rd October for children registered at Wynstream.

Y1 Hedgehogs and Squirrels Visit to West Town Farm— Tuesday 4th October.

Autumn Half Term—Last day of school Friday 21st October. School re-opens Monday 31st October.

Every Thursday in November— Exeter Library 'Read Aloud for Kids' event. 4pm—5:30pm, Ages 7 to 13. No bookings needed.

PTFA Light up the night disco—Friday 4th November. EYFS. Yr & Yr2 3:15-4:15 then Yr 3,4,5 & 6 4:30—5:30. Free entry.

Winter Childhood Flu Vaccinations—Friday 11th November.

Christmas Holidays—Last day of school Friday 16th December. School re-opens Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Cinderella New Year Performance—Friday 13th January 2023.

Day	Club	Year Groups	Time	Teacher
Monday	Futsal 4s	Year 5 & 6	8-8:30	Mr Rouse
Monday	Choir	Year 4, 5 & 6	3:15 – 4:15	Miss Passfield
Monday	Gymnastics	Year 3 & 4	3:15-4:15	Mrs Daly
Monday	EPFL Fixtures	Invite Only	3:15 – 5:30	Mr Rouse
Tuesday	Futsal 4s	Year 5 & 6	8-8:30	Mr Rouse
Tuesday	Library	Year 4 Year 3 Year 5	12:00-12:20 12:30-12:50 12:50-13:10	Mrs Busby
Tuesday	Football	Year 4 & 5	3:15-4:15	Mr Rouse
Wednesday	Futsal 4s	Year 5 & 6	8-8:30	Mr Rouse
Wednesday	Skate & Scooter	Year 5 & 6	3:15-4:15	Mr Rouse
Thursday	Dodgeball	Year 3 & 4	8-8:30	Mrs Daly
Thursday	Dodgeball	Year 5 & 6	3:15-4:15	Mr Rouse
Friday	Friday Mile	All Years	8-8:30	Mr Rouse
Friday	Music Skills (FULL)	Years 1, 2 & 3	8-8:30	Mr Westley
Friday	Basketball	Year 5 & 6	3:15-4:15	Mr Rouse

Bookings

All places must be booked on our SCOPAY online system. To secure your child's place please follow the booking instructions below;

Log into your ScoPay account.

Find the club you are looking for under 'Trips and Events'

Click on the club you wish to attend – it should say place allocated.

Click 'more details'

Click 'Attend Club'

Select if you are happy for your child to walk home alone (for after school clubs only).

If your child does not want to attend after selecting a club, please deselect it on ScoPay as registers are printed daily.

All Clubs will be available to book on ScoPay from **Friday 9th September**. All clubs are limited to 30 places.

Wynstream PTFA

*light up
the night
disco*

Friday 4th November
2022

EYFS, 1 & 2 – 3:15–4:15

3, 4, 5 & 6 – 4:30–5:30

free entry

glow sticks
and
refreshments
for sale!

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*As an American, I hereby authorise this joke