

Governor Vacancy

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a parent to join our school's governing body. Being a school governor means being interested in getting the very best education for the pupils at our school and governors can become involved in a range of school matters, which can include recruitment, finance and curriculum. They also provide a strong link between the school and the local community, and an independent view to support the school on long term development and improvement. Further information can be found in the attached letter. Please do speak to Mr Cutter on the school gate or give him a call if you'd like to find out more about the role.

Christmas Card Competition

Our local MP, Flick Hammond, is running a Christmas card competition this year, which she hopes many children across the Meon Valley will enter! The winning and second and third place designs will all feature on her card, win a book token, a certificate and be officially announced on her website and



Facebook pages. She also hopes, Covid guidance at the time permitting of course, to visit to the winner's school and congratulate them in person! Further information on how to enter can be found here:

<https://www.flickdrummond.com/news/christmas-parliament-competition>

Test and Trace



We have received a letter from Public Health England with some guidelines concerning the test and trace system, which

is one of the important measures in place to help protect our school community. Please take the time to read the attached letter and follow the advice that they have given concerning testing. Please also see the attached flowchart which provides parents with a useful guide as to whether to send your child to school when they are unwell.

Captain Ketchup



The children really enjoyed their two favourite meals last Thursday and the special guest appearance from Captain Ketchup! Our new menu is proving to be very popular with the children and we will continue to work with HC3S to make sure that we are able to provide our children with healthy nutritious meals throughout the winter months. The existing menu will run until half term, after which, we will provide you with an alternative menu until Christmas. Please be aware that HC3S will be increasing the price of a school meal from the 1st November to £2.50.

Road Markings

The area outside the school drive becomes extremely busy with cars at drop off and pick up times, despite the zig zag markings in place. In order to keep our children and the wider community safe at these times we have been working with Winchester City Council to legalise the existing 'School Keep Clear' markings (zig zags) at our entrance. A public consultation on the proposed parking restrictions opened last week (please see the attached documents). Any comments supporting or objecting to the proposal, together with the grounds on which they are made must be received by **22nd October 2020**. These may be sent by:

- Completion of online consultation at <https://winchester.citizenspace.com/>
- Email to tro@winchester.gov.uk
- In writing to - Catherine Knight, Service Lead- Legal, Winchester City Council

Family Tours



We are pleased to be able to offer 'Covid-Safe' family tours for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2021. The tours will take place at weekends and over the October half term. They will give prospective parents the opportunity to view our amazing learning environment and school grounds. Please do pass the details on to any families who are looking for a school place for their child – we'd love to show them our school. Information on how to book a place on one of the tours can be found on our website: <https://wickham-primary.co.uk/aboutus/#headteacherswelcome>.

Google Classroom



We have worked hard with our technical support team to resolve the issues encountered with home learning on Google Classroom last week. All children in Years 2 to 6 should now be able to access their home learning on Google Classroom and the tasks set should be in a format that is easier to edit. Please do bear with us as we adapt to this new way of setting home learning and 'iron out' the issues that are encountered. Please also contact our office team if you need a reminder of your child's login details.

We still have a small number of Google Chromebooks available for loan to any families who do not have access to technology at home. Please let us know if you would like to be considered for a Chromebook and we will arrange this for you.

School Photographs

Fraser Portraits will be in school on the 21st October to take individual photos of the children for you to be able to purchase for family and friends. Unfortunately they will be unable to take sibling photographs this year, due to the restrictions we have on the movement of children around the school.

Key Dates

School Photos (Individual)	21 st October
Harvest Festival	22 nd October
Year 7 Applications Deadline	31 st October
Half Term	26 th – 30th October