



## Winwick CE Primary News

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Value: Service : Help us to find ways to encourage those around us, especially when they are sad or feeling hopeless. Amen

Dear Parents and friends of Winwick,

Welcome back to 2019-2020 academic year at Winwick CE. We hope you have all had a fantastic summer break and managed to spend some quality time together as a family and enjoy the great outdoors. On behalf of all the team, we wish to thank you for the many cards and presents we received before the holidays. The lovely comments written by yourselves and your children really do mean a lot and make us realise how much we are appreciated. At the beginning of this year, we would like to mention a few changes which have been brought in and some of the initiatives we will be driving this year. Working together really does make a difference for our children so we hope you will support us with these and we will have a fruitful year ahead.

### Strategic Vision 2019-2022

The school leaders, Governors and staff spent a visioning day together before the summer holidays putting together our wider Strategic Vision for the next three years. We would encourage you to view this on our website under the 'Our School' tab; 'Ethos and Vision'. Many of the initiatives and drivers this year are linked to this wider strategy and will enable you as parents and friends of the school to see why these are happening and the rationale behind them. One of the changes we are implementing is attempting to limit the amount of paper we send out. All information will come out via our School PING or appear on our SCHOOL WEBSITE. Usually, at the beginning of each term we send out a parental overview of what your child will be learning that half term along with spellings. From now on you will find anything linked to your child's learning on their 'Class Page' of the school website. This can be accessed via the 'Our School' tab. If we ping any letters out linked to the class these will also be uploaded onto here; if we recommend any resources for learning, links to these will be on the class page. We are trying to make things easier for you as parents and friends of the school to find information too so that you can access it anywhere you are. Please ensure you are on school PING, preferably both parents, and have also been onto our school website to see the changes. If you cannot access anything, please come in and speak to the school office or your class teacher.

### School Website and PING

Linked to the above initiative we have re-visited our website and placed many of the documents you need on here also with a link to PING directly. Over the coming term we will be sending information out regarding procedures which are put in place to keep your child safe or what to do in the event of a school closure etc. This should make information sharing between ourselves much easier to ensure everyone gets the relevant information when needed.

School website: <https://winwick.eschools.co.uk>

[PING](#) click on the link here for you.

### Logo, Badge Change and bags

We hope you have all noticed how smart our children are looking in their uniform with the new school badge on. We really appreciate those who have chosen to make the change as it can be a costly business. Our aim is that this time next year the whole school will be in the new uniform with the changed school badge. In our 'Meet the Teacher' presentations two years ago we requested pupils to bring in book bags and draw string bags only as space is limited in classrooms. This also links to our procedures for getting the children in and out of school safely in an emergency (we will send further information out regarding this in future weeks). We did not enforce this last year, however we did inform you in July that in 2019-2020 academic year this would happen. Thank you to those who have purchased book bags and draw string bags. As of Monday, this is the expectation.

## Values Award Passports



LOVE



RESPECT



PERSEVERANCE

We have introduced a Values Passport this year which links with our Core School Values of LOVE, RESPECT and PERSEVERANCE. This is to promote children's understanding of these values as well as to have a wider impact in our community and the world in which we live. Each child will work on the activities listed, and some of their own, to try to achieve the Values Award at the end of the year. Once they have completed an activity it needs to be dated and signed by an adult to prove they have done it. The activities can be completed at home, in school, at Church, in a Brownie or Scout activity; as long as it is signed by an adult this will be accepted. We have tried to make the activities achievable for all our pupils. And are deliberately not linked to any monetary value. At the end of the year, all children who have completed the activities will be given a badge. During their journey through Winwick we would hope then for our children to build up to wearing seven badges; one per year. The Ethos team in school (a group of children made up of representation from each class) will then choose the top five passports which demonstrate someone who has gone over and above to display and model those values. These will then be shown to the Governing Committee responsible for the school Values, RE and Wellbeing. They will then decide our overall award winner and present it in school.

The Values Passports appear on our school website for all to see, as well as all pupils having been given a hard copy to keep (to be given out on Monday 9/09) throughout the year. We expect the children to take pride in these and look after them in order for them to feel proud of the activities completed and their achievements. We have asked the children to keep these passports in their book bags so we can see how they are getting on with the activities at different points in the school year. It will mean children can tick off any activity completed in school without forgetting once they are home.

### New Faces around school

Finally, a huge welcome to our new children and families who have joined us this year. It has been lovely getting to know your children this week; they have settled into school well and have begun to find their feet around school. We appreciate how much of a wrench it can be when your child first starts school and how EVERYTHING is new. Remember, no question is silly, no worry is too much—we are here for you AND your child. To those families and children who have joined us in other year groups too, we welcome you to our Winwick family and hope your time with us is a happy one.

Next week our Newsletter will be back to normal with our celebration of children's achievements but for now it is over and out from me and the team.

Enjoy your weekend and you know where we are if you need anything,

Mrs Dymond and the team of Winwick CE.

### Reminders

9/09/19: Reception children start full time

9/09/19: After school clubs commence

9/09/19: Reading records, homework and spellings to begin in every year group this week

11/09/19 8.30am: Hope Academy presentation to parents of Year 5&6 pupils in the school hall. Pupils will then receive a presentation following this.

12/09/19 9.30am: Year 5 Church service at St Oswald's (parents and friends welcome)

13/09/19: Heartstart for Year 5&6 pupils

13/09/19: Liverpool Diocesan Advisor in school meeting pupils and staff

### ADVANCE NOTICE

Welcome service at St Oswald's for Reception children and parents @9.30am THEN join the children back at school and share in a school lunch @11am 25/09/19

Macmillan Coffee Morning for ALL: 25/09/19 9am