



Thursday 25th May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot quite believe that it has got to this time of year again and that I am sharing information with you regarding next year and push-up days and transition! In terms of next year, I am delighted to say that the Winterton Junior School team will remain very much the same as it has this year; the only change is that Ms Docherty, our current Senior Midday Supervisor will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term. We are very sorry that Ms Docherty is leaving us and wish her all the very best for the future. However, I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Nicky West will be our Senior Midday Supervisor in September; a role that is very familiar to Mrs West from past experience. Mrs West will also continue her Teaching Assistant and Learning Mentor roles in school together with her new Senior Midday Supervisor role – rather a busy and talented lady!

We are also sad to note that Mr Turnbull will be leaving us at the end of this academic year, as his SCITT placement with us comes to an end. Having very successfully completed his Teacher Training, Mr Turnbull has secured a teaching position in a school across in Hull and we take this opportunity to wish him all the very best in his future teaching career. We shall be continuing to provide placements for further SCITT students next year and I will be advising you shortly who will be joining us in September.

Transition/'Push Up Days' 2017

In connection with transition and push-up days this year, I am very happy to advise you that WCA and Winterton C of E Infant School have agreed to a 'Transition Week' rather than two or three days as has been the case in the past. 'Transition Week' will be held during week commencing 19th June 2017. The children will be meeting their new teachers and spending time with them in their new classrooms on our first 'push up morning' on Monday 19th June. Push up will continue for Year 3 -6 throughout this week and we will be welcoming Year 2 children into our school as part of their transition into Year 3. I have spoken again this year to several of our children about our prospective push up 'Transition week', and, once again, they state that they are looking forward to meeting their new teachers in preparation for next year and all said they felt that this was very useful regarding their transition through the school. Year 6 pupils are also looking forward to their transition days at their respective secondary schools. Year 6 pupils will be spending the whole 'Transition Week' at Winterton Community Academy if that is their chosen feeder school. **Year 6** pupils will therefore go straight to the WCA during the Transition Week where they will be greeted by Year 7 staff. The Year 6 pupils who are moving to Secondary schools other than WCA will be notified of their respective transition dates individually and we are looking forward to accommodating these as appropriate.

Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 Transition timetables are as follows:-

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th June

Year 3 teachers will visit the Infant school to meet and work with the current Year 2 pupils in their usual setting. Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils day will move up to their new classes for the morning sessions.

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Wednesday 21st June – Half day

Year 2 children will be brought to WJS by their current Infant teachers after registration and then Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 children will spend the morning with their new teachers in their new classrooms.

Thursday June 22nd – Half day

Year 2 children will once again join us following registration and Year 2,3,4 and 5 will spend the morning with their new teachers. In addition, the Year 2 children will remain with us for their lunch and return to the Infant school for afternoon sessions.

Friday 23rd June – Full Day

Year 2 children will arrive at school with their parents/carers at the beginning of the day and remain with us for the full day, leaving at the end of the day with the rest of our children. Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 children will again work with their new teachers for the full day, in their relevant classes.

As you can see, each transition day will provide your child with the opportunity to get to know their new teachers, new systems and complete a variety of work. We know, from previous years, that 'Push Up Days' really help to ensure a very smooth transition into new classes for all our children and provide opportunities to iron out any worries or concerns the children may have in relation to the new year. Because of this success, following on from Transition Week, for the remainder of the Summer Term, we have decided this year that Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils will continue to work with their new teachers during the morning sessions, returning to their current classrooms and teachers for the afternoon sessions. This will enable all our pupils to get a really good start with next year's systems and expectations. Year 6 pupils will complete transition work during these morning sessions with next year's Year 3 teachers and return to work with current Year 6 staff in the afternoon sessions. Year 5 pupils will be divided up into three smaller Year 6 classes for morning and some afternoon sessions for next year, as has been the norm this year.

As a staff, we are very much looking forward to the whole transition package this year, which we feel will make a significant positive impact on all our pupil's learning and progress, and we have been working closely with both the Infant school and Winterton Community Academy personnel to ensure your child benefits accordingly. If you have any queries relating to the transition information please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

School uniform

Our school uniform will remain the same next year, and there continues to be the expectation that **all children** will wear sensible black/brown school shoes to school. Trainers **will not** be an acceptable mode of footwear and any child not wearing suitable footwear will be asked to change into school plimsolls during their time in school until suitable footwear is

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available from home for them. We thank you in advance for your support in this expectation.

As a reminder in relation to PE kits, your child will require a white T-shirt and black shorts for indoor PE – black plimsolls and black socks may also be worn indoors but bare feet are also suitable. The same white t-shirt and black shorts will also be worn as the Games kit, together with long black socks and trainers. However, the provision of a plain, dark coloured (black, navy or grey) tracksuit would also be beneficial in cold weather. We would request that your child's PE/Games kit be brought to school in a small drawstring bag on Mondays and **remain in school all week** when we start back in September. This will cut down on 'forgotten' PE/Games kits, will provide flexibility for last minute changes in timetables, and ensure that clothes are available for your child to change into in an emergency (e.g. playtime puddle, spilt yogurt/gravy and over enthusiastic use of water incidents!)

We continue to have a second hand uniform store in school and would be delighted if any parents/carers would care to donate any uniform/PE kit that has been 'out grown' by their child, which is still in good condition. Any parents/carers who would like to access the second hand uniform store should ask our office staff in reception, who will be delighted to assist you in acquiring free uniform in this way.

Please ensure that all your child's uniform, PE Kit and coats are individually marked with their name using a permanent marker pen or labels, as the majority of items are very much the same, making it very difficult to reunite garments with owners unless duly marked.

We have been delighted to hear that you are enjoying the website and especially the new school app. We know you particularly like the fact that all family members and friends can receive all information via the app and that it is not just limited to one designated person.

I hope you have found this information useful and thank you for your continued support with all our activities and events –please check the website and the app for further details of all events and activities. Should you or your child have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact either your child's class teacher or myself. I look forward to seeing you all at the variety of events we have coming up over the final summer term weeks and hope that you all have a fantastic half term holiday with lots of sunshine!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Cathy Logan
Headteacher

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