**REMINDERS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

* Forest School – 3rd February – Bumblebee
* Forest School – 24th February - Firefly
* Parents’ consultation evenings: 4pm – 6.30pm Tuesday 7th February (in person) and 4pm – 7pm Thursday 9th February (virtual)
* Friday 10th – Friday 17th February inclusive: Half Term holiday
* Monday 20th February inset day – back to school Tuesday 21st February
* Tuesday 21st February Maths Workshop for parents/carers in Firefly Class
* Wednesday 22nd February Maths Workshop for parents/carers in Ladybird Class
* Thursday 23rd February Maths Workshop for parents/carers in Caterpillar Class
* Friday 24th February Maths Workshop for parents/carers in Bumblebee Class
* Follow us on Facebook Windlesham Village Infant School and Twitter @windleshaminfants if you don’t already and remember to check our website regularly for updates too!

**Message from Mrs Ezzard**

Last Saturday we had the perfect weather for an afternoon of hedge cutting and we are very grateful to Lorna Weir, Evren Demir, Neil Davies, David Badcock and Paul Howard for giving up their afternoons to cut and clear the hedge in the back playground – thank you, I enjoyed helping you!

We’ve seen a huge increase in the number of children reading at home and completing ‘Home Learning’ this week, which has given the teachers a real boost. Thank you. We have a new volunteer who has begun to listen to children read this week and we’d like to widen this; if you feel you could give half an hour/an hour each week we would welcome your help as a ‘Reading Champion.” Ideally, helping straight after morning drop-off would enable more children to read aloud to an adult and we would ask Reading Champions to work across the school, rather than only in your child’s class. If you feel able to commit to a weekly slot, please email the school office.

The children are enjoying their wintry topics-Bumblebee are learning about ‘Winter’ and Years 1 and 2 ‘Ice Explorers’; these topics have sparked a lot of interest and questions which we are encouraging!

I’ll be seeking feedback in Parent Forum regarding reading at home; all welcome to the meeting on Friday 24th March.

Bon weekend

**Parents’ Consultation Evenings**

Parents’ consultation evenings will be held with the class teachers on Tuesday 7th February (in person in the school hall) and Thursday 9th February (via video call). Appointments are 10 minutes long.

**You will be able to book a slot via Parentmail from 8am Monday 30th January until 12.00pm Friday 3rd February.** If you want to make a separate 10 minute appointment with Mrs Ezzard, on either of the evenings, please contact the school office for availability on school@wvi.tamat.org.uk.

**Change to SCL football and dodgeball clubs – effective from February half term**

SCL have recently reviewed the services and clubs they provide to schools and as a result dodgeball club will no longer be offered at our school after the February half-term. In addition, football club (currently run on a Wednesday) will move to Fridays from February half-term onwards. Parents using either of these clubs should have received a communication directly from SCL, an extract of which is set out below:

*‘We are very sorry to inform you that the SCL Dodgeball after-school clubs held at ‘Windlesham Village Infant School’ will not be continuing. The last session will be on 08th February 2023.*

*Following our previous email, football after-school clubs will now be running on Friday’s in place of the current sessions that take place on Wednesday’s, apologies for the error on our previous communication.*

*The Covid pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis have significantly affected the sport & childcare sector, with national staffing shortages and impact on working patterns. As a result, we’ve had to review the services we're able to provide.*

*We have made the difficult decision to safeguard our essential childcare services and holiday provision by closing selected clubs. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your custom and for supporting SCL Active’*

We are of course sorry to see dodgeball club go as we know it was popular with a number of our children. However, we understand why SCL have had to make these changes and hope this puts them in a better position going forward. We would highlight that the running of football club on a Friday will be reviewed by SCL towards the end of the Spring term, to assess whether it remains viable for SCL to run.

Please liaise with SCL directly if you have any questions around booking/refunds etc.

**SCL Holiday Club – February Half-Term**

SCL are running a holiday club (Monday to Friday) over the February half-term. Please see the attached flyer for more information and a 10% discount code that you can use.