

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021

## A highlight from last week...

Pupils in Class 4 have been learning how to use a keyboard to type. The pupils made excellent progress learning how to use the space bar and enter key, holding their hands in the perfect position.

If your child can access a keyboard at home, please encourage them to keep up the good work, especially noticing the corresponding upper- and lower-case letters.

Well done Class 4!



# Windmill Weekly

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

I am sorry to have indulged myself in sharing my cricket injuries with all of you on ClassDojo, but thank you for your encouraging messages. The children have all been very kind too!

### New-look Windmill Weekly

It's been a long time since we have put together a weekly newsletter for you. We hope that you find this helpful and informative.

We will try to include all the reminders you need on the back page, but please also notice the 'we're working on' bit at the bottom of page 1, and the '10 things...' bit at the bottom of page 2.

If you have anything to do with your children that you would like us to celebrate, please let us know by emailing the office, or using our website.

### New children from Afghanistan

It has been so wonderful to welcome 6 new children to our school and to see how our pupils have greeted them - thank you for supporting and encouraging them with that.



## This term, we're working on...

- Helping children to love Reading, because Reading is the key that unlocks life's doors
- Developing the Early Years indoor and outdoor areas, to enable their independence
- Building a database of all children's interests and abilities, so we can nurture them well
- Encouraging children to use their fluency in Maths to solve new problems

## What's going on?

To help you keep up with everything, the office staff and teaching staff will use this page to for reminders and prompts!

### Things to remember/help with

#### Whole school notices

- Remind your children about our school values

#### Reception notices

- Bring a photo to school of your family together

#### Year 1 notices

- Help remember names for parts of the body

#### Year 2 notices

- Look at 'Learning With Parents' for this week

#### Year 3 notices

- Ask your child what a 'prefix' is

#### Year 4 notices

- Ask children about the 7 parts of the digestive system

#### Year 5 notices

- Find out about properties of different materials

#### Year 6 notices

- PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays, please come in kit

#### Weekly Safety Message:

If your children use a phone, tablet, computer or console online, how do you monitor what they access? Ask us for help if you need to.

### Other news and reminders

#### Contact Details

Please remember to let us know if your contact details have changed so we can amend them on your child's records.

Also please let us know of any allergies or if your child needs an inhaler in school.

#### Start times and finish times

Nursery morning session starts at 8:35am and finishes at 11:35am.

Nursery afternoon session starts at 12:30pm and finishes and 3:30pm.

All other classes start at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm.

The top gate (by the red-fenced play areas) opens at 8:35am and closes at 8:55am. It opens again at 3:10pm and closes at 3:25pm.

#### Bike to School Week 2021 takes place between 27th September and 1st October

Please join in with this next week. It's a great opportunity to celebrate cycling and scooting and the positive impact it has on children's health and wellbeing as well as the environment.

We do aim to install a bike shelter on the South side of school soon...

### Clubs

(Priority for clubs is given to invited children, based on need)

#### Monday:

- Y1 Multi-Skills
- Y2 Football

#### Tuesday:

- Y2 Gymnastics
- Y3 Football
- Y3-6 Choir

#### Wednesday:

- Y3 Archery
- Y5-6 Gymnastics
- Y6 Football

#### Thursday:

- Y3-4 Dance
- Y4 Football
- Y4 Netball

#### Friday:

- Y5 Football

### Celebrations

Juanita in Class 9 completed the Telford and Wrekin Library Summer Challenge and received a medal and a certificate. Well done Juanita!

Mahdi, Honey, Darcie and Gurnek from Y6 competed in the Wrekin College Maths Challenge on Friday, against many schools. They did brilliantly to finish 16th and 22nd.

**Please don't forget to connect with your child's class on ClassDojo and set up ParentPay, we use these to communicate with you all the time. Ask for help at the office if you need to.**

### 10 things every Windmill parent/carer should know...

2. Our six School Values are: 'Every day is a new day', 'Be there for each other', 'Do your best', 'Don't give up', 'Aim high', 'Believe in yourself'.  
- We mention these a lot and you'll hear them regularly in Monday ClassDojo assemblies