

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## A highlight from last week...

Mr Parkinson, Windmill's Chair of Governors, was able to visit school for the first time in a long time last week.

He was really pleased to see that children had settled brilliantly in their new classes and that our new members of staff are also thriving.

He has generously donated a ukulele and some art books to school, which we are sure will be useful to the children.



# Windmill Weekly

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Today, I have shared in a ClassDojo assembly video that it can be easy to fall into a trap of not believing in yourself and letting negative thoughts dominate. In my own family, I have to remind my children of how much I love them and of the things they do that impress me... because like many of us they forget, and they might start thinking that they are not good enough. It is really important that we all help them not to feel like this.

### Reading

One of the things I often say to children is 'the best thing you can do in your life to help you become rich is read'!

Even though we are not *enforcing* reading for homework, we recommend it so much. Please, please, please help your children by:

- Encouraging them to read their take home book
- Visiting the library
- Have some books at home (ask us if you need help with this)
- Help them to find books they love



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

- Helping children to love Reading, because Reading is the key that unlocks life's doors
- Developing Early Years indoor and outdoor areas, to enable children's 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 for reminders and prompts!

### Things to remember/help with

#### Whole school notices

- Please check our [website uniform page](#)

#### Reception notices

- Review letter sounds: m a s d t i n p g and o. Use green books to help you.
- Year 1 notices
- Your child now has maths activities set on Learning with Parents, enjoy!

#### Year 2 notices

- Please log in to Learning with Parents

#### Year 3 notices

- Log in to Learning with Parents. Try activities for Choosing Addition Strategies

#### Year 4 notices

- Practise 3 and 4 times tables

#### Year 5 notices

- Practise 7 times tables

#### Year 6 notices

- Tuesday 28th September - visit to Telford Park School

#### Weekly Safety Message:

If your children walk to school on their own. What advice would you give them? Ask us if you need any help with any resources.

### Other news and reminders

#### Lost Property

We are now getting new items of lost property handed in every day. Unfortunately, very little of it has a name on it. It would be really helpful for us if you could make sure you have your child's name in everything they bring to school so that we can try to get it back to the right person as quickly as possible.

#### Don't be late...

For all classes apart from Nursery, doors will close at 8:50am. After this, children are classed as late and will need to enter school through the office entrance.

#### Bike to School Week 2021 is this week

Please join in. 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

We haven't heard any celebrations from parents this week, please feel free to let us know.

### Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 464, Upton 376, Cluddley 327 and Rowton 284

**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...

3. Deep and Diverse experiences are all guaranteed for every child, no matter what the cost. They are our supplement to the National Curriculum and each child gets a passport to record each experience. For more information, see our website: [www.windmillprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.windmillprimaryschool.co.uk)