

Monday, 29th November 2021

A highlight from last week...

We were delighted to welcome author Sarah Griffiths to school on Wednesday. She performed her book 'When the Fireflies Came' and talked about what it's like to be an author.

The children loved the visit, especially as the book is full of rhymes and mystique!

As you all know, we want to help all our children to love reading and we need your help to achieve that, so please keep encouraging them and help them find books they really enjoy.




Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

As many of you have experienced, we have experimented with electronic/video parent meetings in the last week. I hope there was some benefit to you doing that. The teachers have all written a short termly report card for you and we will share that with you via ParentPay very soon.

Our plan is to report to you each term and I think it may be likely to be video-based next term too. In the summer we will send the full annual report to you and offer you the opportunity to get in touch with the teacher to discuss anything from the report that you would like to.

There is an advantage to video calls, in that they do not require the parents to travel to school and the meetings can take place in a convenient 10 minutes during the day. On the other hand, they are far from ideal because some people feel uncomfortable about being on camera and it's also not possible to see the children's work in their books very easily.

Please send any feedback you have to the school email address: office@windmillprimaryschool.co.uk



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!

Other news and notices



Enter the Christmas Chocolate Raffle on ParentPay £1 a ticket

Weekly Safety Message:

3 tips to be fire safe at home:

Do you regularly check your smoke alarms?

Have you planned your escape and practised it with the whole family?

Are the children in your house aware of what to do if they discover a fire?

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please practise putting on and do up coats independently

Year 1

- Complete a sandwich form and hand in on a Monday - we always have spares in class.

Year 2

- Talk to your children about Brookside past and present

Year 3

- Complete Length & Perimeter on Learning with Parents

Year 4

- Practise 6, 7, 9 times tables!

Year 5

- Look at square and cube numbers

Year 6

- Talk to your children about climate change - how do they feel about it?

Parent Meetings

Class 9 Parent Meetings are rescheduled Monday, 6th December (further info. will be sent via Class 9's ClassDojo).

Class 5 date has not yet been rescheduled.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 1874, Cluddley 1696, Upton 1674 and Rowton 1404.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Y1 Multi-Skills - **Cancelled**
- Y2 Football - **Cancelled**

Tuesday:

- Change4Life - **Cancelled**
- Y3 Football
- Y3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- Y3-4 Netball - **Cancelled**
- Y5-6 Gymnastics
- Y6 Football

Thursday:

- Y3-4 Dance
- Y4 Football
- Y3-4 Archery - **Cancelled**
- Y3-6 Running

Friday:

- Y5 Football

After School Clubs - Cancelled

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel all clubs today (29.11.21), plus Change4Life club on Tuesday, Netball on Wednesday and Archery on Thursday.

Maths Club - Cancelled

Unfortunately, Mr Butterworth has had to cancel Maths Club this week.

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...

10. Rewards and Consequences (R's and C's) are shared with you on ClassDojo, so you should know if your child is getting positive recognition for their attitude and behaviour. We put the emphasis on the positives, and C's are there to warn children away from the negatives.