

Monday, 6th December 2021



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Recently, we have had two 'check-ups' from people in our multi-academy trust: CAT (Community Academies Trust). One for Safeguarding and one for Reading, Maths and Geography.

They both went very well and our colleagues from CAT praised us for numerous things. Here are some quotes:

'Children and staff talked passionately about reading. They were enthused and engaged in the new texts and the impact it was having on the children's writing.'

'There is strong, well sequenced planning in place in Maths that includes clear identification of essential knowledge, opportunities for recall, and retrieval, and high challenge throughout the school.'

'In Geography, pupils across the school consistently demonstrated that they knew and remembered more, helped and supported by effective recall sessions and teachers making excellent links to other subjects.'

'There is a truly whole school approach to safeguarding which permeates throughout the school. There is a wealth of strong practice in place.'

'Pupils demonstrate consistently positive learning behaviours that support their progress.'

A highlight from last week...

Christmas is coming and we are excited to have been putting some decorations up around the school.

Our outside Christmas tree was blown over by storm Arwen, but it has since been put back thanks to Mr Smith and Mr Comerford, our caretakers.

The tree in the hall was decorated too, and the children are enjoying it adding some festive cheer to lunchtimes!

Don't forget Christmas Dinner day on Wednesday!



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

Christmas dinner day is this Wednesday (8th)...

Please ensure you have enough money in your child's ParentPay account for them to have a school meal. Dinners are £2.40 unless your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 or eligible for free school meals.

It is also Christmas jumper in school on this day. We will not be accepting donations in school but you can donate to the Save Children Christmas campaign directly via <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk>

School sandwiches are not available on Wednesday - please bring sandwiches if you do not require a school dinner.



Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Keep up the reading practice at home please

Year 1

- Please ask for sandwich forms on Fridays and return Mondays

Year 2

- Begin to learn their 3 x tables

Year 3

- Remember Christmas jumper day on Wednesday

Year 4

- Remember Christmas jumper day on Wednesday

Year 5

- Think about a Christmas design for a paper plate.

Year 6

- What do you know about Ironbridge and its involvement with the industrial revolution?

Weekly Safety Message:

At what age can I leave my child at home alone?

The NSPCC advises not leaving a child under 12 years old home alone, particularly for longer periods of time.

If you need to leave under 12s at home, consider leaving them at a friend's house, with family, friends or suitable childcare.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Y1 Multi-Skills
- Y2 Football

Tuesday:

- Change4Life
- Y3 Football
- Y3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

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

Friday:

- Y5 Football

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 1993, Cluddley 1845, Upton 1816 and Rowton 1488.

Don't forget to help your child read at home three times a week and fill in the yellow Learning Diary if you want them to get a raffle ticket for the Christmas Chocolate Bouquet...!

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...

1. Our school vision is **IGNITE** (Include everyone; Guarantee opportunities; Nurture aspirations; Inspire each other; Try everything; Enable independence).
We already do all these things, but we keep trying to do them even better!