

Monday 28th March 2022



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

As you may have seen in my video assembly this morning, I have got Covid-19. Thankfully I am not suffering much at all, but I am working from home rather than being at school this week.

Thank you again for your acceptance and understanding about how school has been - and continues to be - affected by coronavirus. Last week I think we had 8 members of staff off linked to covid and so several classes had different members of staff covering them. I am pleased to say that they all did a brilliant job and I'm grateful for your support of them. I hope that we have reached some kind of peak and that it will get easier from this point forward.

One thing I have learned from dealing with all of the issues that the global pandemic has thrown up is that you can't plan for everything! In life, it is good to be agile - the ability to respond quickly and effectively to new things is as helpful as being able to plan in advance.

<https://youtu.be/VoP1E9J4jpg>

A highlight from last week...

An obvious highlight from last week was the visit from Darren Harris, which you can read more about on ClassDojo (scroll down to March 21st)

Another highlight that you will not be aware of was that Mrs Jackson, one of our Music teachers (not Miss Jackson who teaches in Class 7), asked me to come and listen to the Year 6 violin and cello players, who were really impressing her.

They really impressed me too and I am thrilled that we are able to sponsor and encourage children who display musical talent and interest to continue their learning and improvement in school.



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

Thank you for all your donations for the Ukraine collection, which have now been delivered to the truck in Hortonwood.



We had a fantastic morning with Darren Harris and have raised over £1,000! Children will receive prizes shortly.



Save the date! -You are invited to Windmill Summer Fayre in Memory of Mrs Kemp on **Saturday 2nd July from 12.00pm**. If you would like to have a stall or help, please contact Mrs Coles.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Look out for signs of Spring on your walk to school in the morning. Use all of your senses.

Year 1

- Reminder for ParentPay for trip to Town Park next week.

Year 2

- History afternoon on Monday 4th April. See ClassDojo for more information!

Year 3

- Continue to practise telling the time on an analogue clock particularly telling the time to the hour.

Year 4

- On Wednesday next week we have our sugar workshop at school 😊

Year 5

- We are taking part in a sugar awareness workshop - find anything out about sugar. How much sugar do you think you have in your diet?

Year 6

- Please access any online learning posts on class Dojo.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 3765, Cluddley 3581, Upton 3381 and Rowton 2840.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Y2 Football
- KS1 Dance

Tuesday:

- Y3 Football
- Y3-6 Choir
- KS2 Archery

Wednesday:

- Y3-4 Gymnastics
- Y6 Football
- KS2 Hockey

Thursday:

- Y5-6 Dance
- Y4 Football
- UKS2 OAA/Orienteering

Friday:

- Y5 Football

Weekly Safety Message:

Walking to School: Children learn by watching adults. If walking your child to school, talk to them about how they can keep themselves safe and always try to set a good example when crossing the road.

Water Bottles - Please provide your child with a water bottle which can be left in school.

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