

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## A highlight from last week...

Perhaps not a highlight for everyone, but a really important milestone in children's education, last week included all Year 1 children doing their [Phonics Screening Check](#) (as mentioned in Mr Gibbons' 'Head Lines' column about assessment).

We use 'Read, Write, Inc.' as our Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) programme. It teaches children to read accurately, fluently and with understanding, to spell and to write their own compositions. Every day, children learn new sounds and review previous sounds and words.

[You can help at home too!](#)



# Windmill Weekly

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

What is your child especially good at, or interested in?

We want to know. We want to spot talent and nurture talent. We want to know who the future scientists, historians, artists, designers, programmers, carers, diplomats are!

We are just starting to write your children's end of year reports and we try to show you that we know your children really well, and cater well for their needs, interests and abilities.

There is a chance we might miss things though, so please feel free to use ClassDojo to message your child's teacher, saying 'Mr Gibbons said to let you know what my child loves doing...'

When I say we want to 'nurture talent', this could range from simply saying positive and encouraging things to children about their interests and abilities, all the way up to sponsoring them to develop their interest further.

Have a look at our [curriculum page](#) for more information.



## 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

**Please can we remind all families they are not permitted on the school site until 3:10pm - this is a Safeguarding issue as children may still be continuing their lessons on the playground until then.**

### Tip top Tuesdays and

Thursdays A tip top frozen lolly will cost 20p and money can be bought into class on these days. Children will have the tip top at breaktimes.

PD Day - Please note we have a staff training day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June - no school or Nursery for children.

### Term Dates:

Break up - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 5048, Cluddley 4699, Upton 4421 and Rowton 3893.

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Practise counting to 50. Remember 29, 30, 31... 39, 40, 41... 49, 50, 51...

#### Year 1

- Please read as often as possible, keep re-reading your RWI books throughout the week to develop fluency. Can you add expression as you read?

#### Year 2

- Visit to the Mosque on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Please access ParentPay to give permission.

#### Year 3

- Practise the spellings that will be shared on our dojo pages.

#### Year 4

- We have an author visit, Maxine Trubshaw on Thursday. Books can be ordered for £7.99 - via classroom.

#### Year 5

- Swimming starts this Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Year 6

- Swimming starts this Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

### Clubs

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

#### **Monday:**

- Y5-6 Boys Football
- Yr5-6 Tennis

#### **Tuesday:**

- Y3-4 Football
- Y3-6 Choir
- Yr3-4 Kwik Cricket

#### **Wednesday:**

- Y5-6 Gymnastics
- Y5-6 Rounders
- Y5-6 Girls Football

#### **Thursday:**

- Y3-4 Dance
- Y1-2 Football
- Y1-2 Mini Tennis

#### **Friday:**

- Football FUNdamentals

**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...

9. Our teachers are brilliant. We only employ the very best we can find and we know that Windmill teachers do not only teach children well, they also communicate with families really well too. Please make sure you work with them and support them, thank you.