

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022



# Windmill Weekly

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

We welcomed Ofsted inspectors last week. It has been a long time since we were inspected and we were very keen to show off our wonderful children and our excellent staff team.

We have come through the challenges of the pandemic and I am confident that we continue to do our absolute best for Windmill children. Parents and carers are brilliant at communicating with me and other staff, letting us know if something is not right and giving us a chance to sort it out.

Our children work hard because they believe in themselves and our school values. They access prompts in the classroom independently to help them if they get stuck.

Behaviour in our school is good because children feel valued. Children succeed at Windmill even if they haven't experienced success at a previous school. If ever there is behaviour that is below our expectations, we deal with it effectively.

Our curriculum is fantastic, our resources are high quality and our ambition is for excellence.

## A highlight from last week...

This year's Welcome Week was a huge success. All the children settled into their new classes; everyone was able to get to know each other and understand the expectations people have of them; and we gathered together in the first Friday assembly to honour The Queen and to celebrate the successes of the first week.

Thank you for being patient about children not wearing their new school uniform until the second week. They were excited and smart to be wearing it last Monday! The photo below shows one of the new Reception classes, with their new class furniture behind them (sorry about the blur... the children moved a lot!)



This term, we're working on...

- **Metacognition** (children understanding their learning journey) '**We learn well**'
- **Interaction** (all of us speaking and listening with each other) '**We speak well**'
- **Writing** (using extensive vocabulary, correct grammar and punctuation) '**We write well**'
- **Collaboration** (partnering with others to improve what we do) '**We work together**'
- **Aspiration** (bringing the best out in each other and aiming high) '**We are inspired**'



## 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

#### Safety Message:

Gaming is great fun, but just as with anything online, there are risks you should help your child navigate. Age ratings are there for a reason which is to protect your child, from things like graphic images and swearing.

#### Lost Property

Will be by the main office every Tuesday from 9:45am until 3:45pm.

#### Secondary School Applications -2023/2024

The closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. No applications can be accepted after this date.

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Please bring in a family photograph please.

#### Year 1

- Remember to bring your reading books to school everyday.

#### Year 2

- Please check and sign ParentPay for library trip consent.

#### Year 3

- Please make sure your child reads at home every day and brings their reading book to school every day.

#### Year 4

- Please bring reading books in every day!

#### Year 5

- Please remember to bring your reading book in every single day.

#### Year 6

- Please can you ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit on Tuesdays and Fridays.

### Clubs

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

#### **Monday:**

- UKS2 Girls Football

#### **Tuesday:**

- Year 1-2 Football
- Year 3-6 Choir

#### **Wednesday:**

- LKS2 Gymnastics
- Year 3-4 Football

#### **Thursday:**

- UKS2 Dance
- Year 5 Football
- UKS2 Dance
- KS2 Gardening Club

#### **Friday:**

- Year 6 Football

#### Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 621, Cluddley 603, Upton 559 and Rowton 542.

***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!