

Monday 3rd July 2023



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

What do people think about Windmill?

Judging by families of 57 children choosing to join our Reception classes... they think we're a good school I would say!

We also receive positive feedback from elsewhere too. Pam Spellen a Children and School pastor from Telford Minster recently said:

'Walking around the school, I felt the sense of calm and purposefulness everywhere. The children who passed me were so polite. In classes, I was so impressed by the children and their approach to learning.'

Although I wasn't able to be in school for the Year 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day, I did enjoy helping with the presentations for Years 1, 2 and 3. I was very impressed with how much effort the children gave to their events. Alison Lamputt, our Chair of Governors, attended on Tuesday and was also pleased to see how everyone encouraged each other. Particular thank yous to Miss Panter, Coach Carl and Mr Cox, but also to all staff that helped.

A highlight from last week...

As part of their Religions and World Views study of charities, Year 5 played 'The Paper Bag Game,' finding out what it might be like for very poor people in the developing world to have to produce paper bags to sell to survive.

They found out that chance played a big part; the price going up or down; the boss's demands changing; the weather; the cost of medicine and food. It showed us how important the work of charities can be at empowering people to change their own lives. Mr Butterworth, Miss Dambrauskas and Miss Hammonds ran the workshop brilliantly and great enjoyment was had by all.



The five strands of our strategic plan are:

- **Metacognition** (children understanding their learning journey) '**We learn well**'
- **Interaction** (all of us speaking, listening and communicating effectively) '**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 to remind and prompt you about school events!

Other news and notices

[Free breakfast bagel club starts at 8:35am.](#) Children arriving between 8:20am and 8:35am will be charged 50p.

[Lost Property](#) - Always displayed by the main office on Tuesdays from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

[End of School Day](#) - Please can we ask families not to access the playground or wait outside their child's classrooms at the end of the day until 3:10pm. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children. Thank you for your understanding.

[A massive thank you and well done to everyone who supported the Summer Fair on Saturday.](#) Particular credit to Mrs Coles for masterminding the whole thing! We estimate that around £2500 was raised.

[Year 6](#) have lots of activities planned before the end of the year. Please log into ParentPay and Class Dojo regularly to keep up-to-date / give permissions.

Year 6 school photos need to be returned to school by Friday 7th July.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- How many different numbers can you find at home? Which is the biggest number?

Year 1

- Please read your books at home.

Year 2

- Log onto Learning with Parents to complete the Multiplication and Division word problem activities.

Year 3

- Please ensure you are reading as much as possible with your children and that they bring their reading book to school every day.

Year 4

- We are writing about rain forests - can you find facts about the Amazon Rain Forest.

Year 5

- Please remember that it is our final swimming session on Friday 7th July 2023.

Year 6

- Do not forget about transition days next week! See secondary school websites for further information.

Clubs

(Priority for clubs is given to invited children, based on their needs and interests)

Monday:

- Year 3-6 Girls Football
- KS2 Hockey
- Running Club

Tuesday:

- KS2 Tennis
- KS2 Choir - **please not there is no choir until September**
- KS1 Mixed Football

Wednesday:

- KS2 Gymfinity
- Year 3-4 Football
- KS2 Netball

Thursday:

- Year 5-6 GemAcademy Dance
- KS2 Mixed Ability Football
- KS2 Rounders
- KS1 Multisports

Friday:

- Year 5-6 Football
- KS1 Cooking Club

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 13908, Cluddley 13243, Upton 12615 and Rowton 12443.

Term Dates:

BREAK UP FRIDAY 21ST JULY AND RETURN WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2023.

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.