

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023



# Windmill Weekly

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

### When does the school's responsibility for pupils' positive behaviour begin and end?

We would say it's not just between 8:45am and 3:15pm, and it's not just up until the end of Year 6.

We want to make sure that we give children the best possible start to the rest of their lives, so we care about their attitudes and behaviours outside of school and into secondary school too.

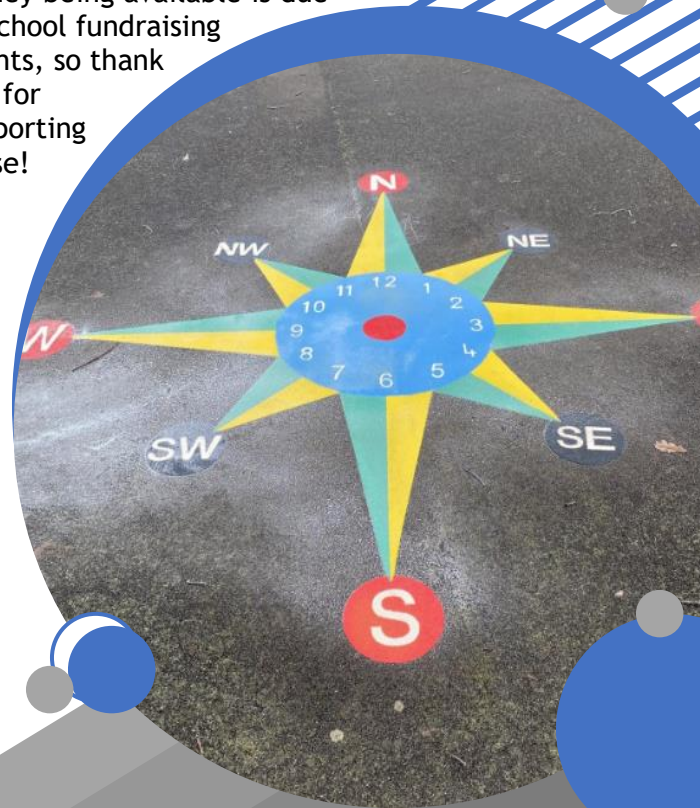
We especially care about helping children behave well online, as this is an area that can be hard to monitor. We want to make sure that children treat other people with respect at school, at home, outside and online.

It has been a concern to me recently that children in Year 6 are speaking to each other unpleasantly online, when I know they would never speak to each other like that face-to-face. I talk to them about the way I behave online and hope that they will accept responsibility for themselves.

### A highlight from last week...

I think you probably all know that we had some new playground markings done last week, as well as a new feature in our Key Stage 2 play park. The children are very excited and have been enjoying using them. The new 'fort' on the play park is not able to be used until we have a delivery of bark chippings to bring the ground surface up to the safe, required level.

At a time when school budget is tight, it is great to be able to use School Fund money that we have held off from spending during the Covid years. A big factor of that money being available is due to school fundraising events, so thank you for supporting those!



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 for reminders and prompts!

## Things to remember/help with

### Reception

- We are looking at 'Space', talk to your children about what they can see in the sky.

### Year 1

- Watch the phonics videos sent weekly via class dojo.

### Year 2

- Have a go at telling the time using this online game <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/117/telling-the-time-in-words>

### Year 3

- Bring reading books daily, encourage your child to read as often as possible, keep reading to your child, no matter how fluent they are.

### Year 4

- Practise your 12 times table using the links put on dojo!

### Year 5

- Children will be coming home with an angle maker they have made. Help them to find different angles at home.

### Year 6

- Ask children if they have facts about causes and effects of World War 2 to share with you?

## Clubs

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

### Monday:

- Year 3-6 Girls Football
- Year 5 Kwik Cricket
- KS2 Running Club

### Tuesday:

- Year 3-6 Boccia/NAK Inclusive -cancelled
- Year 3-6 Choir
- Year 3-6 Inclusive Football - cancelled
- Year 6 SATS Booster

### Wednesday:

- Year 5-6 Gymfinity
- Year 3-4 Boys Football
- Year 3-4 Tag Rugby

### Thursday:

- Year 3-4 Dance GemAcademy
- Year 1-2 Football
- Year 1-2 Kwik Cricket
- Year 6 SATS Booster

### Friday:

- Year 5-6 Football

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb Football and Cricket clubs cancelled**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Football and Tag Rugby clubs cancelled**

## Other news and notices

Industrial Action by NEU members (some teachers) We are able to stay fully open for all Windmill children, including Nursery this week.

### Lost Property

By main office every Tuesday from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

### One week to go! Author Visit -

We will be hosting a visit from the award-winning Scottish author Stuart Reid this Friday 3rd February 2023. Pupils can purchase books on the day, all signed by the author, with a personal dedication to each child. Book prices are £7 each, two for £12, or a school special offer of five books for £20.! Please pay via cash to your child's class teacher.

### Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 8248, Cluddley 8248, Upton 7030 and Rowton 7151.

Term Dates: Break up - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February Return Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. AN EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY HAS BEEN DECLARED FOR THE KING'S CORONATION ON MONDAY 8 MAY

**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...

4. Working walls - we use working walls in each lesson so that children know the teacher's expectations and how to be successful. The working wall contains: 'what we are learning', 'what to remember', 'what the important vocabulary (words) are' and 'a model/example'

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