

Tuesday 14th September 2021

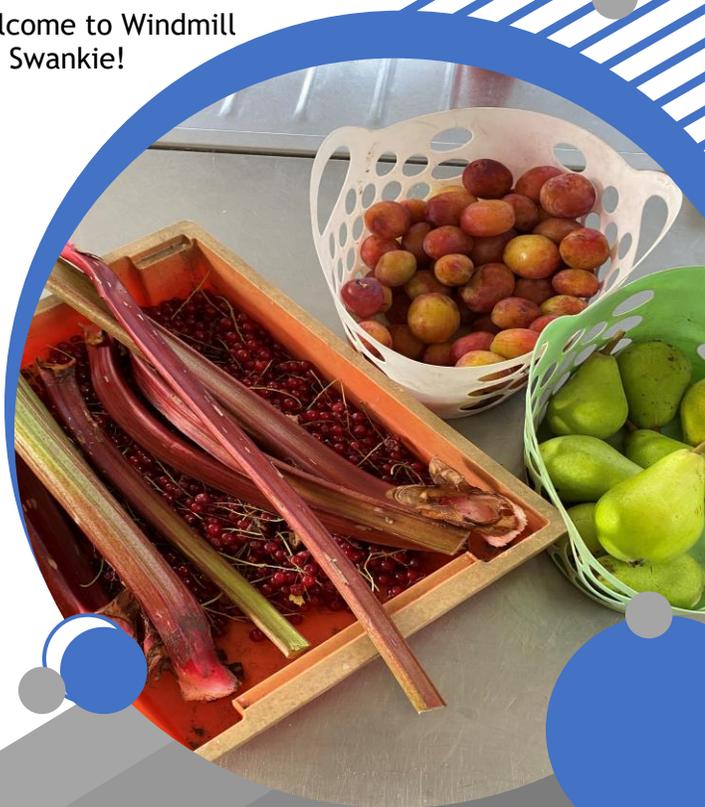
A highlight from last week...

The picture in the bottom-right-hand corner shows plums, pears, rhubarb and redcurrants that were taken from our trees and gardens and will hopefully be used by our school kitchen to make some delicious desserts for the children.

Mrs Swankie, www.theoutdoorteacher.co.uk, who is working at our school every Monday this year, was very pleased to harvest them and pass them to the school kitchen staff.

Mrs Swankie will also be working with groups of children with gardening and Forest School activities.

Welcome to Windmill
Mrs Swankie!



Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

What a great start back to school!

There have been some new routines to get used to, but everyone has adapted brilliantly.

Doors closing...

This week, we will start to be a bit more prompt about class doors closing at 8:50am. Children will need to go to the office if they are later than that.

Coronavirus measures...

We always follow the government guidance and we do not deviate from it. That has always been the case here and it always will.

The latest guidance says we do not need to have class bubbles that stay separate from everyone else, so we won't.

It also says children only need to isolate if they have covid symptoms, so that is what will happen.

It also says to keep the school (and everyone's hands) clean, which we will do - and we will make sure all indoor areas are well-ventilated.

This term, we're working on...

- Helping children to love Reading, because Reading is the key that unlocks life's doors
- Developing the Early Years indoor and outdoor areas, to enable their 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 to for reminders and prompts!

Things to remember/help with

Whole school notices

- Look out for details of homework expectations, which will be shared by Mr Gibbons on ClassDojo soon

Reception notices

- Ask what letter sound they have been learning today

Year 1 notices

- Help remember names for parts of the body

Year 2 notices

- Help with 2 times table

Year 3 notices

- Help with number bonds to 20, e.g. 19+1, 11+9...

Year 4 notices

- Find out facts about teeth

Year 5 notices

- Find out facts about gold

Year 6 notices

- What do the different parts of the heart do?

Weekly Safety Message:

If you have a child who walks home by themselves, have you talked to them about what they should do if no one was home when they got there?

Other news and reminders

Welcome Week

Last week the children were spending time getting used to their new class and understanding what the expectations will be.

They have written Class Charters to make promises to each other about how they will make their class work well.

Start times and finish times

Nursery morning session starts at 8:35am and finishes at 11:35am.

Nursery afternoon session starts at 12:30pm and finishes and 3:30pm.

All other classes start at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm.

The top gate (by the red-fenced play areas) opens at 8:35am and closes at 8:55am. It opens again at 3:10pm and closes at 3:25pm.

Houses

All children (and staff) are in a 'house', which is a bit like a team. They can get points for their house by impressing members of staff or by doing well in house competitions. The highest scoring house team each year wins the trophy, and all children in that house get bonus ClassDojo points.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Y1 Multi-Skills
- Y2 Football

Tuesday:

- Y2 Gymnastics
- Y3 Football
- Y3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- Y3 Archery
- Y5-6 Gymnastics
- Y6 Football

Thursday:

- Y3-4 Dance
- Y4 Football
- Y4 Netball

Friday:

- Y5 Football

Celebrations

Year 4's walk to Telford Town Park last week made us very proud because their behaviour was excellent and was recognised by members of the public.

We have had 30 expressions of interest from KS2 children to learn a musical instrument. We will do our best to help get this set up with those families!

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!