

Monday 3rd June 2024



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Welcome back after the half-term break. There was some good weather for us at least!

You might have noticed that we have a new, blue steel fence line along the edge of the playground by the car park. This was paid for by Community Academies Trust and was done in order to improve safety for our children.

I would also like to remind you that the safest way for children to cross the school car park at the beginning and end of the school day is to follow the path around the boiler house building, not to cut the corner and walk across the car park diagonally.

We are a school and we want to be focused on educating children, helping them to build their knowledge and expertise, but before that we want to do our duty to keep children safe. We want to work with you in all of this, so we ask that you give children the same messages about safety that we do.

Thank you.

A highlight from last week...

More excitement for Year 4!

As well as the visit to Long Mynd Base Camp, Class 9 and 10 children have experienced a rich curriculum, as designed by their teachers.

They were stranded on an Island, captured by pirates and had to become one of the crew.

This helped the children when it came to writing a story about their adventure.

They also created treasure maps, made ships using sticks and dipped their feet in paint to make footprints on the sand.

What fantastic experiences children have at school!



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 bagels in the hall 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.

ParentPay - Please ensure that you log in to ParentPay regularly to prevent missing important information.

End of School Day - Please do not come onto the playground or wait outside classrooms until after 3:10pm. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children.

Dinner Money - The price for primary meals has increased by 20p per meal to **£2.70** per meal since 1st April 2024.

Dogs On School Grounds - just a reminder dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.

Latest House Point totals:
Henmoor 6376, Cluddley 5463,
Upton 5902 and Rowton 5707.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Practise number bonds to 10.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID9tjBUiXs0>

Year 1

- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ApHweQAG/rY5erfvN>

Year 2

- We are looking forward to our overnight residential to Dudmaston next week. You should know what night your child is sleeping over and also have a copy of their kit list. All children in school every day as normal please.

Year 3

- How many facts can you recite about France?

Year 4

- Get practising those times tables!

Year 5

- We will be learning about Space, can you do some research of your own and be ready to WOW us with your facts!

Year 6

- Leavers photos are on Wednesday 12th June - please wear full uniform.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3 and 4 Football
- FunZone (Community lead)
- Year 1 and 2 Mini Tennis

Tuesday:

- Year 5 and 6 Boys Football
- Year 3 and 4 Tennis
- Choir

Wednesday:

- Year 3 to 6 mixed ability Football Fundamentals
- Year 3 to 6 Athletics
- Year 3 to 6 Gymfinity

Thursday:

- Year 5 and 6 Rounders
- Year 1 and 2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3 to 6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6
GemDanceAcademy

Please note:

Year 3-4 tennis - 11th June and Year 3-6 girls football - 14th June are cancelled - apologies for any inconvenience.

Term Dates:

PD Day Friday 21st June
Break up Friday 19th July
Return to school Wednesday 4th September 2024

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!