

Monday 16th September 2024

A highlight from last week...

In this school year, we have the privilege of welcoming a chess tutor into Year 4 on Wednesday afternoons.

Classes 9 and 10 had their first go last week and were very enthusiastic and eager to do their best.

There will be whole class chess sessions in Year 4 until Christmas, and then we will select 8-12 children who show particular interest and/or aptitude to continue receiving chess tuition.

This is the same approach that we take with musical instrument tuition.



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

In today's video assembly, I have introduced our school's new 'vision', which is what we think will happen if we achieve our mission and stay true to our values.

Our mission is 'to give children the best possible start to the rest of their lives'.

Our values are:

- 'Every day is a new day'
- 'Be there for each other'
- 'Aim high'
- 'Do your best'
- 'Don't give up'
- 'Believe in yourself'

And our vision is that children will GROW into citizens who are successful in life, because they are:

Generous, Resilient, Optimistic and Wise

We will do our best to achieve this and we hope that you'll be there with us, working together for your child.



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

Lost Property - will be in the main office on Tuesdays from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

Additionally, there will be a second-hand clothing rail available for families to take any items that will be of any use to their child.

Tesco - Reminder about the Tesco blue token funding ends 30th September local stores.

Asda - are running a Cashpot for Schools initiative in which the school will be given a grant depending on how much YOU spend. If you wish to sign up, log into your Asda app then join the Cashpot for Schools. Please search for our school and add us. This will not affect your personal cashpot.

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

Dinner Money - The price for primary meals is **£2.70** per meal. Payments via ParentPay.

Latest House Point totals:
Henmoor 81, Cluddley 110,
Upton 89 and Rowton 94.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Practise counting at home. Counting cutlery at tea time, counting cars, counting toys.

Year 1

- Play this game to practise counting
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>

Year 2

- Each week the children will learn a new spelling rule on Monday. Check Dojo to practise this rule at home if you can.

Year 3

- Ask your child about all the different nouns they learnt last week.

Year 4

- Can children wear their PE kits on a Tuesday (starting 17.9.24) for this half term as we will be having cricket lessons.

Year 5

- Use Emile games to practise spellings for the week

Year 6

- Remember that our PE days are on Tuesdays and Fridays. Children need to be wearing the correct PE kit.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 1-2 girls Football
- FunZone (Community lead)
- Year 3-6 Gymnastics

Tuesday:

- Year 3-4 boys Football
- Year 1-2 Cricket
- Year 3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- Year 3-6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6 Dodgeball

Thursday:

- Year 3-6 Dance
- Year 1-2 Football

Friday:

- Year 5-6 boys Football

Term Dates:

Half Term Holiday -
Break up Friday 28th October
and return Monday 4th November.

MacMillan Coffee Morning -
Friday 27th September 10am -
12 noon - Join us in the Lamputt
Room for cake and a hot drink
and support a good cause.

Whole school photos - Thursday
26th September.

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...

2. Our six School Values are: 'Every day is a new day', 'Be there for each other', 'Do your best', 'Don't give up', 'Aim high', 'Believe in yourself'.
- We mention these a lot and you'll hear them regularly in Monday ClassDojo assemblies