

Monday 31st October 2022



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Welcome back to school after the half-term break.

As we say goodbye to October and enter into November, we do so in a UK climate of inflation, rising 'costs of living' a build-up to Christmas (and winter) and probably a lot of us feeling like we're not sure how easy or hard things are going to be...

My prediction is that we will want to carry on as normal, especially when we celebrate Christmas and/or other festivals. We might be used to spending a certain amount of money on celebrations, but it might be best not to this time.

We have been lucky that the higher gas and electricity charges might not have hit us too hard yet because the weather has not been particularly cold. I think it is a good idea for parents to talk to their children about money and how it is important to value it and look after it. I therefore think it is good to manage our expectations of what Christmas and winter will be like for all of us.

We need to be careful, we need to make sensible decisions, and we need to be there for each other.

A highlight from last week...

Another event for Year 6 helped them to think about future careers... very much in-line with our vision statements: 'Nurture Aspirations' and 'Try Everything', and our value: 'Aim High'.

Five people from the world of work came to invite Year 6 children to ask them questions in order to guess their job. This initiative is called 'Life Ready, Work Ready'.

The jobs that the five visitors do were: scaffolding business director, jobs adviser, personal trainer, local centre manager, and local councillor.

The children asked good questions and got 3 out of 5 correct!



This term, we're working on...

- **Metacognition** (children understanding their learning journey) '**We learn well**'
- **Interaction** (all of us speaking and listening with each other) '**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!

Other news and notices

Safety Message:

Fact-checking: Help your child question what they are accessing online. Does the website have a standard address such as .org, .co.uk, or .com?

Lost Property

Will be by the main office every Tuesday from 9:45am until 3:45pm.

Year 5 Football Match -

Thursday 3rd November 2022 - Kick Off 3:45pm (finish 5pm)

Windmill Vs Redhill at Windmill Primary school.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS -

Please note - there will be no Football after school club on:

Thursday 3rd November due to football match and also on

Wednesday 9th November due to staff training.

Gym Club will run as normal on 9th November.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please learn the rhyme 'Remember, Remember the 5th November.

Year 1

- Class 3 - continue reading at home and return flu forms and parents eve form asap.

Year 2

- Class 4 - Please log onto Learning with Parents to access your child's first topic.
- Class 5 - children practise 5 times tables - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfRVYPcfecE>

Year 3

- Bring reading books to and from school daily, ensure you are practising at home.

Year 4

- Please can you be bringing your reading book in every day!

Year 5

- Please look out for Learning with Parents emails.

Year 6

- Don't forget to return the slips for a parent meeting appointment!

Clubs

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

Monday:

- UKS2 Girls Football

Tuesday:

- Year 1-2 Football
- Year 3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- LKS2 Gymnastics
- Year 3-4 Football

Thursday:

- UKS2 Dance
- Year 5 Football - **CANCELLED**
- KS2 Gardening Club

Friday:

- Year 6 Football

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 2629, Cluddley 2603, Upton 2332 and Rowton 2218.

Term Dates:

Break up Friday 16th December and children return Wednesday 4th January 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...

6. We are really good at caring for every single child at Windmill to the best of our ability.

I was thrilled to hear a parent describe our school as:

'An oasis, wrapped in a fortress, full of the kindest staff'