



Monday 5th December 2022

Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Thank you so much for coming to the meetings with your child's teacher(s).

We noticed that in every class, all - or nearly all - parents were able to come and talk to the teachers to talk about your children's progress and development.

This partnership is vital. We have lots to learn from you about your children and we are particularly interested in your hopes and dreams for them, as well as what aspirations they have themselves.

If you missed the meeting, please ask your child's teacher if there is another opportunity.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Last week I shared some thoughts about children's online safety. I do recommend that parents and carers find a way of monitoring how children use the internet, so that both they and you are comfortable and open about it.

What about TikTok... should I be worried about it?

TikTok is an app that has been around for a few years (previously called music.ly). There are new features being added and potentially dangerous new trends to stay aware of, so National Online Safety have created a guide which assesses the ever-popular social media platform for possible online safety hazards.

We have made it available in the online safety section of our website: [NOS TikTok Guide \(windmillprimaryschool.co.uk\)](https://www.windmillprimaryschool.co.uk/nos-tiktok-guide). Thank you to National Online Safety for this. You can read more of their information and guidance at their website: [National Online Safety](https://www.nationalsafeschools.org/)



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!

Other news and notices

Safety Message: Many apps and games give you the option to share your location. You should help children think about how and when they're sharing it.

School Menu - In a change to the school menu this week, children will have big breakfast on Wednesday (7th).

Christmas dinner day will be on Thursday 8th December. All children in reception and KS1 (Classes 1-6) are entitled to free school meals. If you pay for your child's meals, please ensure that you have enough credit (£2.45) on your ParentPay account.

Children are also able to wear their Christmas jumpers on that day too! Reception Applications

Was your child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019? They can start primary school in September 2023! Apply for a school place now > <https://orlo.uk/YE415> Have a question? Get in touch via email > Admissions@telford.gov.uk

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please could you practise the song Away in a Manger at home

Year 1

- Choose a nice 'party outfit' for our Christmas performance day on Wednesday 7th.

Year 2

- Log on to Learning with parents for the new topic for mathematics mastery activities.

Year 3

- Please remember to put the class number on any Christmas cards so that the Year 6 elves can take them to the correct classes.

Year 4

- Please consent to the trips on both Wednesday and Friday!

Year 5

- We are heading outside on Wednesday as part of our geography lesson. Please make sure warm coats are brought into school and either wear trainers or bring wellies in!

Year 6

- Christmas Jumper day - 8th Dec
- Santa Dash - 9th Dec.
- KS2 Christmas Celebration - 13th Dec.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- UKS2 Girls Football
- Year 5-6 Dodgeball

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

- LKS2 Gymnastics
- Year 3-4 Football
- Year 3-4 Table Tennis

Thursday:

- UKS2 Dance
- Year 5 Football
- Year 5-6 Basketball

Friday:

- Year 6 Football

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 5153, Cluddley 5192, Upton 4415 and Rowton 4356.

Term Dates:

Break up Friday 16th December and children return Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Lost Property

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

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!