

Tuesday 9th January 2024



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope you all had a good time during the Christmas break. I enjoyed time with my family and friends, and I also had a good time tidying my garage and my shed!

In 2024, I am going to be giving you lots of reminders about keeping children safe online. I think it is so important that all of us that have responsibility for children have a good plan to make sure children use technology well - and behave responsibly.

Please complete this online survey about children's use of technology at home. We will randomly select one person who completes a survey to win an Amazon Fire tablet.

The survey will close at 9:00am on Tuesday 16th January.

<https://forms.office.com/e/gLF7ynGRuN>

Please also see the [online safety page on our school website](#).

A highlight from last week...

We had a brilliant end of term in December!

After a long 15 weeks, and lots of hard work by children and staff, we were really pleased to have a break.

We did Christmas in style, with wonderful performances by Early Years classes, Key Stage 1, and a Carols Celebration by Key Stage 2 (we do need to think again about having tickets for the KS2 one though - it was very busy!).

Santa visited and we had a wonderful Christmas Fair, led by Mrs Coles and the PTA, raising over £900.



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.

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. Thanks.

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

Calling All Parent Volunteers - We desperately need help to tidy our community garden. Please speak to Mrs Coles if you are able to help.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 3009, Cluddley 2807, Upton 2814 and Rowton 2835.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- See how many objects you can count around your home. Can you get to 10 or 20?

Year 1

- Watch the daily phonics videos.

Year 2

- Can your child tell you how many hours are in a day, how many seconds in a minute and how many minutes in an hour? Can they identify key times for key events.

Year 3

- Start getting familiar with Emile online.

Year 4

- Welcome back! Once reading books have been sent home this week, please remember to bring them in every day.

Year 5

- We are doing persuasive writing. Look out for adverts/posters with persuasive writing in.

Year 6

- Next Thursday (18.1.24) is a meeting for families of children attending Arthog. See Class Dojo for more information.

Clubs

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

Just a quick message to say that there are no clubs on this week, clubs will start again next week. Please note, all clubs from last year have now finished, you will need to wait for a club invite via ParentPay for your child to attend a club, please expect an invite by the end of the week. Clubs are £5 per term, external clubs such as Gymnastics and Dance have increased to £20 per term.

Monday:

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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...

5. Our school grounds are amazing! We are lucky to lots of space, but did you realise that we have: a woodland area (including a wildlife pond), an outdoor classroom (which doubles up as a bird hide), an orchard, and an allotment area. We make sure all classes have access to those areas.