



STARS of the WEEK



Pupil Stars: Ellie, Ferdinand, Enrico, Brandon, Isabel, Ella-Mae, Kelsey, Lilly, Amber-Jade, Joel, Rachael, Chanelle, Michael and Alfie.

Staff Star:
Mr. Gibbons

Dear Families

Please forgive the indulgence of me changing my photo on this week's Weekly. I felt very proud to be chosen by colleagues as the Staff Star of the Week on Friday and felt I should celebrate it!

Academy Update

Most of you will be aware that Windmill Governors and I have done a lot of research into our school becoming an academy. I have kept you informed regularly with anything we have found out and any developments along the way. Our intention is still to join the Community Academies Trust and we made a provisional application to the Department for Education in December which was approved.

We will shortly begin a period of consultation about this, which you will have full access to.

If you would like to find out more about the trust we intend to join (CAT), have a look at their website:

www.communityacademiestrust.org

There are already four schools in Telford that are part of the trust: Grange Park (primary), Telford Park, Telford Langley and Telford Priory (all secondary).

We believe that joining the trust will benefit our school. CAT has a good track record of raising standards, and we would look forward to learning from the good and outstanding practice in CAT schools (as well as being hopeful of sharing our good practice with other CAT schools). There is also a probability that joining the trust will save us time, money and resources (using economies of scale).

As part of the consultation, there will be opportunities for you to ask any questions or raise any points for consideration.

Mark Gibbons, Headteacher



<u>Dates for your diary</u>	
Friday 12th January	Year 6 Pantomime Visit to Wolverhampton Grand
Friday 12th January	KS2 Archery at Charlton Sports Hall
Wednesday 17th January	Year 5 Visit to Wolverhampton University
Thursday 18th January	Parent Forum 9:10am - 10:00am
Friday 19th January	KS1 Kwik Cricket at Telford Tennis Centre
Tuesday 23rd January	UKS2 Basketball Tournament at Charlton Sports Hall

A shared vision for Windmill Primary School (IGNITE)

A school where we ignite something inside children which will grow and flourish...

...a school where we **I**nclude everyone, **G**uarantee opportunities, **N**urture aspirations,

Inspire each other, **T**ry everything and **E**ncourage independence..





Club invitation letters will be coming home with children this week. Please ensure that when returning signed consent slips that the correct money is also sent in.

Non payment will result in your child be removed from the register.

Please also be aware that if your child misses two consecutive weeks they will also be removed from the register.

School Meals

School dinners are **£2.10** per day. This is to be paid in advance or daily in order for your child to have a dinner. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please collect an application form from the school office.

We are seeing an increase in families accruing a debt on their child's dinner account. If your child's balance is in arrears by the equivalent of one dinner your child will not receive a full hot meal but cheese, crackers and a piece of fruit. If you would like to make payment on line please contact the school office for your child's reference number.



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Please send in funds to class teacher!

Please ensure that your child's name is in all items of clothing as we are seeing an increase in lost property.

There will be a Year 6 before school Mathletics club starting from Monday January 8th. It will start at 8.15am everyday up until SAT's. Children are to come through the school office and straight to the Lamputt room. Breakfast is not provided.

We are seeing a significant increase of items being handed in to the school office to be passed to children in class. It is your child's responsibility to ensure that they arrive to school with all their belongings and equipment for the school day. Whilst our admin team are happy to run errands with urgent items, they are becoming inundated with items to deliver. If you find something has been forgotten, please ensure it is handed in by 10.30am, otherwise it may not get delivered to your child.

Can we also ask if collection arrangements for your child have changed that school is notified no later than 2.30pm to ensure that we can notify class teacher. We appreciate your assistance with these matters.

Our next **Parents Forum** meeting is **9:10am** on **Thursday 18th January** in the **Lamputt Room**. All are invited. This is your opportunity to meet other parents & to discuss aspects of school life.

Please ensure children have appropriate clothing for after school clubs as we are experiencing some very cold weather at the moment.

Children with long hair must have it tied back at all times.

Earrings should be single stud only.

Please provide micro pore tape for children's piercings if they need to stay in for PE.

Can we please remind families not to park on the school site unless you have a permit issued by the head teacher and to use the external carpark instead.



UKS2 will be selling healthy snacks on Wednesdays starting from the 10th January. Items will cost 50p. Please ensure payment goes direct to class. No money will be taken at the school office.

