

Monday 7th November 2022



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Year 4 had a Romans Day last Monday. Even though they finished their focus on Romans before the half-term break, the teachers thought the children were so enthusiastic about it, and still had more questions that they wanted to ask, so they had a whole day to help the children experience what the Romans experienced.

They dressed up in Roman clothes, they made Roman shields, they met a Roman emperor, and they practised Roman battle techniques.

Thank you to the teachers for planning it, and to families for supporting it!

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

At the bottom of this page are our strategic priorities for continuing to improve our school.

Improving our school doesn't stop. We are proud to have been judged as a Good school by Ofsted, but we know if we just try and keep doing the same as what we have always done, we will get worse, not better. We always need to be looking to improve.

And that is the attitude we want all of us to have: pupils, staff, families and governors. We want each one of us to always be asking ourselves, 'How can I improve?' I try to ask myself that regularly - as a dad, as a husband, as a headteacher, as a person in my community.

You will notice below, that the fourth priority: 'Collaboration' (we work together) shows that we are not working alone. We partner with others to improve what we do. Our partnership with you, home and school, is vital. You are really good at communicating with us and we aim to be really effective in communicating with you. Please let us know if there is anything we can do better.



This term, we're working on...

- **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:

Talking to Children about Online Safety

This can be hard to do, but it's important. Children need to know they can talk to you if something does go wrong

POPIES - Year 6 will be selling poppies at break and lunch time for the rest of this week.

There are lots of different items ranging from 50p-£1.50.

Lost Property

Will be by the main office every Tuesday from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS -

Please note - there will be no Football or Table Tennis after school clubs on:

Wednesday 9th November due to staff training. Gym Club will run as normal on 9th November.

FLU IMMUNISATION (FLU SPRAY) - Tuesday 15th

November - Please return your consent forms as soon as possible

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...

7. We try to spot each child's talent in our school and to nurture it. Nurturing can range from verbal encouragement, all the way through to sponsoring a child to participate in additional activities. We keep a record of children's talents and share this information between us.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please remember to send your child to school in a warm coat, with a hat.

Year 1

- Class 4 - Remember to send a holiday picture for our Geography lesson.

Year 2

- Practise measuring objects around the house and compare them to each other, which is longer? Which is shorter? Can you find 2 objects that are the same length?

Year 3

- Practice your 4x tables. Can you also count in multiples of 4 from 4-48 and backwards from 48?

Year 4

- Have a go at the learning for parents topic which has been set!

Year 5

- Children need to be in school for 8.15am on Wednesday 9th November.

Year 6

- Parent Meetings - 28th November. Appointment slips will be sent out this week.

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 - ~~CANCELLED~~
- Year 3-4 Table Tennis - ~~CANCELLED~~

Thursday:

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

Friday:

- Year 6 Football

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 3045, Cluddley 3049, Upton 2715 and Rowton 2533.

Term Dates:

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