

Monday 2nd October 2023



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Being a parent is hard, isn't it?

I would imagine that different people would say different things about what is hardest, but for me, the hardest thing is when a child has a tantrum about something - or completely refuses to do what has been asked of them.

If this happens, it is virtually impossible to reason with the child. So how do we handle this?

The answer is to do lots of work to avoid this happening in the future.

Most toddlers have tantrums, but most children grow out of this as they get older, because they learn what works and what doesn't.

If children learn that by having tantrums, screaming and shouting, they get what they want, they will carry on screaming and shouting.

It's hard for parents to stick to what they have said when they can see that it makes their child really upset, but we should stay strong, because we know it's right and best for the future.

A highlight from last week...

Four Year 6 pupils travelled with Mr Gibbons to Wrekin College in Wellington last Friday to take part in a Maths Challenge.

For about two hours, the children worked in pairs to solve many Maths problems. Some problems were hard and some were very hard!

Ade, Mason, Nicolas and Andrew all did brilliantly and showed all the Windmill values: believing in themselves, doing their best, not giving up, aiming high and working well as a team together.

Mr Gibbons felt very proud of them!



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. Thank you.

[SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS](#)
Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 will start secondary school from September 2024. Parents need to apply for a Year 7 place by 31 October 2023 and children with an EHCP by 31 October 2023. You can use [this tool](#) to check which school are your nearest or catchment area.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 891, Cluddley 895, Upton 904 and Rowton 770.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- We have been learning how to count objects, practise this at home. Eg. Counting steps, setting the table for dinner. How many forks, knives?

Year 1

- Class 3 - Muddy Monday clothes please
- Both Class 3 and 4 - please message us on Clasdojo when you read with your child.

Year 2

- Return your library forms that the children brought home back to the library so that children have their own card for borrowing books.

Year 3

- Please bring in shoe boxes for our art topic.

Year 4

- Please carry on learning your 7 times table at home!

Year 5

- We are having a Geography day on Tuesday. Please ask your children about the Artic and Antarctic.

Year 6

- Don't forget to complete applications for secondary schools.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3-4 Football
- Year 2 Athletics

Tuesday:

- Year 3-6 Choir
- Year 5-6 Football
- Year 3-6 Dodgeball

Wednesday:

- Year 3-6 Gymfinity
- Year 3-6 mixed ability Football
- Year 3-6 Archery

Thursday:

- Year 3-6 Team Building
- Year 2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3-6 Dance
- Year 3-6 Girls Football

[HARVEST ASSEMBLY](#) - As part of this years Harvest celebrations we are asking for donations of tinned and packet food which we will send to Telford Crisis Support. If you would like to make any donations, please hand them in to your child class teacher before next Thursday (5th).

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...

4. Working walls - we use working walls in each lesson so that children know the teacher's expectations and how to be successful. The working wall contains: 'what we are learning', 'what to remember', 'what the important vocabulary (words) are' and 'a model/example'