

Monday 11th March 2024



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Whilst I don't really use social media much myself, I do try and keep up to date with what's happening, what people are talking about, etc.

I found it sad last week that people were concerned about a Muslim Imam (leader) visiting school.

Firstly, it is for me a vital part of children becoming responsible citizens that they learn about people's beliefs and cultures. It is not about ideologies and radicalisation; it is about education.

Secondly, as I talked about in my video assembly this morning, respect for and tolerance of religions and beliefs are a fundamental British Value. Ignorance and intolerance of these can lead to disharmony, and sometimes even violence and intimidation.

Finally, we are really careful to vet any visitors that come into school. We are not even allowed to let a plumber in to fix a leak unless they have had a police check. We are not going to let anyone in who might speak inappropriately to our children or who might indoctrinate them.

A highlight from last week...

Last Thursday was World Book Day.

There were lots of themed activities in school, and pretty much everyone dressed in their pyjamas or cosy clothes... even Mr Gibbons wore his 'onesie' all day!

Pyjamas was chosen because it was the most popular choice for families in a survey that Mrs Howells, our Reading Lead, did. It helps children to associate bedtime with reading. It's a lovely way to finish a day, getting cosy and a bit sleepy with a great book.

Don't forget that you can add to your home book collection by taking a book from the box by the office.



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.

Dinner Money: The price for primary meals will increase by 20p per meal to **£2.70** per meal from 1st April 2024.

Dogs On School Grounds - just a reminder dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.

Cakes for Comic Relief 30p on ParentPay sales end 5pm on 14th

Bear Raffle £1 per ticket -To be drawn in assembly on Friday 15th

Mufti (non-uniform) Day - Thursday 21st March - bring some chocolate to qualify. Chocolate raffle 50p per ticket drawn on 22nd March.

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...

2. Our six School Values are: 'Every day is a new day', 'Be there for each other', 'Do your best', 'Don't give up', 'Aim high', 'Believe in yourself'.
- We mention these a lot and you'll hear them regularly in Monday ClassDojo assemblies.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Keeping reading sounds brought home.

Year 1

- Can you make a list of fruit for our fruit kebabs?

Year 2

- Please remember your parent appointments next week. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Year 3

- Parent Meetings are on Friday.

Year 4

- Please can you complete the Times Tables check practise on Emile.

Year 5

- We are going to be learning about sonnets. Can you recite a line from a Shakespeare sonnet?

Year 6

- Boosters are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Parent Meetings - start this week - the children will have brought a letter - please return as soon as possible.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3 and 4 Football
- Year 1 and 2 Kwik Cricket

Tuesday:

- Year 5 and 6 boys Football
- Year 3 to 6 Choir
- Year 3 and 4 Kwik Cricket

Wednesday:

- Year 3 to 6 mixed ability Football Fundamentals
- Year 3 to 6 Netball
- Year 3 to 6 Gymfinity

Thursday:

- Year 5 and 6 Kwik Cricket
- Year 1 and 2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3 to 6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6 GemDanceAcademy

Term Dates:

Break up Friday 22nd March

Start back Tuesday 9th April

Break up Friday 24th May

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 4457, Cluddley 4057, Upton 4191 and Rowton 4118.