

Tuesday 19th March 2024

Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Yesterday we had an Easter celebration in the hall together. That's why there wasn't a video assembly.

We remembered why Christians celebrate Easter and sang songs that showed us what a joyful celebration it is for them. Here are three links to show what we did:

[Celebrate, sing a song this Easter Time - YouTube](#)

[Easter Jubilation - You Tube](#)

[The Christian Story of Easter - YouTube](#)

I also showed them a chocolate egg that had been laid by a chocolate dinosaur, but you'll have to ask the children about that.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter break starting on Monday. The children will be away from school for two weeks and then there is a staff training day on Monday 8th April, so school will start again on Tuesday 9th April.

A highlight from last week...


Mr Gibbons has been working with Iola, Jess, Micki and the Nursery children on Wednesday mornings, usually visiting our Wildlife Area.

Recently, the children have developed a real interest in dinosaurs and prehistoric times, so Ms Lambert has been planning further opportunities for the children to explore and learn.

A book they are loving at the moment is 'Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson (author of The Gruffalo) and illustrated by Emily Gravett. The children used berries and mud to do their own cave painting on the wooden windmill in the middle of the woodland.



The five strands of our strategic plan are:

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- **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.

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

Parent Meetings - started last week - the children will have brought a letter home - please return 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...

3. Deep and Diverse experiences are all guaranteed for every child, no matter what the cost. They are our supplement to the National Curriculum and each child gets a passport to record each experience. For more information, see our website: www.windmillprimaryschool.co.uk.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please practise one more than a number (up to 15).

Year 1

- Watch the weekly phonics review lesson, link on class dojo.

Year 2

- We are learning about value of pounds/notes i.e. 25 x 2p = 50p 100 x 1p = £1. Discuss value of money at home - send a photograph/message on Dojo of any home learning.

Year 3

- We are learning about pneumatic systems in DT this. Find any things powered by air in your home or out and about?

Year 4

- Please keep practising spellings and times tables on Emile.

Year 5

- Please log into ParentPay to give consent for Swimming and provide us with your child's swimming ability.

Year 6

- Boosters are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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 - **CANCELLED**
- Year 3 to 6 Choir
- Year 3 and 4 Kwik Cricket - **CANCELLED**

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 4632, Cluddley 4167,

Upton 4350 and Rowton 4282.