



# Windmill Weekly

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## A highlight from last week...

Two years ago, we became aware of a playground tool that would help us communicate with children with a range of Special Education Needs. The trouble was, these display boards were only available through a charity called 'Finding Charlie's Voice' and we struggled to find a way to order the boards and pay for them.

After much perseverance from Dave in our school office team, we finally took delivery last week and Rob, our caretaker, installed them.

We hope they will be very helpful to children, staff, and maybe families too!

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

As sunnier weather arrives (and hopefully warmer and drier), we look forward to spending even more time outdoors at school.

As you can see at the bottom of page 2, one of the ten things we want all families to know about us is that we have amazing school grounds. We want to make the most of them!

We are starting gardening clubs this term, which will hopefully mean that our market garden area will be well-used, and we will be growing fruit and vegetables to eat in school and maybe even share with families too!

We would like to tidy up and improve parts of our school grounds, and we would love your help because we are a bit short of money as we approach the end of the school year. If you can give your time for free, and we supply the materials, we would welcome your support. Let us know if you're keen and we'll set up some working groups.



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.

ParentPay - Please ensure that you log in to ParentPay regularly to prevent missing important information.

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.

Dinner Money: The price for primary meals has increased by 20p per meal to **£2.70** per meal since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

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

Latest House Point totals:  
Henmoor 4966, Cluddley 4443,  
Upton and Rowton 4488.

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Reception have a go at the shape game on here <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters> then see what shapes you can see around your home.

#### Year 1

- Please watch the review lesson for this week's sounds <https://schools.ruthmiskin.co.uk/training/view/Glas8K4x/aH9lWx77>

#### Year 2

- We are learning all about 2d shapes and their symmetry and 3d shapes. What shapes do you notice at home? Go for a shape hunt and draw them.

#### Year 3

- What is special about the River Nile?

#### Year 4

- Continue with times tables practise for the multiplication check.

#### Year 5

- Please remember that we have swimming on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. 😊

#### 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
- FunZone (Community lead)
- Year 1 and 2 Mini Tennis

#### Tuesday:

- Year 5 and 6 boys Football
- Year 3 and 4 Tennis

#### Wednesday:

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

#### Thursday:

- Year 5 and 6 Rounders
- Year 1 and 2 Football

#### Friday:

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

### Term Dates:

Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Break up Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Start back Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**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...

5. Our school grounds are amazing! We are lucky to lots of space, but did you realise that we have: a woodland area (including a wildlife pond), an outdoor classroom (which doubles up as a bird hide), an orchard, and an allotment area. We make sure all classes have access to those areas.