

Monday 25th November 2024

A highlight from last week...

It snowed!

Of course we understand that snow is a special thing and seems to be less and less common these days...

... and some of you would love to have snow days, in which school is closed and children don't have to come...

... but we believe that children can still have great fun in the snow, even if they are at school, and we can also keep them safe and warm, with their teachers and their friends, with all the learning opportunities that we have here!



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Do we encourage our children to stand up for what they believe in?

I hope that your answer is 'yes'!


Sometimes though, choosing the right way to say what you want to say is very important. I don't know about you, but if someone speaks to me in a rude and aggressive way, I am less likely to listen well and try to respond positively.

I always really like to have conversations with parents who think something could and should be better, but I enjoy them more and am probably more likely to do something about it if the parent is speaking to me in a friendly and polite way.

The other thing about standing up for what you believe in is that it can take courage. There might be a risk for the person who is protesting, and that person should be fully aware of the risk and decide if they are willing to accept the consequences.

I like the idea of Windmill children being a force for good!

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

Lost Property - will be in the main office on Tuesdays from 3:15pm to Wednesdays at 9:00am. Additionally, there will be a second-hand clothing rail available for families to take any items that will be of use to their child.

Asda - are running a Cashpot for Schools initiative in which the school will be given a grant depending on how much YOU spend. If you wish to sign up, log into your Asda app then join the Cashpot for Schools. Please search for our school and add us. This will not affect your personal Cashpot.

Dinner Money - The price for primary meals is **£2.70** per meal. Payments via ParentPay.

Children in Need - Thank you for your Children in Need donations. We raised £259.50!

Christmas Fayre - Friday 6th December 3:30pm-5:30pm - There will be Santa's Grotto, drinks, sweets, games, raffle and our kitchen staff will be serving hot turkey baps. **Raffle tickets are available on Parentpay.**

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Reception have been learning about traditional tales, can you explore some of these with the children.

Year 1

- Please practise this week spellings using the ow sound.

Year 2

- Please remember to send your child in with their reading book to change weekly.

Year 3

- Ask your child about similes and metaphors.

Year 4

- Practice times tables on Maths Frame.

Year 5

- Ask your child what the number for reporting non-emergency incidents are (Answer: 101)

Year 6

- Our trip to Blists Hill is on Thursday - please wear school uniform and trainers and please bring a warm coat.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 1-2 girls Football
- FunZone (Community lead)
- Year 3-6 Gymnastics

Tuesday:

- Year 3-4 boys Football
- Year 1-2 Cricket
- Year 3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- Year 3-6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6 Dodgeball

Thursday:

- Year 3-6 Dance
- Year 1-2 Football

Friday:

- Year 5-6 boys Football

Please note - following clubs are cancelled:

6th December - no clubs due to Christmas Fayre

Term Dates:

Half Term Holiday - Break up Friday 20th December and return Tuesday 7th January.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 1355, Cluddley 1506, Upton 1583 and Rowton 1380.

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...

1. Our school vision is GROW (All children becoming 'Generous', 'Resilient', 'Optimistic' and 'Wise' citizens).
- We think this should be the natural outcome of us living out our school values!