

Monday 17th October 2022



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

What a wonderful first six weeks of the school year it has been, and just this week to go before we have a break for half-term week.

There was a brilliant Welcome Week for all classes to start with, followed by a very positive Ofsted inspection.

Leaders in school continue to monitor teaching and learning and I am pleased to say that high standards are still very much in evidence. There is a reason our end of Key Stage 2 results were high this summer, and that is because teaching here is excellent and has been for a lot of years.

Excellent teaching is built on some fundamentals:

- Keeping children safe
- Behaviour aligned with school values
- Interesting and engaging curriculum
- Every child's need provided for

We will continue to deliver our school vision: Including everyone, Guaranteeing opportunities, Nurturing aspirations, Inspiring each other and Enabling independence.

A highlight from last week...

For Year 6 and Mr Gibbons, a big highlight was visiting The Telford Park School (separate visits). Here's what they said:

'Miss Rigby seems really nice and a good headteacher.' (Harley)


'The food was good and there were encouraging words on the walls.' (Joshua)

'The artwork was very realistic and a high standard.' (Isabel)

'I am always so impressed with Telford Park because every class I walk into is calm and every child is focused on their learning.' (Mr Gibbons)



This term, we're working on...

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- **Metacognition** (children understanding their learning journey) '**We learn well**'
 - **Interaction** (all of us speaking and listening with each other) '**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 for reminders and prompts!

Other news and notices

Congratulations!

Miss O'Hara is expecting a baby around Easter time next year.

Safety Message:

Fact-checking: Help your child question what they are accessing online. Does the website have an About Us or a Contact Section as this is a sign that the site is trustworthy?

Lost Property

Will be by the main office every Tuesday from 9:45am until 3:45pm.

Secondary School Applications -2023/2024

The closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is 31st October 2022. No applications can be accepted after this date.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS -

Please note - there will be no Football after school club on:

Wednesdays 19th October and 9th November due to staff training.

Gym Club will run as normal!

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Practise Dingle Dangle Scarecrow with Mr Tumble <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/dingle-dangle-scarecrow>

Year 1

- Class 3 - what 2d and 3d shapes can you spot at home?
- Class 4 - share with us the reading your child has been doing at home.

Year 2

- Return library books to Southwater library by 19th October (or renew online). Do not bring them into school.

Year 3

- We have been throwing and catching in PE- please practise these skills at home.

Year 4

- Correct PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays please.

Year 5

- Practise rounding to nearest 10,000 and 100,000. Who can do it quicker, you or your grown up?

Year 6

- Please give consent for our cinema trip on 9th November.

Clubs

(Priority for clubs is given to invited children, based on need)

Monday:

- UKS2 Girls Football

Tuesday:

- Year 1-2 Football
- Year 3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- LKS2 Gymnastics
- Year 3-4 Football - CANCELLED

Thursday:

- UKS2 Dance
- Year 5 Football
- KS2 Gardening Club

Friday:

- Year 6 Football

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 1873, Cluddley 1964, Upton 1728 and Rowton 1626.

SCHOOL DISCO - THIS THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER

CLASSES 1-5 - 3:15PM-4:30PM

CLASSES 7-14 - 4:30PM - 6:00PM

TICKETS £1.50 VIA PARENTPAY

Term Dates:

Break up Friday 21st October and children return Monday 31st October.

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.