

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022



# Windmill Weekly

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

This is a looking back and looking forward reflection from me...

I have been at Windmill for over 16 years, with just over 10 of those as headteacher. I love this job and I care deeply about Windmill children.

I also care (a lot) about Windmill staff, and you - our families, and when I think about the success of Ofsted this term, I think it was important for everyone of course, but particularly important for all the adults. The staff team deserve to be recognised for the brilliant work they do, and the families need to know for sure that Windmill doesn't just seem like a good school... it is a good school.

I am committing to at least another 4 years of being headteacher here (unless anything very surprising happens), and I am confident of the very strong and positive school culture paving the way to more success for us all along the way.

Have a look at the school vision page on our website to find out more: [Our Vision | Windmill Primary School](#)

## A highlight from last week...

Thursday's Christmas Dinner and Friday's Santa Dash were great experiences and a lot of thanks has gone to the kitchen team and to Miss Jenks and Miss Panter, who were also key organisers.

Christmas jumpers and Santa hats have helped to make the atmosphere in school very Christmassy, and we have already had the Key Stage 1 nativity performances, with Early Years and Key Stage 2 celebrations to come this week, plus... Santa himself visiting school on Friday, giving every child a reading book as a gift (courtesy of school).

We are always trying to encourage reading so please help us with that.



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 for reminders and prompts!

### Other news and notices

#### Safety Message:

Some social networking such as Omegle and Kidschat.net promote connecting you to chat with people you don't know. Talk to your child about what to and not what to share.

#### KS2 Christmas Celebration

After a huge response from families we are going to have to hold 2 separate celebrations on Tuesday 13th December.

Please can families of children in year 3 and year 4 come at 1.30pm and families of children in year 5 and 6 come at 2.15pm.

This will ensure that everyone can be involved and can fit in the hall.

Was your child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019? They can start primary school in September 2023! Apply for a school place now > <https://orlo.uk/YE415> Have a question? Get in touch via email > [Admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:Admissions@telford.gov.uk)

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Wednesday is Christmas Party Day - party clothes please.

#### Year 1

- Practise pairs of numbers with totals up to 10 e.g.  $6+3=9$ ,  $5+4=9$ .

#### Year 2

- Remember to bring your Christmas Party clothes in on Wednesday in a named bag.

#### Year 3

- Please make sure you return any school reading books by Wednesday.

#### Year 4

- We hope you all have a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you back at school, in PE kit, on Wednesday 4th January.

#### Year 5

- Please remember to bring your pyjamas/clothes to watch our film on Wednesday 14th December.

#### Year 6

- Please log into Parentpay to give your consent for our Panto trip on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### Clubs

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

#### **Monday:**

- UKS2 Girls Football
- Year 5-6 Dodgeball

#### **Tuesday:**

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

#### **Wednesday:**

- LKS2 Gymnastics
- Year 3-4 Football
- Year 3-4 Table Tennis

#### **Thursday:**

- UKS2 Dance
- Year 5 Football
- Year 5-6 Basketball

#### **Friday:**

- Year 6 Football

#### Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 5792, Cluddley 5699, Upton 4919 and Rowton 4889.

#### Term Dates:

Break up Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and children return Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

#### Lost Property

By the main office every Tuesday from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

**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