



Monday 9th December 2024

Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

We just about beat Storm Darragh on Friday when Windmill Friends group organised our Christmas Fayre.

Thank you everyone who came to make it such an enjoyable and festive occasion. Thank you to staff, parents, cooks, friends and family of staff for putting it all together.

And thank you to Santa for coming along with a special bell tent and an elf helper to give many of the children a special experience.

We raised just over £1000, which will all go to making sure children's experiences at Windmill are the best possible!

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Online Safety update

As the senior Designated Safeguarding Lead in school, I want to make sure that I share helpful resources and advice with you about keeping our children safe.

In this Windmill Weekly, I'd like you to know that I am concerned about the age at which children are given mobile phones and the permissions that they seem to have with them.

I personally have not given my children mobile phones until they are in secondary school.

I do not let my children use social media until they reach the recommended ages.

The age guidance for Snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp, YouTube and Tiktok is 13.

The main situation where we hear of bullying allegedly taking place is on phones/tablets.

Good news... Roblox are improving their safety: [Roblox Updates Parental Controls and Introduces New Safety Features for Under 13s](#)



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

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 - we have been running a Cashpot for Schools initiative in which the school would be given a grant depending on how much YOU spent. We are pleased to say we have now been awarded £536.50! Thank you for your support!

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

Christmas Dinner Day - Wednesday 11th December. School meals are £2.70. If you pay for child's school meals, please ensure that you have topped up your child's ParentPay account. Children are also welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers on the same day.

Latest House Point totals:
Henmoor 1678, Cluddley 1768, Upton 1911 and Rowton 1622.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- On your way to school can you find squares and rectangles on your walk in.

Year 1

- Please watch this tricky word video and practise reading and writing the words.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvMyssfAUx0>

Year 2

- A reminder to send your child in with their reading book to change for the last time before Christmas.

Year 3

- Don't forget it's our Grandparent's afternoon tea on Friday.

Year 4

- We are learning how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100. Can you use 'Daily 10' on Top Marks and play the online game. What score will you get?
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

Year 5

- Remember to do your Emile spellings.

Year 6

- Merry Christmas to all families in year 6! 😊

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

Dates for your diary

Early Years Nativity (Nursery and Class 2) - Tuesday 17th December at 10am

KS2 Carol Service (Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14) - Wednesday 18th December at 10:40am

KS1 Nativity (Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6) - Wednesday 18th December at 2pm

Term Dates:

Break up Friday 20th December and return Tuesday 7th January.

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