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Dear Parents & Carers

Happy New Year!



It has been lovely to see you all each morning this week!

Term has begun very positively here at Windmill. Your children have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn. Week 1 has been extremely happy and productive!

However, January can be a grim, stressful month – money is tight, it's cold, dark, miserable... If any of you are struggling, feel free to pop in for a chat, we are here to help you. Remember, our fabulous Family Support Worker, Jodie Burton is here every day of the week.

Best wishes



Ellie Green
Head Teacher

In this newsletter you will find information about the following:

- Attendance Award
- Your Child's Progress
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Attendance Award

Well done Class 5JW for achieving the highest attendance in the last week of term; 100%! Well Done Guys – keep it up as any class achieving 100% three times will receive a special prize.

Your Child's Progress

Parents Evenings will be held on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th of February. This will be a great opportunity for you to see your child's work and to discuss the progress they are making with their teacher. Since September, the Government have implemented a new grading system for children's achievement and progress. Each child is graded compared to the expected level for a child of their age. (The system is a huge shift from the old levels e.g. 1b, 3b, 4a we had become used to). *Expectations have also increased tremendously.* The aim is for pupils to be achieving at or above age-related expectations for their chronological age. Therefore many of our children will need to make accelerated progress during the Spring Term. **Attending school every single day is crucial.** Teachers and TAs will be able to advise you on how best to support your child, and the band they are working within will be shared during parents evening when we can explain fully what this means for your child and how we are supporting and challenging them to achieve their full potential. You will receive a brief progress report at Easter and

a detailed annual progress report towards the end of the Summer Term as usual.

Reading, Spelling, Grammar and arithmetic skills are vital for your child to succeed. There are many ways you can support at home. If you are unsure, just ask us.

School PE Kit

Some children took their school PE kit home for washing over the Christmas break. Please remember to return these to school so that your child looks smart and is comfortable during their PE sessions each week. Your child has their own exclusive PE kit in a named PE bag and they use this during each PE lesson. If kits are not returned, your child misses out as school cannot afford to replace these. As you can imagine, after a term of use some kits would be revived by a good wash! Thanks to all of you who have washed and returned them to school.

INSET Day

Our next INSET day will be on Monday 22nd February, straight after the half term break.

Mid-day Supervisor Vacancies

11.25am - 12.40pm and 11:25am - 1:25pm

Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy have a vacancy for two Midday Supervisors.

The role would involve supervision of meals, promoting good eating habits and caring for children's physical safety and welfare. The successful applicants will be able to encourage good quality play and behaviour.

Please ask for an application form from the school office or telephone 0115 9150195.

Contact Details

Please let the office staff know if there have been any changes to your contact details recently. It is crucial that we have accurate addresses and phone numbers in case of an emergency involving your child.

No Smoking Please

Please remember that our school grounds and the areas by the school gates are no smoking areas. Please respect our children and families by not smoking on or close to our school grounds.

Stay Safe On-line

As some of our children may have received Christmas gifts of tablets, smart phones, Play Stations and other gadgets which enable them to access the internet, it seems like a good opportunity to remind you of the dangers which can lurk on-line if technology is used unsupervised. The website below has updated its information and is a really useful, friendly site to share with your child to help you to discuss how to stay safe on-line.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Parents & Carer Comments

Please use this to let us know your thoughts
(Please tear off and return to the School Office)

