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Dear Parents & Carers

What a wonderful, action packed start to our half term here at Windmill! It is great to have all of our children back refreshed and eager to learn. Our Year Three team enjoyed a fabulous Performing Arts day with other L.E.A.D schools today. Other exciting visits and visitors are planned over the next few weeks. The Spring Term promises to be great fun!

Best wishes



Ellie Green
Head Teacher

In this newsletter you will find information about the following:

- Attendance Award
- Attendance: Miss school and Miss Out!
- Welcome Miss Griffin
- Reading in School – Could you spare half an hour each week to help?
- Keep our school safe

Attendance Award

Well done Class 3ER for achieving the highest attendance last week!

Attendance: Miss School and Miss Out!

Government expectations for attendance and academic attainment have 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. Children with poor attendance will miss crucial learning opportunities and it is inevitable that they will fall behind their peers. At the moment we do not issue fines for extended holidays during term time however, we may have to

consider all avenues to reduce absenteeism. **It is also extremely important that your child arrives to school on time.**

Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will be taking SATs (Standard Attainment Tests) at the beginning of the Summer Term. The format for these is new this year and the Government's expected knowledge and understanding of average pupils has increased hugely. It is vital that children are in school every day so they do not miss out on crucial learning, particularly in preparation for secondary school transfer.

Welcome Miss Griffin

Miss Yvonne Griffin joined us this week as an Assistant Head Teacher. She comes to us with a wealth of experience of teaching and senior leadership in Manchester. Already, she has become a valuable member of our Windmill team and will play an important role in our journey to becoming an outstanding learning community.

Reading in School – *Could you spare half an hour each week to help?*

Learning to read is one of the most important, if not the most important, skill we can teach children to equip them for life. Could you help us to foster a love of reading in our youngest children by sparing 30 minutes each week to share a book with a Year 1 or Year 2 child at this crucial stage in their development? If you are interested in helping, please join me for an informal meeting and training session next Wednesday at 9am in our IT suite. *The kettle will be on to welcome you!*



Keep Our School Safe

Our site manager has reported a couple of alarming incidents recently involving trespassers on our school grounds, and attempts to steal vital equipment our children enjoy using. If you notice anything suspicious on the school grounds during the evenings or at the weekends, please ring 101 to report it to the police by ringing 101. This kind of thing is rare at Windmill and we hope that it stops now – our children deserve to learn in a rich and safe environment.

Parents & Carer Comments

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

