



Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy

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Windmill News

Date: Summer 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

I find it hard to believe that this is my last newsletter of the academic year and what an amazing, successful year it has been. It has been wonderful to have our hard work and improvements we have made validated by Ofsted this year. We also had our L.E.A.D. School Director in last week, who was impressed with how we have continued to progress since our Ofsted inspection in February.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe summer holiday and to thank you for your support over the last academic year. It is an absolute privilege to be Headteacher at Windmill.

Relationships Education

One aspect of the curriculum that has been in the news recently has been Relationships Education and the Government's statement that this will become statutory from September 2020.

Therefore next academic year, I will be conducting consultations and working parties to look at this aspect of the curriculum, so that as a school, we devise a content that takes into consideration the views of all sections of our school community.

Until September 2020, parents have the right to withdraw their children from this aspect of the curriculum, as it is not statutory. During the summer term, we have a week when children study a topic called 'Living and Growing'. If you would like to find out more about this topic, you are welcome to attend a meeting at school at 9:05am on 10th July. The children will study this topic during the week commencing 15th July. If you do not want your child to participate in this learning, please write to the Headteacher or email admin@windmillacademy.co.uk

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would still like to find out more about this part of the curriculum, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Summer Fayre

Mrs Boyce, along with all the staff and children are busy preparing for our annual Summer Fayre. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 4th July, straight after school until 4:30pm.

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New Classes for Next Year

On Wednesday 3rd July, your child will visit his/her new class for the morning. Please see below for information about classes:

- The Foundation classes will be mixed to balance the different characteristics of the classes. They will move to Miss Wayne and Ms Gorton in Year 1. There will be letters going out to inform you of your child's new class next week.
- Miss Wayne's class will move to Miss Spencer in Year 2
- Miss Spencer's class will move to Mr Pritchard in Year 2
- Ms Gorton's class will move to Miss Kinkead in Year 3
- Miss Reay's class will move to Ms Price in Year 3
- Mr Heaton's class will move to Miss Mahmood in Year 4
- Miss Kinkead's class will move to Mr Purdon in Year 4
- Miss Thomason's class will move to Mr Heaton in Year 5
- Ms Price's class will move Miss Hamilton's class in Year 5
- Miss Hamilton's class will move to Mr Whale in Year 6
- Miss Mahmood's class will move to Miss Pickering in Year 6

As you see from the list, some teachers are moving year groups, Ms Gorton, Miss Spencer, Mr Heaton, Ms Price and Miss Mahmood within the main school. Miss Thomason will be moving from Year 4 to Foundation Two.



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Goodbyes and Welcomes

I'm delighted to tell you that there is very little change in staffing overall. Miss McNally in Foundation Two is relocating to Buckinghamshire so will be leaving us in July and Miss Reay will be moving to another school within the city. I would like to wish to take this opportunity to thank them both for their contribution to the school and wish them luck for the future.

I am pleased to be able to share with you that Mr Pritchard and Mr Purdon, both experienced teachers, will be joining us in September and will be here for the transition morning to meet the children.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Teaching Assistant, Miss Kerslake, who started this half term in Key Stage 2.

Dinner money

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have paid their children's dinner money promptly. Please settle your bills before the end of this academic year. Our dinners represent good value for money and I'm sure that you'll agree that our new cook, Mr Singh, is doing a fantastic job.

Attendance

Please remember that holidays are not authorised during the school term and if taken may incur a fixed penalty fine. If you are taking an extended holiday during the summer break, please ensure that your child is back ready for the start of the new term on Tuesday 3rd September.

Visits

Throughout the year, teachers have organised visits to support children's learning in the classroom. I would like to say thank you to all those parents who have been able to give voluntary contributions. The school subsidises all visits substantially to ensure we can provide an enriching education for all of our children, but your voluntary contributions help us to continue to provide a wide range of visits across the school.

Consultation on the proposal to change the length of the school day

Please remember I would like you to give your feedback by sending your responses either by letter for the attention of the Headteacher, to the school office or by email to admin@windmillacademy.co.uk by Wednesday 17th July 2019.

We will release the results of the consultation on Monday 22nd July 2019.

Visit from award winning author Tom Palmer

Key Stage Two had a fantastic visit from Tom Palmer, author of *Armistice Runner*, one of our texts we study in school. This is just one of the many enriching events that we have had over the last year. Please follow our Twitter to keep up to date with the many things happening in school. [@windmilllead](https://twitter.com/windmilllead)



Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd July—Visit new classes
Thursday 4th July—Summer Fayre
Wednesday 10th July—Living & Growing meeting for parents at 9:05am
Monday 15th July—Living & Growing week
Thursday 18th July—Home School Learning Conferences & annual reports to parents
Thursday 25th July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 26th July—Break up for summer
Tuesday 3rd September—Children return to school