



Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy
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Windmill News

Date Summer 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you are as surprised as I am to see the very warm weather continuing from last term. Please make sure that your child brings in a sun hat to wear to protect them from the heat of the midday sun. Luckily we have some nice shady areas in the playground for children to play and sit. We also have air conditioning units arriving for the upstairs classrooms to keep children cool.

I cannot believe we are nearly at the end of my first full year as Headteacher at Windmill. I feel very proud of all the staff and children and what we have achieved this year. Children are producing some super work at school and at home. The learning logs have been a great success and it has been wonderful to see parents getting involved and making some amazing models. Standards across the school have improved significantly. Children tell me that they love the variety of sports and visits they participate in as well as their academic lessons. Staff have worked incredibly hard to provide engaging learning opportunities for your children.

Thank you to Year 5 and 6 parents, who were very understanding yesterday about the late return to school from the athletic event. Unfortunately there was a delay with the coaches.

Annual Reports

You will receive your child's annual report on Tuesday 17th July. Your child will be bringing it home. If you would like to talk to your child's class teacher, he/she will be available in the school hall from 3:15—4:30pm. This will operate on a first come first served basis.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

If you have not completed your GDPR forms, please do so as soon as possible. It is very important that we fulfil our statutory duties regarding data protection.

Before school

Our supervision of children in the mornings starts at 8:50am. Although staff are available if needed before this time. Some children are often keen to play football before school, but unfortunately this can not be allowed as there is the risk of an accident or a bystander being hit. We have footballs in school, so there is no need for any children to bring in a football from home. Children should also not play on the trim trail unsupervised by staff— we will be locking the gates to it

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from Monday in the mornings. This is to prevent the risk of an accident.

Next Academic Year

Next week, children will be visiting their new classes. Please see below the list of which classes will be moving to which teacher.

F2JG will be moving to Miss Wayne (1OW)

F2LS will be moving to Miss Spencer, who is presently teaching Year 2 (1SS)

1OW will be moving to Mrs Bester (2MB)

1LF will be moving to Mrs Reay who will be joining us in September (2ER)

2MB will be moving to Miss Kinkead who will be joining us in September (3LK)

2SS will be moving to Mr Heaton (3DH)

3DH will be moving to Miss Thomason, who is presently teaching Year 6 (4RT)

3LA will be moving to Miss Price (4FP)

4FP will be moving to Miss Mahmood (5HM)

4JH will moving to Mrs Speight who will be joining us in September (5SS)

5HM will be moving to Year Miss Pickering (6RP)

5JW will be moving to Year 6 with Mr Whale as their Year 6 teacher (6JW)

We will be having transition morning on Wednesday 4th July, except for 4JH, who will have theirs on Monday 2nd July. The classes have mainly stayed the same, but in a few classes we have felt that some minor changes would be beneficial to learning. Your class teacher will speak to you about this if your child is included in any movement



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between year group classes. We only ever do this by consulting with you.

Goodbye

I would like to say goodbye and a very big thank you to Mrs Asghar and Miss Wareing, who took Year 1LF and Year 3LA as class teachers after Easter and ensured that their classes have continued to make great progress in their learning.

Miss Soutar will also be sadly leaving us to take up a teaching position at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. I'd like to thank Miss Soutar for all her hard work over the last three years. Miss Hamilton, who joined us last September, will also be leaving to return to Canada. We very much hope that she will be able to return and work with us again in the very near future. Miss Bilakhia, Miss Ali, Miss Farooq and Miss Lazou, Teaching Assistants, who have been working here temporarily will also be leaving. Thank you for your dedication to our children and we wish you all luck for the future.

Hello

As you can see from the staffing list, we have Miss Reay (Year 2), Miss Kinkead (Year 3), Miss Speight (Year 5) and also Miss Edwards who is joining us in Foundation 2. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to them all.

Summer Fayre—Thursday 5th July

We are very much looking forward to our annual Summer Fayre. Ms Boyce and all the staff have been preparing hard in many ways. Thank you to everyone who has been bringing in donations. Please keep them coming. We are very grateful. I look forward to seeing you there.

Next Year's Calendar and Inset days

Please find attached to this, the academic calendar for next year which also shows our Inset days. As always, please remember that holidays will not be authorised during school time. Only under exceptional circumstances and where there is documentary evidence, can leave be authorised during the school term.

Religious Leave

Some parents have asked about authorising days off for religious observance such as Eid. According to the Department of Education, children may have three days of absence in a

year for religious observance. However, these can only be authorised if the day of absence is the official date of the festival. For example, if Eid fell on a Saturday, we would NOT be able to authorise the Friday off school. Melanie Jago, our Attendance Officer, is more than happy to talk to anyone to explain this further.

Lord Mayor's Awards for Good Attendance

Congratulations to Francesca Stagnitto and Evan Holland who have had their names picked out of a hat of children's names who have good attendance. They will be off to the Council House next week to meet the Lord Mayor.

Thank you all for your continued support

Teresa Shrestha
Headteacher

Diary Dates

5th July— Summer Fayre

17th July—Annual Reports sent out & Parents Evening

Thursday 26th July—Break up for Summer

Monday 3rd September—Children return to school