



Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have been enjoying the wonderful weather. It is certainly making break times and lunchtimes for the children very pleasurable, as they are able to enjoy the many games provided by our great team of midday supervisors.

Goodbye and Hello

Mrs Tina Lee, our Chef Manager for over 19 years, has left to take up another post. I'd like to wish her luck for the future and thank her for all her years of dedication to Windmill. I would like to welcome Miss Jayne Holt, who is our new Chef Manager and we are looking forward to our new tasty menus. Ms June Bird has also left for a career change and again, I would like to thank her for her hard work and wish her well for the future. Mrs Amanda Musgrove is temporarily fulfilling Ms Bird's role in overseeing Breakfast Club and lunchtimes.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is supported by Business in the Community and is free of charge. We offer a healthy breakfast of cereal, juice and toast in a relaxed setting, where children can also enjoy participating in a variety of creative activities.

This is a super opportunity, however numbers are limited and demand is high. If your child is registered but has not been attending, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can offer your child's place to someone else. Thank you.

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Diary Dates

May 25	Break up for the Whitsun Holidays
June 4	Return to School
June 12	Year 3 - 6 Sports Day
June 18	Inset Day
June 19/20	Modern Foreign Languages Days
June 27	Parent Meeting: PSHE 'Living and Growing'
July 5	Summer Fayre
July 17	Parents Evening and Annual Report
July 23	Week Beginning Year 6 Leavers Concert
July 26	Break up for the Summer Holidays

Values Champion

Look at how great our Values Champion medals look! It is wonderful to see the children wearing them so proudly in their classes. I can see lots of lovely smiles around school as we are focusing on the value of positivity this month.



Homework

I'm pleased to say I have seen some great examples of homework so far. I particularly love the model rats by Maddison and Effie from their topic on 'The Plague!' Remember, the first Achievement Assembly next term will be celebrating children's homework projects from this term. I'm really looking forward to seeing what the children have been studying at home.



Ramadan

Ramadan is observed by Muslims across the world and observing Ramadan has the potential to offer individuals many benefits as well as the potential to cause temporary physical hardship during the day. However, the physical hardships for children raise concerns as they can include: exhaustion, decreased brain function, dizziness and headaches, and, I'm sure you'll agree, children experiencing these symptoms are going to find a long day at school hard, particularly in the present heat. Your child's class teacher will check with you if they say they are fasting. If this is the case, we will provide supervision inside school at break and lunchtimes so that they are not out in the heat or exerting themselves physically.



We value **your voice** and would like you to join us on our journey of improvement.

Standardised Assessments

It is always a busy time in school as we assess children's progress. Foundation 2, Year 2 and Year 6 all have national assessments and tests that are set by the Department for Education. These help us measure our children's progress and attainment against all schools nationally. Obviously the younger children are unaware that they are being assessed.

I am so impressed with how sensible particularly our Year 6's have been doing their tests, they have had a really mature attitude and have worked so hard. Well done Year 6! Our administration of the Year 6 tests were monitored on the behalf of the Standards Testing Agency and I'm pleased to say they were very impressed with our organisation and delivery of the Year 6 tests.

Our Amazing Basketball Team

Well done to our superb basketball team, who just seem to go from strength to strength. They are expertly coached by Mr Dannheimer and supported by Mr Rose and they certainly rise to the challenges in different competitions. Jimmy 'Jumpshot' Smith (England's senior basketball coach) has written in his last newsletter, "Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy whizzed past all competition at the opening 36th Notts Mini-Basketball Rally. The way Windmill shot the ball, it wouldn't have mattered who they played—everything was going in!"

Parent/Carer Information Session

As part of the Personal, Social, Health education (PSHE), children are taught about living and growing. This includes learning about families, growing, body changes and for Year 6 reproduction. To inform you about this aspect of the curriculum, Ms Aggus, who leads our PSHE, will hold a meeting on 27th June at 3:30pm in the school hall.

Thank you for your support. Please remember if you would like to discuss anything, I am only happy to see you and listen to what you are saying. I firmly believe that it is through partnership working that Windmill will continue to thrive.

Best wishes,

Teresa Shrestha, Headteacher

General Data Protection Regulation

You may have heard about GDPR which will replace the data Protection Act 1998 from 25th May 2018. As part of the L.E.A.D. Academy Trust, we have a new policy to ensure that we comply with these new regulations. We will be updating our information for you and permissions about how we use and store your child's personal information and photographs. Letters will be coming out soon.

Contact Details

It is extremely important that we have up to date contact details so that we can contact you in an emergency. If you change your mobile number or move house it is essential that you let us know. It can be very distressing for a child if they are ill, or has had an accident and we cannot contact their parent/carer quickly. We also need two more emergency contact details in case you can not be contacted. Please let the office know any changes immediately. Thank you.

Twitter

Do remember to follow us on Twitter. We regularly update it with school news. It is a great and easy way to find out what is happening at school.