



# Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been having a very busy term. The children have been working hard and producing some great work. It is wonderful to see so many of you attending Achievement Assemblies on Mondays. You should be very proud of your children. Thank you for all your efforts for World Book Day - the children had a great day studying the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers and looked wonderful in their costumes. The staff also made a huge effort to make the day special for the children. How many characters can you identify amongst the staff team?



## Learning, Growing and Achieving Together

Since I started as Headteacher full-time in September, we have done a great deal of work about our vision for the school, which I consulted you about earlier in the year. This vision is captured in the catchphrase 'Learning, Growing and Achieving Together', which sits within the L.E.A.D. vision and values. You will begin to see this around school, a great reminder of what we are about. Children are focusing on a different value every month. This month we are looking at the value of kindness. I have been seeing many kind acts happening around school. Hopefully, our values medals will be arriving in school this week. One child is chosen every month from each class as a values champion and they will be able to wear their medals with pride around the school.

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## Diary Dates

March	<b>29</b>	<b>Break up for the Easter Holidays</b>
April	<b>16</b>	<b>Return to School</b>
May	<b>25</b>	<b>Break up for the Whitsun Holidays</b>
June	<b>04</b>	<b>Return to School</b>
June	<b>18</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
July	<b>26</b>	<b>Break up for the Summer Holidays</b>

# Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the parent questionnaires. It was very pleasing to see such high percentages of parents/carers that are happy with how the school is running.

Having studied the results, I have reflected on how we can further improve. So, I have attached a leaflet to this newsletter about bullying for your information. We always take bullying extremely seriously and will work very closely with you to resolve any issues. Children are

presently completing a questionnaire about bullying which we will be analysing carefully. Please do not hesitate to see your child's class teacher if you are worried about any issues.

There is also an online questionnaire that you can access about the school. We ask if you could please spare ten minutes to complete the questionnaire by visiting <http://survey.gi-assessment.co.uk/s/4GGF6/> and logging on using the password, **WLA14789parent**.

Question	Strongly Agree and Agree	Disagree and Strongly Disagree
1. My child enjoys school	98%	2%
2. My child feels safe at school	95%	5%
3. My child makes good progress at school	100%	0%
4. My child is well looked after at school	96%	4%
5. My child is well taught at school	100%	0%
6. My child receives the appropriate homework for their age	95%	5%
7. The school makes sure it's pupils are well behaved	97%	3%
8. The school deal effectively with bullying	91%	9%
9. The school is well led and managed	97%	3%
10. The school responds well to any concerns I raise	93%	7%
11. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	97%	3%
12. The school is improving	98%	2%
13. I would recommend this school to another parent	97%	3%



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

## Malicious Communication Reports

Over the past few days, it has been brought to my attention that there have been a number of malicious communications, through letters, texts and social media that have been reported across the UK. The letters are intended to cause fear and offence to members of the Muslim community. To receive something like this is obviously very upsetting and frightening but we have been assured by the police that they are working hard to identify those responsible. Their priority is to ensure public safety and they have a dedicated team working on this. Please contact the local police station if you are subjected to any malicious communications. Unfortunately there are a few people in our society who behave in this way and we know that the vast majority of our community act with mutual tolerance and respect. We will continue to work on our values and celebrate our wonderful multicultural community. However if you have any concerns, questions or need further advice please get in touch.

## Community Member Vacancies for the Academy Advisory Body

I'm delighted to tell you that Misbah Azad and Maria Roman have joined us as parent members of the Academy Advisory Body. We still have two community member vacancies, if you are interested or know someone in the local community who may be, please let the office know. Thank you.

## Good-Bye and Thank You

Ms Freer, our Year 1 teacher, will be leaving due to relocation at Easter. We are lucky that Mrs Asghar, who is already working with us will become the Year 1 class teacher after Easter. Ms Bailey, who works 3 days in Foundation Stage is also leaving for a promotion and her role will be filled by Ms Farooq. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their hard work and wish them well for the future. I would especially like to thank Ms Bailey for setting up the Woodland Learning Programme that the children really enjoy and I'm pleased to say that Mr Rose will now be leading this programme of visits.

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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**

## Building Improvements

Thank you for your support during the building works. I'm pleased to report that the work is going well. So whilst it is requiring us to alter our routines and school reorganisation at the moment, it will be worth it in the long run.

## Sports Relief

What an active and amazing day we have for Sports Relief. The children have been amazing and really enjoyed completing their running laps and other activities. Thank you for the contributions and I'm pleased to say that we have raised £177.51.

## 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. During the recent school closure, we did not have everyone's correct phone numbers which meant that some of you will have not received the text messages keeping you up to date during the extreme weather. 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.