



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

Date Autumn 1

Dear Parents/Carers

I'm pleased to report that we have had a super start to the new academic year. We have had the School's Director from L.E.A.D. Jan Connor, round to look at the quality of teaching and learning and she was very impressed. She commented particularly about how focused the children were at their tasks and how polite they were.

Our results at Key Stage 2 have improved significantly compared to previous years, putting us broadly in line with national attainment for reading, writing and maths combined.

Our results at Key Stage 1 have also improved in writing and maths. At end of Foundation 2, the amount of children reaching the early learning goals has also improved. These are superb achievements and a reflection of how the new approaches to teaching we have been working so hard on, are having a positive impact. Windmill has a very dedicated staff working with you to provide the very best education possible.

Reading Morning

Thank you to all the Key Stage 1 parents/parers who attended our reading morning last week. It was wonderful to see so many of you engaged in reading activities with your children. We also hope that you found it informative and will help you support your child's reading at home.



We will be holding more mornings like this throughout the year. Mrs Boyce (Deputy Headteacher) will be running a session for parents on helping your child to read at home on 4th October from 9am—10am in the school hall.

Building work

We are nearly there! We hope to have the new entrance completed by the end of the half term holidays and to have moved the school office back over and be fully operational by the end of the first two weeks in November. I'm sure you will agree, it will be worth the wait.

In this half term...

- Reading Morning
- Building work
- Parent Room/Meeting Room
- Prince William Award
- Boromi Bags
- Home time Arrangements
- GDPR reminder
- Inset Day
- Parents Evening
- Mornings
- Midday Supervisor advert
- Finally
- Diary Dates

Parents Room/Meeting Room

We will have a dedicated room for parent classes when the building work has been completed. Jodie Burton, our family worker has been busy arranging classes for parents/carers. The first class will be 'Keeping Up With the Children in English,' due to start on Thursday 8th November from 1—3pm for 6 weeks. It is completely free. There will be a flyer coming out later this week with more details.

Prince William Award

We are delighted to be participating in the Prince William Award. We have children working with instructors to help them build their character, resilience and confidence, to empower them to 'be their best'.

Boromi Bags

The Early Years Unit are enjoying their 'Boromi Bags'; lots of families are enjoying their reading and games.

Home time Arrangements

To ensure the safety of children at the end of the day, children should be collected by an adult from early Years to Year 4. However, at Year 4, we understand that arrangements may need to vary, depending on personal circumstances. If this is the case, please put in writing the end of school arrangements for your child. These will need to be approved by myself. For Years 5 and 6, please complete the attached form about home time arrangements.



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GDPR Reminder

With the new General Data Protection Regulations now in place, we still need permission slips for some of our children regarding their use of photographs and how we share their information with other agencies. We have again attached a letter with this newsletter. Please complete and hand your form to the school office.

Inset Day

Please remember Monday 8th October is our Inset day. We will be looking at different ways to improve children's writing.

Home School Learning Conferences (Tuesday 9th October)

Please do everything you can to attend our Home School Learning Conferences on Tuesday 9th October. This is a really informative session where you can find out how your child has settled into their new class and what targets they have in their learning.

Mornings

It has come to my attention that children are arriving very early to school to play on the playground. During this time (around 8am) there is no adult supervision as staff are busy preparing for the school day. Therefore, the school gates, from next week, will be opened from 8:30am and there will not be access onto the school playground before that time. The only children before this time will be those coming in for morning classes and breakfast club. I hope you understand that this is to ensure the safety of all children on the school premises. Please talk to your child about the correct time to come to school. If you are having difficulties around the start of the school day, please let us know as we may be able to help.

Vacancy for a Mid-day Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. The hours are 11:45am—1:20pm every day.

The role will involve supervision of meals, promoting good eating habits and caring for children's physical safety and welfare. The successful applicant will need to be able to encourage good quality play and behaviour.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Please ask for an application form from the school office or telephone 0115 9150195.

Finally

As always, please do not hesitate if you have any suggestions or concerns to come and see myself or another member of staff.

Best wishes

Teresa Shrestha
Headteacher

Diary Dates

- **Helping your child with reading— Thursday 4th October**
- **Home School Learning Conferences— Tuesday 9th October**
- **Break up for half term — Friday 19th October**
- **Return to school— Monday 5th November**
- **Break up for Christmas holiday— Friday 21st December**
- **Return to school— Monday 7th January**