



Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very positive first few weeks of term. I must congratulate you on how smart your children are looking, their smartness is also being matched by continued improved behaviour. We are especially working on being polite and helpful to one another. Many visitors to the school have commented about how friendly and courteous our children behave.

Website

Last week you will have received a class newsletter, these will be sent home every half term to inform you about the topics your child will be studying. They are also available on the website. Please check the school website for links that you and your child can use, such as games for children that speak English as an additional language or about keeping safe online.

We will be having our own Twitter page soon on the website to keep you up to date and a central place for you to share your views and contact us. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Visions and Values

As the new Headteacher, one of my main tasks has been to establish a new vision for Windmill, underpinned by a strong set of values. Please read the attached draft and I would welcome any feedback that you may have, before we adopt this vision, which will help shape the future of our school.

Questionnaire

We will be giving out a questionnaire at our events that parents are attending over the coming month. I would be very interested to hear your views. This is extremely important as it will help inform how we develop your children's education at Windmill. Please return either to the office or your child's teacher.

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Languages

One of the wonderful things about Windmill is that we have 33 languages being spoken. My ambition is to try and have some of these languages around school. We will be sending out a letter next week asking you to write certain words in your home language. We will then be able to use them around school.

Lost Property

We seem to have a mountain of clothes in lost property. Please can you have a look and collect any you may have lost. We will donate the clothes to a local clothing bank in the first week of January if they have not been collected. It is very helpful if you put your child's name in their clothes.

Temporary Gate Closure

We have to inform you that the school entrance on Sandringham Road will be closed due to building maintenance work on the school wall, therefore only the front gates to the school on Sneinton Boulevard can be used. This will start on Monday 27th November and will last for approximately 5 days. If the work takes any longer, we will let you know. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause



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Windmill News

Date Autumn 2 2017

Our new School Council representatives 2017-2018

1OW Zara Begum
1LF Muhammed Shaheer
2SS Daniel Iyare
2MB Mubasher Atai
3LA Mia Brown
3Dh Evan Holland
4FP Jakob Pawlikowski
4JH Yahya Demba
5HM Muhammed Kaif
5JW Asif Shareef
6RT Ayman Watters
6RP Lilyannah Ndawana

Congratulations to all the children on their election. I'm sure they will do a fantastic job in representing their classes.

Helping your child with reading—sessions for parents

Ms Boyce will be holding two information sessions about helping your child with reading at home. These will be held in the school hall at 9am on Tuesday 28th November for Key Stage One parents and on Thursday 30th November for Key Stage Two parents. Please come along, they will be really informative and will last for half an hour. We hope to see you there.

Academy Advisory Body

All school have a board of Governors. As Windmill is part of the L.E.A.D. Academy Trust, we now have an Academy Advisory Body, which have a similar role and are responsible for having an oversight of the activities and strategic direction of the school. We have a parent vacancy, if you are interested in the role, ask at reception. You will need to have a clear Criminal Record Check to be eligible.

Farewell to Mr Allsop

Mr Allsop, who has been our Site Manager for 11 years, will be leaving us to relocate to Lincolnshire on Friday 8th December. On behalf of everyone, I would like to say a very big thank you for all his hard work and dedication to Windmill and wish him good luck in his new post.

Christmas at Windmill

We celebrate festivals across many cultures and we have organised some special Christmas celebrations.

Foundation Stage Christmas production 19th December at 10:30am and 2:30pm

KS1 Christmas production 14th & 15th December at 2:30pm

KS2 Christmas craft mornings starting at 9am for an hour:

Year 3 18th December

Year 4 19th December

Year 5 21st December

Year 6 20th December

Please come and join us and listen to our choir sing Christmas Carols.

Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children 22nd December. Donations welcome.

Last day of term: Friday 22nd December

First day of term: Monday 8th January 2018

Thank you for your continued support

Teresa Shrestha
Headteacher