

Windmill Academy Newsletter

3rd September 2018

Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a super holiday. It has been great seeing all the children today keen and happy to return to school in their uniforms. Thank-you for supporting our uniform policy so well, it definitely helps the children focus on their work and learn about appropriate dress codes for different occasions.

Meet the New Teacher.

As part of our development of opportunities for you to be more involved in school life, we are giving you the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher this week after school. This will also enable you to find out about what your child will be learning and expectations for homework, reading and learning logs.

The days are as follows:-

Tuesday 4th September - Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 5th September— Foundation 2, Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday 6th September – Year 5 and 6

Building Work

The builders and our site manager, Mr Kuzniar, have worked hard throughout the summer. You will be able to see much of the new construction at the front of the school. Work will continue until the October half term. Until further notice please use the same entrances and the school office is still located next to the dining hall. I'm sure you can see that it is going to look spectacular and will have been worth the wait.

Dinner Money

We request that you decide how your child would like to have their lunches half-termly, whether it be school dinners, packed lunches or home dinners. Remember Key Stage 1 and Foundation 2 children are still entitled to a free school meal and Key Stage 2 if you are eligible. From Monday 10th September please bring dinner money to the school office. You will be required to sign a book as evidence that it has been paid, therefore dinner money should no longer be taken by your child's class teacher. If you can bring the correct amount that would be really helpful. Thank you.

Free-School Meals and a Free School Sweatshirt

Even if your child has free school meals because he/she is in the lower school, it is still important that you apply for free school meals. This is because the school gains funds called pupil premium. If you look on the website you can see how we spend this money to further enhance your child's educational opportunities. We will also give you a free school sweatshirt. Please speak to the office if you would like further details.

Values

We will be starting the school year off looking at the value of ambition. A great one to start the new school year as children can set their goals and aspirations for the year ahead.

GDPR reminder

With the new General Data Protection Regulation now in place, we still need permission slips for some children regarding use of their photographs and how we share their information with other agencies. If you think you have not completed one of these please see the office for a form.

We need three contacts for every child!

L.E.A.D. Academy Trust have asked their schools to have three emergency contacts for every child. It is very important that we can contact you in the event of an emergency at school or if we need to get a message to you and find out why your child is absent from school. If you have not given us these or have a change in contact details please update your child's records as soon as possible.

Dates

Our next Inset day is **Monday 8th October 2018**.

We break up for autumn half term holiday on Friday 19th October and return to school on Monday 5th November.

Attendance

Please remember that holidays are not authorised during the school holidays and leave can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Please speak to our Attendance Officer Melanie Jago if you would like to discuss any issues around your child's attendance or would like support.

Finally

The staff team and I look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming academic year. As always please do not hesitate if you have any concerns or suggestions to come and see myself or a member of staff. Our aim is to ensure we provide the very best education for your child.

Best Wishes

Teresa Shrestha

Headteacher