

**Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy**  
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**Newsletter 1**  
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**Dear Parents & Carers,**

Welcome back! What a fantastic start to our new school year! All of our children arrived on Tuesday looking smart, smiley and ready to work hard. There has been a wonderful, happy buzz in the air around school this week. Children in Year 2 are working hard in their English sessions describe delicious feasts and intriguing settings, whilst our Year 5 team are about to set off on a Mission to Outer Space – School really is a lively, engaging learning environment.

We were delighted with your involvement in our Year One workshops and Introduction to Years Two and Three. Many more opportunities for you to join us in school to support your children are planned.

Best wishes,

Ellie Green  
Head Teacher

In this newsletter you will find information about:

- Uniform and FREE PE Kit
- FREE Lunches for Reception and KS1
- Acceptable Attendance
- Breakfast Club
- After School Clubs
- INSET Day

#### **Uniform and FREE PE Kit**

It has been brilliant to see children proudly wearing their smart Windmill uniforms and sensible footwear. Thank you. Let's keep this up!

Our FREE PE kits have been delivered and are ready to use from next week. Children will keep these in school so that they always have a change of PE clothing.

#### **FREE Lunches for Reception and KS1**

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are served a **free** school meal every day. Lunch times are an important part of their day and their learning. Your child does not need to bring a packed lunch.

Tina and her team are doing an AMAZING job in to make sure that lunchtimes are the healthiest and happiest ever here at Windmill.

#### **Acceptable Attendance**

Government targets have changed. From September, parents risk being fined and taken to court if a child's attendance dips below 90%. Acceptable attendance is between 96% and 100%. Therefore, we will have to take a very firm stance on poor attendance. **Just 8 days off over the year will result in attendance below 96%.** NO holidays during school time will be authorised. **Your child's education must come first.**

I sympathise with those with family overseas however, visiting during term time has a serious negative impact on your child's learning, achievement and friendships.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club is open from 08:15 each morning. If you would like your child to come along, please see the office staff for more details.

#### **After School Clubs**

We will be offering a variety of after school clubs shortly. Watch out for a separate letter with all the details coming home next week.

Our next **INSET** day is on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.**

#### **Parents & Carer Comments**

*Please let us know your thoughts*

