

**Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy**  
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**Newsletter 2**  
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**Dear Parents & Carers,**

What a wonderful week at Windmill! Our children are working hard and enjoying their learning – some super work is already appearing on classroom displays and around school.

Our L.E.A.D Director of Education visited us on Tuesday. Mr Spencelayh commented on the calm, happy and focused atmosphere around school. He also recognised how well-mannered and enthusiastic about their school work our children are. All staff are working incredibly hard to make this the best year ever here at Windmill. I feel very proud to be the Head Teacher here.

Best wishes,



Ellie Green  
Head Teacher

In this newsletter you will find information about:

- Uniform
- Breakfast Club
- After School Clubs
- Acceptable Attendance
- Parent Drop-in Sessions

#### **Uniform**

It has been brilliant to see children proudly wearing their smart Windmill uniforms and sensible footwear. Our visitor also commented on this. Thank you. Let's keep it up as our uniform shows that we are all part of a caring team with super-high standards. 😊

#### **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**

A variety of after school clubs ranging from sports clubs to story clubs and film clubs launch very soon. Rummage through your child's book bag to find the slip which lets you know which club they are signed up to attend.

Please give written permission for your child to walk home alone if that is what you wish. (A note in their diary is fine).

*Thank you for co-ordinating all of this Miss Slade – it's a huge task!*

#### **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 who have family overseas however, visiting during term time has a serious negative impact on your child's learning, achievement and friendships.

Since our return to school, attendance has been a major concern here at Windmill. It is vital that your child is in school every single day.

**Classes 5JW and 6LR had the best attendance last week and will receive the Golden Envelope today.**

#### **Parent Drop-in Sessions**

Our popular parent drop-in sessions which have been taking place on Friday mornings will now take place on **Friday afternoons from 2pm.** All welcome, particularly our families who require support with filling in forms and translations.

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

**Please use this to let us know your thoughts**  
*(Please tear off and return to the School Office)*