

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

What a wonderful end to a very busy and successful half term here at Windmill!

It was lovely to see so many of you attending Parents Evenings this week – it's great to share your child's progress, achievements and how we can work together to support them. If you struggled to see your child's teacher this week, please make a suitable appointment after half term.

Finally, I hope you all have a relaxing half term break. Remember, Monday the 22nd February is an INSET day for teachers. We will be planning some developments to our learning environment to complement The Windmill Way. I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and eager to learn on **Tuesday 23rd February.**

The Chief Executive of L.E.A.D, Diana Owen CBE, visited us on Thursday and was extremely complimentary about the progress we have made as a school since her last visit in the Autumn.

Best wishes



Ellie Green  
Head Teacher

In this newsletter you will find information about the following:

- Attendance Award
- Important dates
- Attendance: Miss school and Miss Out!
- EPIC Community Games Holiday Club – February Half Term

#### Attendance Award

**Well done Classes SJW and 6LR for achieving the highest attendance last week!** Well Done –any class achieving 100% three times will receive a special prize.

#### Important Dates

Our next INSET day will be on Monday 22nd February, straight after the half term break.

#### Attendance: Miss School and Miss Out!

*Government expectations for attendance and academic attainment have increased tremendously.* The aim is for pupils to be achieving at or above age-related expectations for their chronological age. Therefore many of our children will need to make accelerated progress during the Spring Term.

**Attending school every single day is crucial.** Children with poor attendance will miss crucial learning opportunities and it is inevitable that they will fall behind their peers. At the moment we do not issue fines for extended holidays during term time however, we may have to consider all avenues to reduce absenteeism. **It is also extremely important that your child arrives to school on time.**

**Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will be taking SATs (Standard Attainment Tests) at the beginning of the Summer Term. The format for these is new this year and the Government's expected knowledge and understanding of average pupils has increased hugely. It is vital that children are in school every day so they do not miss out on crucial learning, particularly in preparation for secondary school transfer.**

#### Wedding News



Our Assistant Head Teacher, Miss Burton is getting married over the half term break. We wish her lots of luck and happiness on her wedding day for the future. Miss Burton will be Mrs Bertie on her return to school.

#### EPIC Community Games Holiday Club – February Half Term

**Dates:** Monday 15, Tuesday 16 & Wednesday 17th February

**Times:** 10-3pm each day at King Edward Park (indoor facilities available in event of bad weather).

**Age:** 8-12 years

**Cost:** £1 per child (£2 per family)

Meet at King Edward Park at 9.45am to register.

Remember to bring wet weather clothes and a packed lunch.

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**Looks like great value and great fun!**

#### Parents & Carer Comments

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