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Dear Parents & Carers

Another busy week here at Windmill! It feels like Spring is emerging so the children have had some lovely happy playtimes and lunchtimes and PE sessions outside with our new equipment.

Best wishes



Ellie Green
Head Teacher

In this newsletter you will find information about the following:

- The GREAT Project
- Attendance Award
- Attendance: Miss school and Miss Out!
- Reading in School – Could you spare half an hour each week to help?
- Smart Uniform

Roman Invasion!

Our Year 4 team had a wonderful day as Romans on Thursday as part of their history learning. Costumes, artefacts and an array of exciting activities really brought their learning to life. The day was great fun!

Attendance Award

Well done Class 1GG and Class 6LR for achieving the highest attendance last week!

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.

No Smoking Please

Please remember that our school grounds and the areas by the school gates are no smoking areas. Please respect our children and families by not smoking on or close to our school grounds.

Parents & Carer Comments

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

