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Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back after the Spring Break! It is lovely to have had so many sunny days to enjoy this week.

Our summer term is off to a great start – children are enjoying their new learning themes, from Brazil to Julia Donaldson's books, Superheroes to Dinosaurs.... This promises to be an exciting term.

It is a crucial learning time for Year 6 and Year 2 as they begin their final preparations for SATs. For all children, the summer term is extremely important as it will prepare them for their next stage of learning in September.

Best wishes



Ellie Green
Head Teacher

In this newsletter you will find information about the following:

- Attendance Award
- Welcome Mrs Vowles and Ms Leith
- SATs: Miss School and Miss Out!
- Playground Project

Attendance Award

Well done Class 2MD for achieving the highest attendance last week! Well Done – any class achieving 100% three times will receive a special prize.

Welcome Mrs Vowles and Ms Leith

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Rebecca Vowles to our KS1 staff team and Ms Julia

Leith to our Year 6 team. Already, both new members of staff have established a rapport with our children and are making a valuable contribution to the happy and purposeful learning atmosphere here at Windmill.

INSET Days

We have two INSET days planned for the Summer Term: **Monday 6th June**, attached to the half term break and **Friday 1st July**.

SATs: Miss School and Miss Out!

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.

Playground Project

I can't say much at the moment however, an extremely exciting new development is being planned here at Windmill.... A team of designers are planning to develop our school playground to create a colourful, imaginative and relaxing area for all of our children to enjoy. More news and hopefully some illustrations will follow shortly.

Parents & Carer Comments

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

