

Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy
0115 9150195
Newsletter 1
September 9th 2016
www.windmillacademy.co.uk

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back! What a fantastic start to our new school year! There has been a wonderful, happy buzz in the air around school this week. Children in Year 2 are working hard in their English and History sessions finding out about The Great Fire of London whilst our Year 6 team are about to set off on a journey through life in WWII – Windmill really is a lively, engaging learning environment.

Our new school playground looks fabulous and is being thoroughly enjoyed by all of our children. It offers a calm, imaginative space providing our children with much more freedom and a safer environment. I hope you like it! There are still a few finishing touches to be made however, I will be inviting you all over for a *Picnic on The Playground* when it is completely finished.

Best wishes



Ellie Green
Head Teacher

In this newsletter you will find information about:

- Smart Uniform Reminder
- Eid Celebrations
- Acceptable Attendance
- Breakfast Club
- After School Clubs
- INSET Day

Smart Uniform Reminder

It has been brilliant to see children proudly wearing their smart Windmill uniforms and sensible footwear - thank you. However, a number of extreme haircuts and colours have appeared which are unsuitable for school. Please let these grow out and choose a sensible neat style in future.

Please remember that sensible, tidy uniform must be worn to school. *Let's keep Windmill looking*

smart – we want pupils to stand out for their achievements and personal attributes, not by their appearance!

Eid Celebrations

Many of our Muslim families will be celebrating Eid on Monday 12th September. Whilst we realise that this is an important occasion, the start of a new school year is also extremely important. After speaking with several parents, could we please ask that children attend school as normal on Monday morning and are collected to enjoy family and community celebrations at lunchtime for the afternoon. Hopefully this will give you a calm household to prepare everything! Everyone must return to school on Tuesday morning.

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

Baby News

I am thrilled to share that Miss Thraves' new baby boy arrived safely in the early hours on our first day back at school. We will be sending her our congratulations and best wishes.

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 14th October.**

Parents & Carer Comments
Please let us know your thoughts

Mid-day Supervisor Vacancies

11.25am - 12.40pm and 11:25am - 1:25pm

Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor.

The role would involve supervision of meals, promoting good eating habits and caring for children's physical safety and welfare in our fabulous new playground. The successful applicants will be able to encourage good quality play and behaviour.

Please ask for an application form from the school office or telephone 0115 9150195.

nottinghampost.com



@Nottingham_Post



Sneinton Windmill Academy pupils pictured in their new uniforms. Below, Fatimah Aqeel, 4, enjoys her first day.



CHILDREN from around Nottingham said farewell to the summer yesterday as they headed back to school.

And while some youngsters may be less than enthusiastic about heading back, there's no doubt there will be plenty of proud parents taking pictures of them in new uniforms.

If you have any photos of their special day you would like to share, let us know.

We will be posting pictures online to mark the first days back for those heading back or going for the first time.

To share your pictures, post

them on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TheNottinghamPost, via a direct message on Facebook, or by emailing them to newsdesk@nottinghampost.com.

While kids in Nottingham might be catching up with friends in the playground this morning, children elsewhere in the county have still got until next week before they go back, with schools managed by Nottinghamshire County Council closed until Tuesday. Monday will be used as an INSET day for staff training.



Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

Our Playground Before



Our Playground After

