



Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy  
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# Windmill News

Date: Summer 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm sure you will agree that this half term has been flying by so quickly. I'm pleased to report that although it is a very short term, the children have been working extremely hard. Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have been having their statutory tests and they have approached these in a really sensible and mature manner, trying their very best.

## Allergies

Despite having written about this in previous newsletters, a few children are still bringing in chocolate/foods containing nuts. We have children in school who have very severe nut allergies and to come into contact with nuts, could result in a life threatening allergic reaction. Please **DO NOT** allow your child to bring in any food substances containing nuts. Snickers bars contain nuts and **MUST NOT** be brought into school.



## Bagels

I hope everyone has been enjoying our breakfast bagels. It certainly has helped create a lovely happy start to the day.

## L.E.A.D. Events

Being part of L.E.A.D. gives our children many benefits. Throughout the year, every year group has, or will be in the coming months, taken part in fantastic events.

- Year 1—Bushcraft
- Year 2— Performing Arts
- Year 3— Creative Arts
- Year 4— Enterprise
- Year 5—STEM Day
- Year 6—Athletics

## Sunny Weather

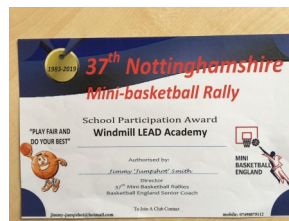
As the weather warms up for the summer, please remember to send your child with a sun hat, but not with a hard beak so that if they bump into someone, they don't get hurt.

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## Twitter

Please look at our Twitter account, [@windmilllead](https://twitter.com/windmilllead), it gives a great insight into what is happening in school as we update it a few times a week. So this week, you can find out about our Year 5 portraits of Tudor monarchs, our basketball team, who won the reading bands last week and about an assembly led by UK Parliament education to look at democracy at work.





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## Parking

I have mentioned this before, but still some parents/carers are being thoughtless when dropping their children off to school, as they are parking on the yellow zig-zag lines. The purpose of these lines is to keep the entrance of the school clear so that children can safely enter school. We are liaising with the local traffic wardens over this matter and requesting that they do some supervision in the mornings and afternoons.



**DO NOT PARK HERE!**

## Use of Toilets

We are lucky enough to have a specific toilet for visitors in our entrance. If you need toilet facilities, please use this one, as due to keeping your children safe, adults are not allowed to use the children's toilets.

## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire. This is something that we have planned to be done every year. It is very important we gain your views so that we know how to improve further. We had 113 responses, compared to 97 last year. Looking at our results overleaf, we will resend out information about how we deal with bullying, our behaviour system and expectations around homework in further newsletters. If you would like to know more, our Anti-bullying Policy and Behaviour Policy are on our school website [www.windmillacademy.co.uk](http://www.windmillacademy.co.uk) Please see the results table attached to this newsletter.

## Partnership with Cloudside L.E.A.D. Academy

As part of my role as a National Leader in Education, we are working closely with Cloudside L.E.A.D. Academy to share our work and curriculum. After the hard work of the last two years at Windmill, it is great to be in a position to be able to share what we have learned to support another school's development. This has many benefits for us as we can also learn new ideas from this school.

## Next Academic Year

As the end of the academic year is in sight, next half term I will share more details with you about staffing, your child's class, transition days to visit new classes and of course, you will receive your child's annual report. I'm delighted to tell you that there is very little staffing changes ahead for next year, although some teachers will change year groups.

## Parent Classes

Please look out for information about adult education classes we are running in school. Jodie Burton, our Family Liaison Officer, is busy organising classes including English as a Second Language.

## Finally

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes



Teresa Shrestha  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

**Friday 24th May—Break up for Half Term**

**Monday 3rd June—Return to school**

**Monday 17th June—INSET Day**

**Wednesday 3rd July—Visit new classes**

**Thursday 4th July—Summer Fayre**

**Thursday 18th July—Home School**

**Learning Conferences & annual reports to parents**

**Friday 26th July—Break up for summer**

**Monday 2nd September—INSET Day**

**Tuesday 3rd September—Children return to school**