



Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy

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Windmill News

Date: Spring 2

Dear Parents/carers,

It has been wonderful to have the hard work and progress we have made as a school recognised by Ofsted this term. Thank you to all of you who shared your opinions about the school with the inspector. I will be collecting the feedback from our parent questionnaires next week and on first glance, they look overwhelmingly positive. We have given these out at our writing mornings. If you were unable to attend and would like to complete a questionnaire, please ask the office staff for one. They take only a few moments to complete.

World Book Day



How amazing did all the staff and children look on World Book Day! Thank you for all your efforts with helping your children become great characters from books. The children did some superb work around the book 'Under the Same Sky' by Britta Teckentrup, which reinforced our school values of respect and diversity.

Red Nose Day



Another huge thank you to everyone for supporting Red Nose Day. The School Council organised this day and are proud to share with you that we raised £216.67 for Comic Relief.

Junior Authors

Mr Heaton runs his Junior Authors club at lunchtimes. They have entered the Premier League Writing Stars poetry competition and the national '500 Words' story writing competition. We are eagerly awaiting news to see if any of our entries are a winner! We hope to take this talented group off to the renowned Hay Festival in the summer term.

After School Clubs

There will not be any clubs as usual running next week. There will be a letter going out to let you know about clubs for after Easter. These will be starting for the first week back.

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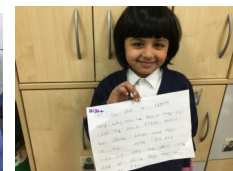
Breakfast Bagels

As mentioned in my last newsletter, we have secured funding for children from Early Years to Year 6 to have bagels before school. These will be available from 8:30am on the playground for main school. Children in the Early Years will have their bagel portion in their classrooms. As this is a new initiative and we will be estimating how popular the uptake will be, we will then adjust accordingly. Our first trial days will be Friday 26th April, Monday 29th April, Wednesday 1st May, Thursday 3rd May and then we will start every day from Tuesday 7th May.

The charities, Magic Breakfast and Family Action that are funding the project, unfortunately do not offer allergy alternatives. Therefore, the school is sourcing a gluten free option and the option of fruit for children with dairy allergies. I hope everyone will enjoy this new provision.

Writing Mornings

It has been wonderful to see so many parents/carers at our writing mornings this week. Mr Heaton is running a session just for parents on Thursday 25th April at 9am in the school hall.





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Midday Supervisor Position

We have a position for a Midday Supervisor to join our lovely lunchtime team. If you are interested in this role, please ask Jill Dannheimer in the school office.

Parking of cars

The yellow zig-zag lines around school entrances are there to keep children safe as they come and go from school. Besides being a traffic offence to park here, the lack of visibility and congestion caused by parked cars close to our entrances, could lead to a terrible accident. Please think and do not put lives at risk by parking on the yellow zig-zag lines. We are liaising with the local police to ask them to monitor this hazard.

Noticeboards

I hope you like the new noticeboards around the school building. These are to help keep you informed about community events and facilities as well as school information.

Sunglasses and hats

As we are having some lovely sunny days, some children are wearing some wonderful sunglasses and hats. For Health and Safety reasons, whilst children are welcome to wear their sunglasses walking to school, we are unable to allow them at breaktimes. This is also the same with caps that have a big, hard peak on them. If children fall when wearing these items, they can cause injury.

Next Years Academic Calendar 2019/2020

Please find attached a calendar for the next academic year for you to keep.

Goodbye and Good luck

Mrs Bester will be leaving us on Friday to have her baby. We wish her good luck and look forward to hearing about the new addition next term.

Miss Appiah, Teaching Assistant in Year 4, will be leaving us at Easter and we wish her the best of luck for the future.

Dance Competition News

I'm delighted to tell you that our amazing dance team came

second out of thirteen L.E.A.D. schools! Well done!

The L.E.A.D. Academy Trust set up a Dance Competition with Unite The Scene and our children have had a fabulous time learning their routine. A special well done to Kaleb in 5HM for being awarded best dancer at Windmill. I am looking to find a special place in school to display our achievements.

Lastly

Thank you for your ongoing support. I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday when it arrives and I look forward to a busy and productive Summer Term.

Best wishes



Teresa Shrestha
Headteacher

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Diary Dates

Easter holiday: Break up Friday 5th April

School closed for Bank Holiday: Monday 22nd April

Return to school: Tuesday 23rd April

Year 6 SATs tests: Monday 13th— Thursday 16th May

Half Term: Break up Friday 24th May

Return to school: Monday 3rd June

INSET Day: Monday 17th June

Summer Holidays: Break up Friday 26th July