



INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

Our vision is to inspire all with a life-long love of learning.

Mrs Moore would like to say.....

Dear parents and carers

On Friday morning I was in my element delivering drama workshops to the year 3 children. Amongst other activities, we acted out the stages of mummification to 'Walk Like an Egyptian'. It was a hoot! Now the children know the finer details of the mummification process. Did you know that the dead Pharaoh's brains were pulled out through their nose, their eyeballs were gouged out and replaced with black stones and their bodies were filled with myrrh and spices?



I will be delivering another workshop before Christmas which will be about Amun Ra, the sun god going into the underworld to slay monsters. Hopefully, the drama workshops will make the knowledge stick and ensure that the learning is long-lastingly memorable.



For your information.....

Netball & Singing Club: Cancelled Tomorrow

Due to staff training both Netball and Singing Club are cancelled tomorrow after school, Tuesday 22nd November. They will both be back as normal next week.

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School Photographs – Ordering

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY – EXTENDED DISCOUNT!

Pret-a-Portrait's discount for the recent photos is due to expire today, they have extended this until **Friday 2nd December** so you can take advantage of the discount for longer!

Head to their website <https://www.pret-a-portrait.net/> and enter your sitting ID, the discount will automatically be applied

If you've misplaced your sitting ID, please contact **Pret-a-Portrait** directly on 0800 021 7626 or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net

BikeAbility

Despite the very wet weather last week 41 of our Year 6 students took to the local roads as part of the BikeAbility course. This 5 day course included Highway Code theory plus skills exercises on the playground to pass level 1. Those who had reached the required standard of cycle control, took to the local roads on day 2-4 to learn basic manoeuvres. The on-road sessions included starting, stopping, overtaking, and practise making U turns as well as turning left and right, into and out of side roads. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and worked really hard all week.



Early Years and KS1 – Christmas Performance tickets

For the Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 Nativities and shows, ticketing will run slightly differently this year. Parents will not need to prebook their tickets and instead they will be allocated 2 tickets for each performance. Separate emails to each year group will be sent out to parents and carers throughout the course of the week with more information.

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Reception Entry 2023 Application

A reminder to our current Nursery parents, that the deadline for applications for entry into Reception 2023 is **15th January 2023**. To apply, click [HERE](#)

Parent Questionnaire

One of our whole school priorities this year is to improve parental engagement. To date, we have put some extra things in place to support this but we need your feedback as to what is going well and any possible suggestions going forward.

To help us, please could you fill in the questionnaire by Friday 2nd December using the following link: [Parent Questionnaire](#)

No Nuts Policy

A reminder that as a school we have a **strict no nuts policy**. Within school there are a number of children who suffer from severe nut allergies and are at risk of anaphylactic shock should they have any contact at all with nuts. It is therefore imperative that **no products containing nuts** are brought onto the school site or included within pack lunches or snack items. Thank you for your continued support with this.



Dates for your Diary*

Date	Event	Action
NOVEMBER 2022		
Monday 21 st November 2022	Nasal Flu Spray: Reception – Year 6 – Catch up session	For anyone who missed the first session
Tuesday 22nd November 2022	Year 4 – 6 Football Match Windhill21 vs Summercroft (Home)	Selected children only
Thursday 24th November 2022	Year 1 and 2 Multi Skills Event at Birchwood	Selected children only
Thursday 24th November 2022	Year 4 – 6 Girls Football Match Northgate vs Windhill21 (AWAY)	Selected Children only
Sunday 27th November 2022	WSA Christmas Bazaar	11am – 3pm
Wednesday 30 th November 2022	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm Reception – Year 6 4pm – 6.30pm	Information email sent 09/11/2022 Bookings open via school cloud from 4pm on 10/11/22

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	8.30am – 11am Nursery	
DECEMBER 2022		
Thursday 1 st December 2022	Open Morning for Reception September 2023 Intake	Contact the school off on admin@windhill.herts.sch.uk to make a booking
Thursday 1 st December 2022	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm Reception – Year 6 4pm – 6.30pm Nursery	Information email sent 09/11/2022 Bookings open via school cloud from 4pm on 10/11/22
Monday 5th December 2022	Year 2 Fire Fire! Show - Rehearsal	For your information only. No parents to attend.
Monday 5 th December 2022	Year 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Michael's Church: Rehearsals – 1pm – 3pm Carol Service – 6.40 – 8pm	Children confirmed. Parent volunteers required to walk down to the church for the rehearsal. Please
Tuesday 6th December 2022	Year 2 Fire Fire! Show – 10am and 2pm	2 tickets have been allocated per family for each performance.
Thursday 8th December 2022	Year 4 – 6 Snow Centre Trip	Children now confirmed. Final payment due 9am Thursday 24th November
Monday 12th December 2022	Reception Nativity – A Miracle in Town - Dress Rehearsal	For your information only. No parents to attend.
Tuesday 13th December 2022	Reception Nativity – A Miracle in Town – Final Performances 10am and 2pm	2 tickets have been allocated per family for each performance.
Wednesday 14th December 2022	Puppets Galore – 9.30am Reception and KS1	Christmas assembly
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	Nursery Nativity 10am and 2pm	More information to follow
Thursday 15th December 2022	Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal – Hey Ewe	For your information only. No parents to attend.

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Friday 16th December 2022	Year 1 Nativity – Hey Ewe - Final Performances 10am and 2pm	2 tickets have been allocated per family for each performance.
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Christmas Dinner Day	More information to follow
Tuesday 20th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day	Children are allowed to wear their Christmas jumpers for the day
Wednesday 21st December 2022	Pantomime Visit to School Sleeping Beauty	Information email sent, £4.25 to pay on Arbor by Friday 16th December
Wednesday 21 st December 2022	TERM ENDS at 1.15pm	
JANUARY 2023		
Thursday 5 th January 2023	INSET DAY	
Friday 6 th January 2023	INSET DAY	
Monday 9 th January 2023	TERM STARTS	
Monday 16 th January 2023	Year 6 Young Voices at O2	Child places confirmed. Parent/Carer tickets available from Arbor school shop until 9am 15.10.22
Thursday 19 th January 2023	Celebration of Learning Event 3pm – 4.15pm Reception – Year 6	More information to follow
Friday 27 th January 2023	Open Morning for Nurse September 2023 Intake	More information to follow
FEBRUARY 2023		
Monday 13 th February 2023 – Friday 17 th February 2023	HALF TERM	
Thursday 23 rd February 2023	Open Morning for Nursery September 2023 Intake	More information to follow
MARCH 2023		
Friday 31 st March 2023	TERM ENDS	
APRIL 2023		

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Monday 3 rd April 2023 – Friday 14 th April 2023	Easter Holidays	
Monday 17 th April 2023	TERM STARTS	
MAY 2023		
Monday 1 st May 2023	May Bank Holiday – School Closed	
Monday 8th May 2023	Extra Bank Holiday for the King’s Coronation – School Closed	
Thursday 19 th May 2023	Year 6 Crucial Crew	More information to follow
Monday 29 th May 2023 – Friday 2 nd June 2023	HALF TERM	
JULY 2023		
Thursday 20 th July 2023	TERM ENDS	
SEPTEMBER 2023		
Friday 1 st September 2023	INSET DAY	
Monday 4 th September 2023	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	TERM STARTS	
Monday 11 th September 2023 – Friday 15 th September 2023	Year 6 France Residential (Current Year 5)	Information email sent 04.10.22. Deposit due by 15 th October
OCTOBER 2023		
Monday 23 rd October 2023 – Friday 27 th October 2023	HALF TERM	
Monday 30 th October 2023	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 31 st October 2023	TERM STARTS	
DECEMBER 2023		
Thursday 21 st December 2023	TERM ENDS at 1.15pm	
JANUARY 2024		
Thursday 4 th January 2024	INSET DAY	
Friday 5 th January 2024	INSET DAY	
Monday 8 th January 2024	TERM STARTS	

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*** In Bold – Added new this week.**

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Attendance

Windhill21 is working in partnership with parents to improve school attendance.

We would like to congratulate the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly.

Armstrong	95.52%
Jemison	95.33%
Seacole	96.21%
Nightingale	95.33%
Greta	97.24%
Attenborough	91.67%
Beatles	97%
Handel	99.66%
Shakespeare	98%
Rowling	97%
Mandela	96.77%
Malala	94.29%
Da Vinci	89%
Kahlo	99.35%

Secret Agents






Secret Agent week ending:

Friday 18th November 2022

AGENT CARING



Armstrong	Alice
Jemison	Farran
Seacole	Matthew
Nightingale	Mia
Greta	Olivia T
Attenborough	Kush
Beatles	Leelah
Handel	Eesher
Shakespeare	Margo
Rowling	Isla
Mandela	Marta
Malala	Leanora
Da Vinci	Zahra
Kahlo	Rinah

House Points				
				
Mexico w/e 04/11 175 points 2 nd place	Canada w/e 04/11 169 points 3 rd place	Sweden w/e 04/11 151 points	France w/e 04/11 181 points 1 st place	India w/e 04/11 165 points

A world of possibilities