



# 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

I cannot believe that we are fast approaching half term. I do not like to wish time away, but it is so heartening that the days are getting longer signalling new beginnings and a feeling of hope; it's hard not to feel a surge of positivity in the spring – and let's face it, this year, we could all use a heavy dose of that.

At school, the hope that spring yields is the thought of playtimes on the field, the growth of produce in the school garden and the prospect of more outdoor learning. Also, it gives me the energy to make plans for the school and be creative. The recent initiative of cookery and gardening for our year 3s has been a great success. It makes me wonder what else can we introduce so support Windhill21s 'School of Life'? Watch this space....



## For your information.....

### **Valentines Cake Sale This Friday!**

To celebrate the end of the half term and to raise funds for playground equipment, Year 6 are holding a **Valentines Cake Sale!** We are asking for cake donations either handmade or shop brought. Please bring your cake creations to your child's classroom on Friday morning.

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### Festival of Literature

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a fascinating - and fun-filled - session with poet Matt Goodfellow at the Festival of Literature in Bishop's Stortford College. Matt, a former teacher, talked about how writing poetry gives children a voice, huge freedom...and a way of expressing their cultural heritage and identity. He went on to explain how his poems are categorised in three ways: events in his life, events in other people's lives...and general funny things! We were moved from laughter, with 'A Special Badger' to thoughtful empathy with 'Callum'. The children truly relished the session and were delighted to be gifted signed books at the end.



### A Paralympian Visits Windhill21

Today, some of our Key Stage Two children, had the privilege of meeting Chris from WheelPower (the national charity for wheelchair sport). He delivered an assembly which was very inspiring. The children learned about physical disabilities, adapted sport and the power of resilience and determination. Chris, who is a former GB power weight athlete, brought in the Paralympic torch for the children to see and hold. What an incredible Monday morning for the pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6!



### Life School Lessons

In year 3, we have been lucky enough to begin our Life School lessons. Life School is a hands-on approach to learning to help create well rounded citizens with skills for the real world. The curriculum consists of gardening, cookery, music and languages, where children from each class will participate in each lesson on a six-week cycle.



Currently fifteen children from Beatles have developed their understanding of seasonal harvests, understanding the impact on seasons for plant growth, learnt how to plant and harvest crops they have grown in a "wellies to bellies" approach to learning. Whilst the remaining fifteen children of Beatles have learnt skills in cookery through health and safety, combining flavours and even tested out some recipes like homemade pizza! In Handel, life school afternoons

consist of developing fluency and vocabulary of different languages as well as music where the children recognise different genres of music, comparing different styles, practise finding rhythms and beats before they perform a final piece they have been learning.



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### **Year 3 & 4 Sports Hall Athletics at Birchwood**

Well done to all the WH21 athletes that competed at the Sports Hall Athletics competition at Birchwood School last Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The team competed with great spirit and a positive attitude and came away with 3<sup>rd</sup> place!

### **Windhill21's Bake Off!!**

This half term we are inviting children in Years 1 – 6 to enter the **Windhill21 Global Goal Bake Off Competition**. To enter, you need to



bake a cake that relates to one of the global goals and write a paragraph explaining why that global goal is important to you! Then bring the cake into school with a £2 donation on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February for a chance to win! All proceeds will go to our partnership school in Uganda. A winner will be chosen from KS1, LKS2 and UKS2. Good luck to all you budding bakers!!



### **Mila's Fabulous Fundraiser**

One of our pupils, Mila in year 2 is currently fundraising for the Little Princess Trust and she will be donating her hair on the 17<sup>th</sup> February to them. Her target was £550 but she has incredibly doubled it! To raise money, Mila decided that she will litter pick around Bishop's Stortford. The word has spread and she has been joined by lots of her classmates over the weekends and even Mrs Smith and Mrs Kemmish. It has been a great reminder of the wonderful community we have within Windhill21.



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**Giggle and Grub  
Pancake Party**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**  
**2pm - 4pm**

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTH STREET,  
BISHOP'S STORTFORD

CRAFT ACTIVITIES  
GAMES  
PANCAKES  
LOTS and LOTS of FUN!

All children should be accompanied by a responsible adult. It's free to attend, but for catering purposes, please book your place via Eventbrite.  
Giggle & Grub Pancake Party Tickets, Fri 17 Feb 2023 at 14:00 | Eventbrite

### Giggle and Grub Pancake Party

Following the success of the Giggle and Grub holiday club in the October half-term at Holy Trinity Church have organised a new event for the forthcoming half-term on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. They will be providing fun and games as well as delicious pancakes. It's free to attend but they are asking families to book their place for catering purposes. [CLICK HERE](#) to book your place.

### 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
<b>FEBRUARY 2023</b>		
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs Meeting at 5.30pm</b>	<b>Email sent to parents 23.01.23</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>Year 4 – 6 Football Match Windhill21 vs Howe Green and Little Hallingbury at Howe Green School</b>	<b>Selected Children</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>Years 3 &amp; 4 Festival of Literature at Bishops Stortford College</b>	<b>Children to leave school at 1.30 and arrive back at 3.15pm Parent Volunteers required – please email the school office if you can help.</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>Mrs Moore's Tea Party POSTPONED – NEW DATE TBC</b>	<b>Selected Children by Invitation Only</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>Rowling Class Strings Performance 2.15pm School Hall</b>	<b>Rowling Class Performance. Parents invited. Email sent 23.01</b>

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<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>Year 4 – 6 Football Match Windhill21 vs St Joseph’s and Manor Fields at Windhill21</b>	<b>Selected Children</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>Year 6 Valentines Cake Sale 3pm – Outside the mobile classrooms</b>	<b>We are looking for cake donations. Please bring them to your classroom on Friday morning. All money raised will go towards new playground equipment.</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	HALF TERM	
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>Years 3 – 4 BSP Gymnastics Competition. Held at Bishops Stortford Gymnastics</b>	<b>Selected Children Only</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023	Open Morning for Nursery September 2023 Intake	Bookings are now open to attend the open day. Please contact the school office to book your space.
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>	<b>Spring Book Fair</b>  <b>23.02.23 - Nursery &amp; Reception - 3pm to 3:45pm</b>  <b>24.02.23 - Year 1 &amp; 2 - 3pm to 3:30pm</b>  <b>27.02.23 - Year 3 &amp; 4 Sale - 3pm to 3:30pm</b>  <b>28.02.23 - Years 5 &amp; 6 Sale - 3pm to 3:30pm</b>  <b>01.03.23 - All Years - 3pm to 3:30pm</b>	
<b>MARCH 2023</b>		
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>	<b>Years 1 – 2 BSP Gymnastics Competition. Held at Bishops Stortford Gymnastics</b>	<b>Selected Children Only</b>

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<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023</b>	<b>World Book Day *NEW DATE*</b>	<b>More information to follow.</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 6 Big Bang Science Fair at Herts & Essex	More information to follow
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023</b>	<b>Year 4 Residential to East Mersea</b>	<b>Final payment to be made by 15/02. Zoom meeting scheduled for 7pm W</b>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Mrs Moore’s Tea Party	Selected Children by Invitation Only
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	TERM ENDS at 1.15pm	
<b>APRIL 2023</b>		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023 – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Easter Holidays	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	<b>Easter Activity Camp Running from 9am – 3pm</b>	<b>If you would like to book a place on the Easter Activity Week please fill out the form (link provided above)</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	TERM STARTS	
<b>MAY 2023</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	May Bank Holiday – School Closed	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Extra Bank Holiday for the King’s Coronation – School Closed	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Year 6 Crucial Crew	More information to follow
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023	HALF TERM	
<b>JULY 2023</b>		
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	TERM ENDS	
<b>SEPTEMBER 2023</b>		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	INSET DAY	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	INSET DAY	

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Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	TERM STARTS	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Year 6 France Residential (Current Year 5)	Instalment payments to be made on Arbor. Three instalments remaining - Payments to be made on: 15/02, 15/03 and 15/04
<b>OCTOBER 2023</b>		
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	HALF TERM	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	TERM STARTS	
<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>		
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	TERM ENDS at 1.15pm	
<b>JANUARY 2024</b>		
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	INSET DAY	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	INSET DAY	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	TERM STARTS	
<b>* In Bold – Added new this week.</b>		
* Please check the school website for updates <a href="http://www.windhill.herts.sch.uk">www.windhill.herts.sch.uk</a>		

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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	92.7%
Jemison	92%
Seacole	96.21%
Nightingale	92%
Greta	93.79%
Attenborough	95.67%
Beatles	95.67%
Handel	98.28%
Shakespeare	92.15%
Rowling	95.87%
Mandela	92.9%
Malala	93.57%
Da Vinci	94%
Kahlo	98.71%

## Secret Agents

Secret Agent information for the week ending

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

**AGENT CARING**



Armstrong	Matilda
Jemison	Austin R
Seacole	Penelope
Nightingale	Rosie
Greta	Austin
Attenborough	Eleanor R
Beatles	Michelle
Handel	Poppy-Rose
Shakespeare	Bobbi
Rowling	Scarlett
Mandela	Freddie
Malala	Noah
Da Vinci	Mariana
Kahlo	Oliver

A world of possibilities

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