



# INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

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

## Mrs Wood would like to say.....

Dear parents and carers

I hope that you had a restful yet productive weekend.

We all want to maximise our children's learning so that they have better chances in life. At Windhill21, we open our doors to the pupils at 8.30am and the time between 8.45am and 9am is used for learning. This ranges from reading, early work and some pupils go into intervention groups and get that extra boost of learning in the mornings. It is also a great time to ensure that the children are settled ready for learning.

It would be great if parents and carers took advantage of this extra learning time and brought their children as close to 8.30am as possible. The extra 15 minutes soon mounts up - an extra 15 minutes a day equates to 6 hours of extra learning per month!!

Thank you for supporting the school to support your child!

## For your information.....

### New Website

We are excited to announce that after changing website providers we will be launching our new website this **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. The new website is full of useful information and we hope parents enjoy the new user friendly interface. It is adaptive so it looks good on a mobile device as well. A huge thank you to Jen Owen and the rest of the website team, Deborah Mills and Sarah Wood for all their hard work getting it ready in time to launch this week.

The domain name will remain the same, therefore do have a look when you get a chance later this week: [www.windhill.herts.sch.uk](http://www.windhill.herts.sch.uk)

In line with the new website, we will also be launching a new look Information Newsletter next Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, watch this space!

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### **5 Minutes of Fame**

In our 'new look Information Newsletter' next week, we are giving parents and carers the opportunity to shout out any personal achievements your child may have gained at home so they can have their '5 Minutes of Fame'. It can be anything from learning to ride their bike without stabilisers to gaining their next grade in swimming or playing an instrument. Anything that you might be particularly proud of, we would like to hear about. Please email [admin@windhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@windhill.herts.sch.uk) with your child's name and details of their achievement and we will endeavour to include it in the next Newsletter.

### **Teacher Strike Update**

As you are aware the next planned strike is scheduled for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. **School will be open as usual**, as before we will advise you of any closures as soon as possible on the day.

### **Our Gymnasts Win Gold!**

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Team, taking Gold in the competition at Birchwood last Wednesday. Well done to Phoebe, Darcey, Archie, Izabella, Margo and Amelia. They performed amazingly on the floor and the vault. Take a look at them in action on our Twitter page: [Gymnastics Video](#)



### **Global Goal Bake Off 2023!**

Wow! Windhill21 students blew the staff away with their amazing cake creations for the bake off. The children were super enthusiastic about their entries and were very proud to show them off to the staff.

The entries were then placed on a last-minute cake sale where £85 was raised for St Veronica's, our partnership school in Uganda. John Kasaji, the headteacher at St Veronica's said, "Thank you so much Teacher Jasmine, the children, the parents and staff at Windhill21 Primary School, God bless you all. May you kindly share our appreciation to each and every one over there."

We must give a huge shout out to winners: Mia (Nightingale), Dwija (Rowling) and Emilie (Da Vinci). They all produced beautiful cakes, which clearly symbolised one, if not all, of the Global Goals.

\*Cake containers which were named have been passed back to your child, if they do not arrive home it means we still have them here so please pop by the office to collect at your earliest convenience\*

### **World Book Day**

Don't forget we will be celebrating World Book Day this **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. We will be immersed in magic and mystery literature. As in previous years, we will be inviting pupils to dress up as their favourite book character such as Matilda, the Gruffalo or Harry Potter; the choice is yours.

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### WSA Drop Everything and Read

By now your child should have brought home a sponsorship form to take part in the 'Drop Everything and Read' challenge happening this **Friday 3rd March** to coincide with World Book Day. Children have been asked to bring in their favourite book and for the whole day, each time they hear the teacher's whistle, they will drop everything, grab their book, and read for five minutes. Please ensure forms are brought into school by this Friday at the latest. You can either bring cash or transfer any sponsorship money directly to the following account. Please use the class name as the reference e.g. Greta

Windhill School Association  
Sort code: 30-90-84  
Account number: 28457960

### 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>		
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February – Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Spring Book Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 27.02.23 - Year 3 &amp; 4 Sale - 3pm to 3:30pm</li><li>• 28.02.23 - Years 5 &amp; 6 Sale - 3pm to 3:30pm</li><li>• 01.03.23 - All Years - 3pm to 3:30pm</li></ul>	
<b>MARCH 2023</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Years 1 – 2 BSP Gymnastics Competition. Held at Bishops Stortford Gymnastics	Selected Children Only
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>	<b>Children are to dress as their favourite book character</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	WSA Drop Everything and Read	Sponsor forms sent home 10.02.23
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b>	<b>Year 6 Big Bang Science Fair at Herts &amp; Essex</b>	<b>Information email and form sent out 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>

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Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	Year 4 Residential to East Mersea	Final payment to be made by 15/02. Zoom meeting scheduled for 7pm
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	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April – Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Easter Activity Camp Running from 9am – 3pm	If you would like to book a place on the Easter Activity Week click on the link below <a href="#">Easter Activity Week Booking Form</a>
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>		
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6 Production Rehearsals	More information to follow
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6 Final Production	More information to follow
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6 Harlow Outdoors	More information to follow
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	
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. Remaining

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		payments to be made on: 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	
<p><b>* In Bold – Added new this week.</b></p> <p>* Please check the school website for updates <a href="http://www.windhill.herts.sch.uk">www.windhill.herts.sch.uk</a></p>		

## 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	96.32%
Jemison	91.33%
Seacole	99.33%
Nightingale	91.97%
Greta	98.62%
Attenborough	93.33%
Beatles	97.33%
Handel	95.86%
Shakespeare	98.33%
Rowling	97.99%
Mandela	97.09%
Malala	93.21%
Da Vinci	98.66%
Kahlo	95.48%



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Secret Agents		
<b>Secret Agent information for the week ending</b>  Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023  <b>AGENT INQUIRER</b>  	Armstrong Jemison Seacole Nightingale Greta Attenborough Beatles Handel Shakespeare Rowling Mandela Malala Da Vinci Kahlo	Maddie Jack Beatriz Reggie Ashvi Lennie Clara Selma Menia Amelia Frida Conner Noah Alice

House Points				
				
<b>Mexico</b> <b>153 points</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> place</b>	<b>Canada</b> <b>144 points</b>	<b>Sweden</b> <b>143 points</b>	<b>France</b> <b>168 points</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> place</b>	<b>India</b> <b>146 points</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> place</b>

A world of possibilities

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