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Multi Academy Trust

Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'



Mr A Terry
Head of School

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Hello again to all our parents and carers. I hope you will enjoy reading the newsletter as it is filled with events, activities and information.

Please note the diary of events and the Key Stage dates of activities happening in and around the school. Both Key stage 1 and 2 are holding sessions in their classrooms this half term so please come in and get involved.

Although it is a relatively short half term, we are still packing a great deal in and we always appreciate your involvement and support in the things we do.

Also, please do not forget that we have our Parent Consultations on the 23rd and 24th March and we would love to see everyone attend.

The tea and chat afternoons are there for you to come in and talk to myself and Mrs Parsons (our chair of Governors) about our school so please feel free to pop in sometime (see times below). It is very informal but we do find it extremely useful in hearing your thoughts and opinions.

Spring is nearly upon us and I think that we all hope for better weather to come as well. It has been very wet, as we all know, but I must say a huge thank you to all the pupils who shown great resilience in coping with the very wet and often cold weather. They always come in with big smiles and happy faces. Long may that continue.

FilmClub

Wednesday 16th March 2016

In the hall 3.30 - 5.30

£1.50 for the drink and film

Sweets and ice creams are available



Please can I ask you to send in a note if you want your child to walk home from Filmclub

Thank you to all parents who have sent in details of their email address. If you have not yet sent yours in, can you please contact the office or email windmill@andaras.org with your child's name in the subject box.

Menu Change

St Piran's day Celebration

Thursday 3rd March 2016

Traditional Steak Pasty

or

Cheese and Onion Pasty

Ice Cream Tub

No Jacket Potato



Tea, Biscuits and Chat

Parents/Carers are invited to another informal get together with Mr Terry and Mrs Ali Parsons (Chair of local governing board) on 3rd March at 2.30 This meeting will be in the library and there will be plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits available!



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Spring term - Parent consultation day

Parent/teacher appointments will be held after school on Wednesday evening 23rd and during the afternoon on Thursday 24th March 2016. There will be NO school for the children on Thursday 24th March. More information about this will be sent out later in the term.



Swimming

Years 2,3 and 5 will be swimming this term. YF will swim in the summer term



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th March	Non School Uniform for Easter Egg Day
18th Mar	Easter Egg Bingo
23rd Mar	Parent Consultation Evening
24th Mar	Parent Consultation Afternoon (Inset Day)
25th Mar—8th Apr	Easter Holidays
21st-22nd Apr	Sponsored Bounce
2nd May	Bank Holiday
17th-20th May	Y5 Carnyorth Residential
30th May-3rd Jun	Half term

Reminder

Please can parents remember to park considerately and respect our neighbours at the beginning and end of the school day. Double yellow lines mean no waiting at any time. The school car park is for badge holders only. **Parking permits for dropping off and picking up times for the Leisure Centre or the Race Hill/Cattle Market are available.** Please collect an application form from the school office if you need a permit.

Could we please ask parents not to tie their dogs to the school railings as children have to walk past them. Some parents are conscious that they are occasionally unattended and some children might be wary of walking past them.

Attendance Figures for February 2016

Year	25th Jan	1st Feb	8th Feb	15th Feb
YF	93.3%	92.7%	97.3%	
Y1	97.7%	97.7%	96.3%	
Y2	95.5%	98.3%	97.6%	
Y3	92.7%	97.3%	96%	
Y4	96.1%	95%	93.2%	
Y5	97.5%	97.9%	95%	
Y6	97.7%	96.7%	94%	

National Breakfast Week

During the week, many different breakfast foods were on offer including cinnamon bagels, crumpets and raspberry porridge. Children also had the opportunity to make their own muesli to take home, fruit kebabs, fruity cereal and yoghurts.

Also Windmill Breakfast Club held a competition to make a 'Breakfast Buddy' from healthy foods you may eat at breakfast time. The children enjoyed drawing their own Buddy, then labelled it. All entries were judged and the best received a prize in each Key Stage.



Year F Trust Event

Year F took part in a trust event morning held here at Windmill Hill Academy where they were joined by the Year F children from both St Stephens Community Academy and Werrington Primary School. The children took part in superhero training camp activities including an obstacle course, building traps and making their own masks. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we were all very proud of the behaviour and team work they displayed throughout the morning.



Fantastic Dinosaur homework

The teachers were overwhelmed by the standard of homework that they received from the KS1 children on their 'dinosaur' topic. A massive well done! It was also lovely to see that so many parents attended the Project Showcase. We are going to find some space in school to display the homework for longer.



'Come and Learn Maths' workshop

The workshop has had to be postponed. It will now be on the 10th March. The focus will be 'multiplication and division'. We hope to see you there.

Cake Sale

We had a cake sale for Key Stage One and Class F on Thursday 4th February and we managed to raise nearly £50. Many thanks to children, parents and staff for buying them. The money raised will go towards buying resources for the children to benefit from during Friday Club. They have already enjoyed decorating cakes and biscuits, making a range of art and craft activities and planting plants and seeds in the school grounds.

KS2 Dates

Wednesday 9th March: Y3/4 Farm and Country Day.

Y3 and 4 are visiting the Farm and Country day at Wadebridge showground. If you are able and would like to help please let Miss Osborne or Mrs Carter know.

Thursday 10th March, 3:30pm – 4:00pm : Parent Drop In.

This is an informal drop in where you can visit your child's class and look through their work. The class teacher will be on hand for any informal queries.

Friday 11th KS2 Science morning

Friday 18th March (9:30 – 10:30am): Maths Workshops (multiplication)

Parents and carers are welcome to join their child in class to see how they learn multiplication. You are welcome to drop in and out or stay for the whole session.

Y3 Trust Event



On Thursday 28th January, Year Three enjoyed hosting a Forest School Trust event for St Stephens and St Catherine's. Although it was bitterly cold, the morning stayed dry, enabling an action packed morning of den building, treasure hunting, building an egg tower, creating art and not to mention fire building and marshmallow toasting.



A group's Celtic Circle inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.

Y6 Trust Event



On Thursday 25th of February, Year 6 pupils from Windmill Hill Academy, St Stephens and St Catherine's went to Windmill Woods for a trust event. It was a lot of fun. There were many activities such as: a scavenger hunt, den building, twig collage, games, creating picture frames and egg tower building. 'My favourite activity was den building because you had to build a den out of tarpaulin or a net. We all had a fun time and we can't wait to do it again'.
By Tegan and Cerys

Concert

There will be a joint St Stephens Community and Windmill Hill Academy concert on 18th March 6-7:30 at St Stephen's Church

Hall - if anyone is interested in performing please let the school office know your name and what you would like to perform.



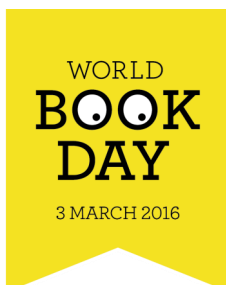
The 'new and improved' library

Our school library has had a transformation! With support from the 'Friends', we have been able to restock the library with new books, rugs and tables and chairs. The children are really enjoying using this new and improved space and reading the large variety of books. A big thank you goes to the 'Friends', our School Librarian, Mrs Mason, and the children who are School Librarians for all of their hard work and support.



World Book Day

Just a reminder, as a letter has already been sent home, that we will be celebrating 'World Book Day' on Thursday 3rd March. We encourage children and staff to come to school, dressed as a book character.



Visit www.bookaid.org/worldbookday for helpful hints and tips on creating cheap and easy costumes. There will be two prizes awarded to the 'best dressed' – one in KS1 and one in KS2. We ask that children bring a donation of £1 on the day, towards Book Aid International, who send over half a million books each year to libraries in some of the poorest countries in the Africa. In addition to dressing up, the children will be taking part in many 'book' themed lessons. They are encouraged to bring in their favourite book and/or the one that they dressed up as a character from as they will have some time reading/sharing this book during the day.

You child should have also brought home a £1 book voucher that can used in many book shops.

School Gateway

Online payments through School Gateway can now be made for Year 5 and Year 6 residentials and also, if you want to purchase a school sweatshirt.

Payment only needs to be made if you wish to buy a sweatshirt for your child - this is not a compulsory payment request. The facility to pay online for school dinners will be introduced shortly together with paying for other school trips/activities and in the summer term, for YF swimming. More information will follow in due course.

If you have not yet registered for School Gateway, the information needed to do so is on page 2 of the February newsletter on the school website.

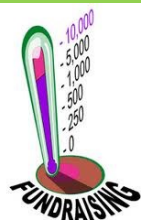
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If you have any problems accessing this or registering, please contact the office.

Headlice



There have been several incidences of head lice over the past few weeks. We need to make a concerted effort and ALL take responsibility to ensure that we check our children for nits regularly and take prompt action to treat any headlice. No expensive treatments are necessary, a nit comb and conditioner are just as effective.



Friends of Windmill Hill Academy News (WHAfS)

Please take a look at our page on the school website.

www.launceston-ji.cornwall.sch.uk → More → Friends of Windmill Hill Academy



Valentines Disco

We hope the children enjoyed the Valentines Disco, they certainly seemed to! The children looked very smart in all their lovely dresses and smart clothes to mark the occasion. Having a proper seemed to make all the difference too. The event raised £176.00

We will have another disco later in the summer term



Non School Uniform Day

Friday 11th March will be a non school uniform day. Children will be able to come into school on that day in 'mufti' (non school uniform) in exchange for an Easter Egg. Tesco has buy 2 get 2 free and Asda has eggs for £1. If we get the amazing amount we got last year it will

mean that all children will go home with an egg and may possibly win one at the bingoo too!

Please bring any eggs into class on the Friday morning. All donations very gratefully received. Many thanks



Easter Egg Bingo

We will be holding an Easter Egg Bingo on Friday 18th March at 5.30 in the school hall. This event is open to children, Years F –4 must be accompanied by an adult, Year 5 and 6 are welcome to play alone but there must be someone to pick them up at the end of the evening. Adults from the school and community are also very welcome.

The prizes will be Easter eggs for a line, two lines and a full house. There will also be a raffle Bunny/ Egg card game and refreshments during the interval.



Sponsored Bounce

On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd April the Friends will be holding a sponsored Bounce in aid of funds for the school. We will be hiring a bouncy castle for the two days and each child will be given a sponsor form and asked to collect sponsors for how many bounces they can complete in one minute!

There may be the opportunity, for a small fee, for pre school children and even adults to have a go at the end of school!



Afternoon Tea

The friends would like to invite you to their second Afternoon Tea on 17th June in the hall. The last tea was so well attended that it became very congested and some parent asked if their children could join them this time. We have decided to extend the time that the tea runs so now it will be from 2.00-4.30. There will be an unlimited selection of sandwiches and cakes as well as pots of tea and coffee. Year 6 will be acting as waiters and waitresses and will be happy to attend to your every need. The cost of the afternoon tea will be £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for school children and £1.00 for preschool children. More information in later newsletters.

