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Multi Academy Trust

# Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'  
'Porth dhe lyenn'



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Hello again to all parents and carers, family and friends.

We have now entered the final term of the year and as always it will be a busy one. Residentials, trips, SATs, sports days, afternoon tea, and the summer fayre are all part of this term.

We will also be holding our Health and Wellbeing week (beg 27th June) where there will be lots of different activities going on. You will also be invited to come and take part at various points throughout the week so I do hope you will take the opportunity to pop in and find what is happening.

In the second half of this term we will also be inviting all our ladies (sorry men but ladies first) to an after school activities event where we will put on some leisure activities to try. The emphasis will be on fun and enjoyment so I do hope you will come along. More information about this will follow in due course.

The warm, sunny weather has not quite arrived yet but I am sure it will be with us very soon. It always makes such a difference to us all when the sun shines.

## FilmClub

Wednesday 25th May 2016

In the hall 3.30 - 5.30

£1.50 for the drinks and film

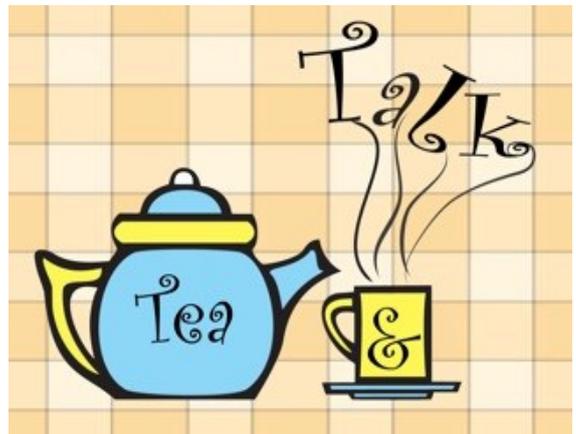
Sweets and ice creams and popcorn are available



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

## 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 26th May at 2.30 This meeting will be in the library and there will be plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits available!



Please subscribe for newsletter on the front page of the school website to get newsletters automatically e-mailed to you. Black and white copies are also available in the foyer and on the website under 'News'

## Breakfast Club Parking

Parking for Breakfast Club - Would parents dropping children off for breakfast club please park in a parking space.



# Schoolgateway

## School Gateway—Online Payments

Thank you to all those parents who are using the School Gateway app, we've had a good take-up.

We are however, still seeing a significant amount of cash coming into the school office, including payment for school meals. We would encourage you to use School Gateway to make payment for your child's school meals (there is a minimum top-up of £6.60). The app also allows you to view your school meal balances too.

You can also use the School Gateway online payments to pay for school trips, swimming, etc. and to order school uniform items; simply make a payment against the uniform item, advising us of the size/requirements within the comments section.

Aside from saving the school time and money on administration, School Gateway also makes paying for school items easier and more flexible for parents and reduces the amount of cash being carried by children on school premises. Use School Gateway to make online payments with a debit or credit card any time 24-7, via smartphone app or website.

We would encourage you to start using School Gateway now, as part of our move towards becoming a cashless school by the end of July 2016.

### Not used School Gateway before?

Activating your School Gateway account is quick and easy to do. All you need are your email address and mobile number that school holds on record for you.

### Download the app:

If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS it saves the school money when we send you a text message.

**OR**

### Visit the website:

[www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number.

Thank you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>2nd May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>17th-20th May</b>	Y5 Carnyorth Residential
<b>30th May-3rd Jun</b>	Half term
<b>10th June</b>	Summer Disco
<b>17th June</b>	Afternoon Tea
<b>4th-8th July</b>	London Residential
<b>15th July</b>	Summer Fair
<b>21st July</b>	Last day of school
<b>22nd July</b>	Inset Day

## Payment Reminder

Please can cheques for lunches be made to 'Andaras MAT' and not 'Chartwells'. Many thanks.



## Attendance Figures for March/April 2016

Year	21st March	11th April	18th April	25th April
YF	92.2%	96.6%	96.7%	92.5%
Y1	86.7%	96.7%	98.7%	95.7%
Y2	94.6%	98.5%	97.9%	96.3%
Y3	91.4%	93.8%	92.4%	96%
Y4	86.9%	96.4%	96.4%	96.2%
Y5	84%	98.5%	99.3%	97%
Y6	97.2%	98%	94.7%	96.8%

## Sun Safety

Please take the time to read through the points below as it outlines some details about sun protection and how you can help. Unfortunately, our school site is positioned so that the playground is in full sun most of the day and, as it is a large tarmac area, it can become very hot during the summer term.

Cornwall has exceptionally high UV levels. We all need some sun exposure; it's our primary source of vitamin D, which helps us absorb calcium for stronger, healthier bones. Unprotected exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays, however, can cause skin damage, eye damage, immune system suppression and even cancer.

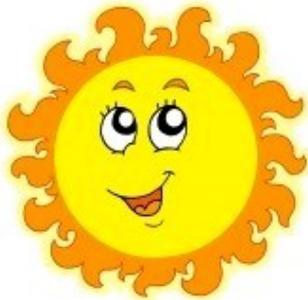
The children have been told about the importance of 'sun safety' in assembly by Mr Terry and class teachers will continue to reinforce this message in all classes. The three ways in which you can most help us and your child is:

1. Help them to apply sun cream that protects for 10+ hours before school (at least factor 30).
2. Send a named sun hat to school (and a light long sleeve t-shirt if they burn easily). Pupils will be expected to wear sun hats at all times during outdoor activities.
3. Make sure your child's water bottle is topped up and in school everyday.

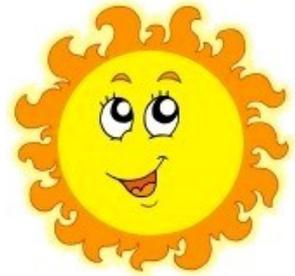
Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, or helpful suggestions as to how we can improve our sun care further, please call in/phone or speak to Mr. Terry about it.



## Sun Care



At Windmill Hill Academy we want our pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:



### Education

- ✦ All pupils will have at least one 'sun smart' lesson in the summer term, explaining sun care, as suggested by Cancer Research UK.
- ✦ We will talk about being sun smart in an assembly in both key stages in the summer term.
- ✦ We are aware at WHA that there is an increased risk from the sun today and that we can help children become 'sun safe' by teaching them at an early age how to protect themselves. We see this as part of their PSHCE/Citizenship Education.
- ✦ Parents and carers will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help in the summer term.

### KS1 Multisports

On Wednesday 20th of April, Year 2 accompanied Year 1 to Launceston College to take part in a KS1 Multisports festival for the afternoon. They had great fun taking part in dance activities, practising ball skills and playing some fantastic parachute games. Thank you to all the adult helpers that made this possible.



### Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
11th April	Evie J Casey Y	Aime Paige Marley L	Daniel M Marley	Kai H Harry N	Remus T JT B	Izzy Knight Liam H	Thomas W Frankie D
25th April	Dominik B Aimee N	Bailey MG Dominika T	Madison P Molly D	Jaysia P Adam W	Tyron H Jasmine W	Zofia D Finley S	Finnan T Cerys G

## Cross Country at Duchy College April 2016



On Friday 22nd April the cross country team set off for round three of the Duchy cross country league. We took a large group of pupils and all KS2 classes were represented. As you can see from the photos, it was a little muddy in places but that did not deter any of our team. Even when shoes were lost they were picked up and carried to the finishing line: no time to stop and put them back on. A huge well done to all the runners. The final round will be held on Friday 6th May.



## Friends of Windmill Hill Academy News (WHAFs)

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

[www.launceston-ji.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.launceston-ji.cornwall.sch.uk) → More → Friends of Windmill Hill Academy



### Friends of Windmill Hill Academy AGM

The Friends will be holding their annual AGM on Tuesday 24th May at 7.00 in the hall. Everyone is welcome so come along and see how all the money you have raised has been spent! This is also an opportunity to join the Friends or to let us know how you may be able to help in the future. There will be refreshments available



### Sponsored Bounce

Thank you very much to all the children who entered the Sponsored Bounce on Thursday and Friday, and a huge thank you to Chris Brown, Disco Man ([www.discoman.co.uk](http://www.discoman.co.uk)) for donating the bouncy castle free of charge again this year. It looked like everyone enjoyed themselves and even though Friday was wet and windy, Chris managed to put the castle under cover so the bouncing could carry on and everyone got a turn. If all the money pledged comes in we should have made £780!! If you still owe money please bring it into school as soon as possible so we can have a count up. Sponsor forms should have been returned on Friday. Many thanks again for your continued support.



Photos on next page!

### Bag 2 School

We will be having a collection from Bag 2 School on 11th May. Please bring any clothes etc. to school on that morning. If you have not got a Bag 2 School bag, please come to reception. Otherwise any plastic back or sack can be used.



### 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.



### Summer Fair

On Friday 15th July the Friends will be holding our annual summer fair. We hope to make this event the main money raiser in our calendar so we will make it the biggest we have done so far! The fair will be held in the playground (weather permitting) and stalls will include class hampers, cake stall, Pimms/beer tent, tombola, craft stalls, plant sale, BBQ, face painting, bric-a-brac, bottle tombola, tattoos, Marble game, teddy bear tombola, boat squirt, coconut shy, bouncy castle, splat the rat, Mars bar game, badge making, lucky dip, and soak Mr Terry (which was very popular last year)!! Refreshments (tea, coffee and cold drinks), popcorn, ice-creams, sweets, candyfloss, Year 6 games. In the hall we will be having a human 'Hungry Hippos' game!! We will also include lots of 10p games and some free events and we hope to invite the fire brigade to bring one of their fire engines. Look out for more information in future newsletters and posters.



Sponsored Bounce  
21st—22nd April 2016



## Wine and Wisdom 20th May

If you would like a team for the Wine and Wisdom on 20th May, please see one of the Friends, Mrs Clark at school or sign up on our Facebook page (Friends of Windmill Hill Academy) Many thanks

**Friends of Windmill Hill  
Academy**



**Wine  
and**



**Wisdom**

**Friday 20th May 2016**

**7.00-10.30**

In the school hall

Teams of 6

£5 per person

to include a glass of wine or fruit juice  
and nibbles

If you would like to enter a team please see Mrs  
Clark or call 01566 772143

