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# Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

A rather belated but warm welcome back to you all and a Happy New Year. Unfortunately we have returned to rain, more rain and even more rain. Let us hope for an improvement very soon. Going back to last term, I hope you all enjoyed our Christmas performances as much as I did. The children were magnificent and they worked so hard to make them a success. Well done to them all and to you for providing costumes and support throughout.

This new term will again be a busy one. The cross country season gets very busy at this time (weather permitting) and the football and netball teams will also be active with fixtures. There are joint academy trust events taking place in and around WHA when we will be joined by our other partner schools. These events are a great way for the children to meet and get to know each other. We also have a disco and various Friends activities (see dates for your diary) to look forward to.

If you look further into the newsletter you will see all the KS1 events that are happening and the KS2 activities list will be out to you very soon.

Thank you once again for all the continued support you give us. It is greatly appreciated by myself and all the staff.

## FilmClub

February 24th 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

## Attendance Reminder

Your child will now be marked as "late" if arriving after 9am and before 9.15am.

Any children arriving after this time will be marked as "unauthorised". We would also like to remind you that if your child is absent from school you are to inform the school office by 9.30am on the first day of absence.

If the school is not informed your child's absence will be marked as "unauthorised".



## 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 25th February 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.

## Cancelled Swimming session

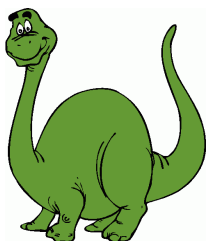


A replacement session for the cancelled swimming session on 11th January due to the water being too cold will now be on 11th February 10.30 –11.30

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>5th Feb</b>	Valentines Disco
<b>9th Feb</b>	Safer internet Day
<b>15th—19th Feb</b>	Half Term
<b>11th March</b>	Non School Uniform for Easter Egg Day
<b>18th Mar</b>	Easter Egg Bingo
<b>23rd Mar</b>	Parent Consultation Evening
<b>24th Mar</b>	Parent Consultation Afternoon (Inset Day)
<b>21st-22nd Apr</b>	Sponsored Bounce

## KS1 Dinosaur Enrichment Day



The KS1 (including Class F) dinosaur enrichment day has had to be rescheduled to Tuesday 2nd Feb. This is just for information - you are not required to provide/do anything for it. Many thanks, The KS1 Team.

## Attendance Figures for January 2016

Year	4th Jan	11th Jan	18th Jan	25th Jan
YF	96%	87%	98.3%	
Y1	97.3%	96.3%	92.7%	
Y2	93.8%	95.9%	97.9%	
Y3	92%	98.7%	98.7%	
Y4	96.8%	86.1%	98.6%	
Y5	99.3%	97.5%	95.7%	
Y6	96.3%	97.3%	93.3%	

Thank you to all of the parents who have already downloaded the School Gateway app. We will soon be receiving more training and hope to get the online payments up and running soon.

We have implemented Schoolcomms, an electronic school communication system with many useful facilities, enabling you to receive communications from school quickly and reliably. We can send letters to your email inbox and short messages to your phone as texts, via the app for free. You'll be able to send text messages to school for free via the School Gateway app, including responding to our texts regarding school absence. You will also be able to make payments online for swimming, trips, uniform etc and later in the term for school dinners.

To download the app from an Apple or Android device go to your app store and search for "School Gateway" and download the app. Once downloaded:-

select the "I'm a New User" button

enter your email address and mobile number that school have on record for you

select "Send PIN" and you'll receive your PIN in a text to your mobile phone

log in to the School Gateway app with your email address and PIN and your account is now active

**The app will remain active as long as you stay logged in.**

School will use the email address and mobile number that we hold for the priority one contact(s). If you have not yet provided us with your email address and you have one, can you please let us have a note of this.

If you experience any difficulties, please contact the school to ensure we have your correct details on record and remember to advise the school office if you change your contact details.

# Key Stage One Diary Dates

Spring term 2016

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Here are some important dates/ reminders to make sure are in your diary or on the front of your fridge! **As a reminder children in Foundation are part of our Key Stage One. It will be indicated when classes are doing separate events.** Some of these events have already been listed on the KS1 booklet and are also on our calendar on our website for your reference.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Year 1 Swimming**

Please can children have a swimming kit in school for these sessions. All items must be labelled with their name.

**Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Sports club and Singing club to start**

Your child will be sent home with a letter if they have a place confirmed (first come, first served).

Sports club on Mondays and Singing club on Thursdays. We will send out a text if ever a club needs to be cancelled.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Storytelling club to start**

Storytelling club will be on Mondays.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February KS1 Enrichment day 'Walking with Dinosaurs'**

KS1 (including Year F) will be taking part in different enrichment activities linked to their project 'Walking with Dinosaurs'.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 KS1 Cake Sale**

Cakes will be sold during KS1 break time and stock depending after school from the KS1 shelter. The school will provide the cakes this time. All cakes will be 20p. Please can children bring money in a labelled purse/envelope.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Year 1 Trust Event**

During the morning, children will be taking part in a Trust Event with the Year 1 classes from St Catherine's and St Stephens. The event will take place at Windmill Hill Academy. Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof coat.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February Valentines Disco**

3.30—4.30. Please bring clothes to change into and money in a named envelope please

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in**

If your child has completed project homework related to 'Dinosaurs', please ensure that they have brought it in today.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Year 1 and 2 'Dinosaurs' Project Showcase 2.45pm – 3.15pm**

You are invited in to see what your child has been learning in their 'Walking with Dinosaurs' project this half term (including the homework that the children have produced).

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Year F Trust Event**

During the morning, children will be taking part in a Trust Event with the Year F classes from St Catherine's and St Stephens. The event will take place at Windmill Hill Academy. Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof coat.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Half term week**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 'Green Fingers' topic begins for Year 1 and 2**

Children will be taking part in lots of outdoor activities linked to this topic. They will be taking place regardless of the weather, so we ask that children have wellies/old shoes and waterproof coat and trousers which can be left in school for the whole of this half term. Please can all items be labelled with their name including their bag.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 Year 2 Swimming**

Please can children have a swimming kit in school for these sessions. All items must be labelled with their name.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February KS1 Parents 'Come and Learn Maths Workshop' 2.30pm – 3.15pm**

Classrooms will open for parents to come and learn maths with their child. This will be a great opportunity to find out about what your child needs to learn and how it is now taught. The focus this time will multiplication and division.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016 KS1 parents 'Come into Class and Read with your Child' 9am-9.30am**

Classrooms will be open for parents to come and read with their child.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 World Book Day**

Your child is invited to dress up as a book character to celebrate World Book Day. We also ask them to donate £1 to raise money for Book Aid International which sends books to children who might otherwise have no access to reading materials.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 KS1 Cake Sale**

Cakes will be sold during KS1 break time and stock depending after school from the KS1 shelter. We would appreciate it if you could donate cakes this time. The school will provide the cakes next time. All cakes will be 20p. Please can children bring money in a labelled purse/envelope.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 KS1 PJ Night 6-7pm**

Children are welcome to dress in pyjamas and be entertained in the hall whilst parents see their child's work and class teacher. Children can only stay if their parent(s) is/are staying to see their child's teacher and work.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Year 2 Trust Event**

During the morning, children will be taking part in a Trust Event with the Year 1 classes from St Catherine's and St Stephens. The event will take place at St Catherine's. We will be dropped off/picked up by the Academy Trust minibuses. Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof coat.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in**

If your child has completed project homework related to 'Green Fingers', please ensure that they have brought it in today.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 Year 1 and 2 'Green Fingers' Project Showcase 2.45pm – 3.15pm**

You are invited in to see what your child has been learning in their 'Green Fingers' project this half term (including the homework that the children have produced).

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016**

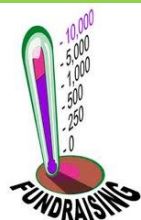
Last day of term. The summer term begins on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> (after school) and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (all day – no children in school) Parent Consultations**

A sign up appointment sheet will go up outside your child's classroom door nearer the time.

Class teachers are currently planning their trips for this term. We will send out more information when dates are confirmed.

Many thanks for your continued support.



## 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



The friends have decided to change some dates and events in this year's calendar as we feel we are always asking parents for money and we do not want to do that. Please look at the events on this and following newsletters to see our calendar of events. We are very sorry if this causes any inconvenience.

### Valentine's Disco 5th February

**KS1 3.30 - 4.30**

**KS2 6.00 - 7.00**



Chris Brown (Disco Man) will be the DJ again for us as he was so brilliant last time and the children really enjoyed it.

Drinks, sweets and popcorn will be available during the disco and glo sticks can be purchased at 20p each.

The theme will be Valentines so hearts, sparkles, red etc. would suit the theme very well. KS1 children can bring their party clothes into school in the morning and get dressed at the end of the day. Please bring money in a marked envelope. KS2 will come dressed in the evening and bring their money with them. £1 entry

### Rag Bag Bin

The Rag Bag Bin has been removed by the company as they are not collecting in Cornwall now!. We will be using Bag 2 School from now on but they do not provide a bin. We are searching for a replacement but in the meantime, there will be a collection on 25th February and bags will be distributed on 11th February. Please continue to use this scheme as it is a very worthwhile cause to both us and the countries that benefit from affordable clothing.



### 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 (accompanied by an adult) and adults from the school and community. The prizes will be Easter eggs for a line, two lines and a full house. There will also be a raffle and refreshments during the interval. More information on the next newsletter.

### 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' in exchange for an Easter Egg. The Easter eggs will then be used as prizes for the Easter Bingo the following week.



### 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!

