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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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Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again I would like to welcome you back to the start of another academic year and I hope you had a very pleasant summer with your child/ren. I would firstly like to apologise for the 'non appearance' of our July newsletter, and any other form of communication. Unfortunately our whole computer system decided to take an early summer holiday and we were left without any technology at all for the last two weeks of the term. Modern technology is a wonderful thing...until it breaks down. I would like to welcome all our new families to Windmill Hill and I hope your experiences at our school will be positive ones. We will certainly be doing our best to make sure they are.

We have lots of events going on during the year so please make sure you read all the Key Stage events lists as well as the Friend's diary dates. We also have Twitter, Facebook and our website where you can keep up to date with what is going on.

Finally, if you ever have a query or a problem then please do not hesitate to pop in and we will do our very best to help you.

FilmClub

Wednesday 19th October 2016

In the hall 3.30 - 5.30

£1.50 for the drinks and film

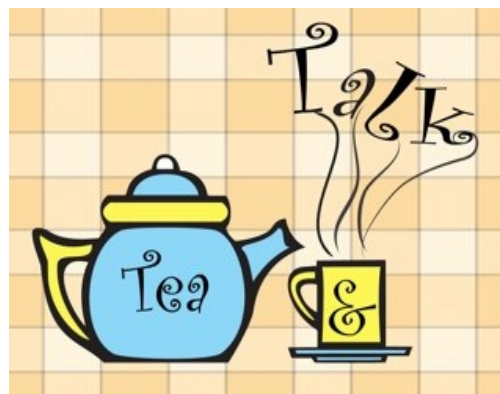
Sweets and ice creams and popcorn are available



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 Thursday 13th October 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'

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Parking Permits

The school Parking Permits will be in use again for the next academic year. Permits are for School parking, Leisure Centre and The Cattle Market, on Race Hill. The form to apply for these can be collected from the school office. The permits you had last year will be out of date so please renew them.



New Website!

Our school now has a brand new website! Please use www.windmillhillacademy.org or put Windmill Hill Academy into Google. Over the summer holidays the website has been updated. Please take a look!



eSchools

Parent Consultation Days

Thursday 20th October - 4.00 - 7.00

Friday 21st October - 12.30 - 4.00



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th Oct	Launceston Carnival
14th Oct	Race Night
20th Oct	Parent Consultation evening
21st Oct	Parent Consultation Afternoon
24th- 28th Oct	Half Term
4th Nov	Monster Ball
17th Nov	KS1 PJ Night



Windmill Hill Academy are looking to appoint an additional lunchtime supervisor to work for 1 hour a day, 12:15pm to 1:15pm, Monday to Friday, term time only. The post will be fixed term in the first instance with a possibility of becoming permanent. Closing date 5th October. If you are interested in this post, please contact the office.

School Office

Reminder: The school office is open from 8.15 am - 4.00 pm



We now have Twitter accounts for the school and Friends. Please follow us as this will be another way to get important information from the school

School = @ADMAT_WHA

Friends = @FriendsofWHA

Parents of children in YF and Y6

Your Child will be bringing home a Health Booklet. This booklet is an OPT OUT Booklet. If you do not wish for your child to have the health checks the front page must be returned, completed and signed. If we do not receive it your child will have the checks. If you are returning the form it must be in by Wednesday 5th October. The checks will take place on Wednesday 12th October.

Attendance Figures for September 2016

Year	5th	12th	19th	26th
YF	66.1%	97.3%	96.7%	97.3%
Y1	92.7%	91.7%	96.7%	100%
Y2	95.8%	92%	92.7%	91.3%
Y3	90.2%	94.3%	97%	85.9%
Y4	98.1%	88.9%	96.3%	97%
Y5	96.4%	98.6%	95%	87.5%
Y6	100%	97.2%	89.7%	95.5%

Year 4/5 Visit the Museum

This week Year 4 and 5 had the opportunity to visit the Royal Cornwall Museum to learn about Science in the real world.

The Bloodhound project is part of an engineering challenge to not only break the world land speed record but to travel at over 1000mph - which is even faster than the speed of sound! The vehicle's rockets get so hot they will burn hotter than a volcano at 3000 C. Both Year 4 and 5 learnt about the project and how the car is able to reach such incredible speeds. Test runs are taking place in Cornwall at Newquay airport in preparation for the real event which will take place next year on



a 12 mile long stretch of the South African desert.

During our visit, we also got to make, test and improve our own air powered vehicles which we launched down our very own runway. We measured the distances travelled, time taken and the velocity of our model vehicles. Team Thunder travelled the



TEAM NAME -									
Rank	Pos.	MASS	DISTANCE TRAVELLED	TIME TAKEN	AVERAGE VELOCITY	MPH	SCALE SPEED MPH	Rank	Rank
		Kgs	Metres	Seconds	Metres/Sec		BLOODHOUND SSC	Pos.	speed
Team Comet	7	1	1.72	1.03	1.670	3.7363	115.5	9	5
Team Warrior	6	1	6.7	7.59	0.883	1.9751	115.5	1	13
Fantastic Four	3	1	2.54	0.9	2.822	6.3145	190.18	6	2
Team Lightning	12	1	1.35	1	1.350	3.0205	111.75	13	10
Thunder Leopard	14	1	0.7	0.7	1.000	2.2374	111.75	12	8
Team Stalker	13	1	1.1	0.9	1.222	2.7346	109.01	15	12
Speed Demon	14	1	0.75	1.45	0.517	1.1573	87.84	14	15
Team Tiger	6	1	1.6	0.6	2.667	5.9664	185.71	10	3
Thunderbolt	8	1	2.75	3.59	0.766	1.7139	101.36	5	14
	14	1	0.1	100	0.001	0.0022	12.15	16	16
	14	1	0.1	100	0.001	0.0022	12.15	16	16
The High Fivers	9	1	1.76	0.93	1.4	2.8127	101.36	8	9
Team Speedy	9	1	1.5	0.93	1.613	3.6087	111.75	11	6
Team Thunder	1	1	6.58	2.03	3.241	7.2523	223.53	2	1
Bloodhounds	2	1	2.81	1.37	2.051	4.5891	140.93	3	4
Golden Eagle	5	1	2.8	1.75	1.600	3.5799	109.01	4	7
Team Vipers	11	1	2.36	2.21	1.068	2.3893	120.21	7	11
	14	1	0.1	100	0.001	0.0022	12.15	16	16
	14	1	0.1	100	0.001	0.0022	12.15	16	16
	14	1	0.1	100	0.001	0.0022	12.15	16	16
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furthest distance, whilst Team Warrior were the fastest (with a calculated scale speed of 425mph!). Well done to everyone for good cooperation and team

Cost of School Dinners in September 2016 - £2.30 per day

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits.

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an Annual income of less than £16,190.
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit

Please note that anyone claiming Working Tax Credit, Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance is NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed. However, you will be temporarily eligible to claim free school meals if you receive a Working Tax Credit run-on, which is the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UFSM)

Since 1 September 2014, all Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils have been entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UFSM) initiative, regardless of what benefits are being claimed.

However, if you are in receipt of the benefits listed above which would entitle your child to free school meals anyway, the school may be entitled to claim Pupil Premium funding to support your child's education, just by you completing an application form.

When you apply we will check your eligibility for free school meals (or Pupil Premium for KS1 pupils) by checking against those held by HM Revenue and Customs, The Home Office and the Department of Work and Pensions.

UFSM for current year 2 children will cease when they become year 3 in September. If any year 2 parents (or year F or 1 or KS2 parents) are in receipt of the benefits listed below, please apply for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium as soon as possible so as the entitlement is in place when we come back in September. Information about this is given below.

Apply for Free School Meals

You can apply for free school meals (or Pupil Premium for KS1 pupils) online:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

Applying online is the quickest way for Cornwall Council to deal with your application. However if you prefer you can download

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/17527092/application-form-for-fsm-and-pupil-premium.pdf> (printable PDF) to apply by post or obtain a copy from the school office.

Applications will be processed within three working days of receipt. You will be notified of the outcome in writing of when your Free School Meals will commence. Please note that that we are unable to back-date any claim.

If you are successful in your application, your child's/children's entitlement will continue until the end of their school life or until you cease to be eligible – whichever is first. There is no longer a need for claims to be renewed annually.

As the eligibility criteria for free school meals is determined by Central Government, not Local Government; as such, there is no appeal process for free school meals.

Benefits of a good meal at school

Do you have a child who was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013?

....The deadline for applications is 15th January 2017.

If so, you must now apply for a school place for him/her for September 2017. If you have a child born between the above dates, you must submit an online application (www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions). If you do not have internet access, please call in at the school office for further information. A formal application through Cornwall Council must be made by parents for all places for children due to start school in September 2017.

Year 6 – secondary transfer

.....The deadline for applications is 31st October 2016.

All year 6 parents should have received a leaflet regarding transfer to secondary school and details of the application process. If any year 6 parents have not received this, please let us know. It is very important that you now deal with the application for your child and it is in your child's best interest that you do not delay doing this. If anyone does not have internet access or has any queries about the process, please contact the office.

Dogs

Please could we ask parents/carers not to bring dogs onto the school playground or tie them to the railings.



Front Door

Could parents wishing to come into school in the morning or at the end of the day please come in through the office entrance and not the doors the children use. This is for security and safety reasons.



Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
5th Sept		Brennan M Aimee	George P Emma F	Tem B Isla F	Rio a Julia C	Jack M JT Barbery	
12th Sept		Benjamin F Samuel B	Marley L Abigail S	Louis F Gemma H	Adam W Jessica M	Andrianna Jasmine W	Grace A Harry S
19th Sept		Lola W Ella C	Oscar D Kaspian L	Daniel G Emma B	Logan H Kai H	Hester R Linette H	Kieron S Lilly K
26th Sept		Blake C Niamh J	Scott W Maja M	Lola M Louis F	Joe G Lewis Cossie	Patryk W Isabelle S	Emily G Finley S

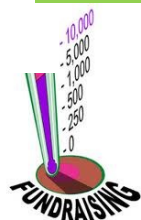
Two changes to the lunch menus this term



Community Responder

Year 1 and 2 have been discussing special people within our community in their RE lessons. They had a visitor in to talk about their special role in the community. It was Mrs Chapman; not as we know her (a Higher Level Teaching Assistant) but as a Community Responder! The children found out about her role within Launceston and the surrounding area and why that makes her a special person within our community.





Friends of Windmill Hill Academy News

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

www.windmillhillacademy.org

Twitter: @FriendsofWHA



Race Night 14th October

The Friends of Windmill Hill Academy are holding a Race Night on Friday 14th October. The event will start at 7.00 and finish around 11.00 and there will be a bar and nibbles. This is a FREE entry event!

Horses can be bought for £2 and Jockeys for £1. and betting on the evening starting from £1. Some Friends will be in the playground at the end of

the day to sell these. If any business would like to sponsor a race, please ring the school on 01566 772143 or see one of the Friends.

All profits from the evening will go towards a cookery area for the school.

See you there!

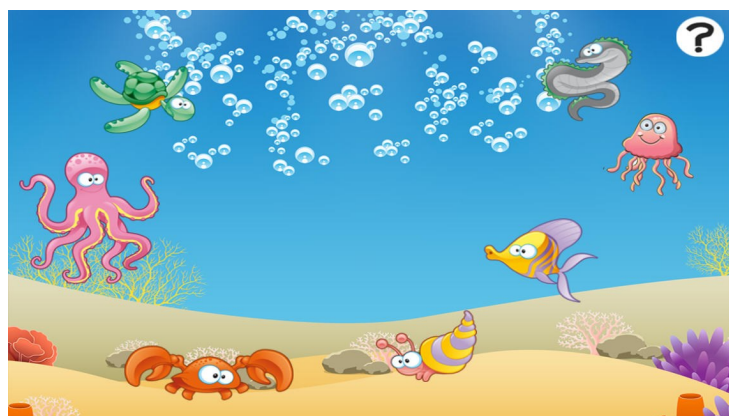
Silver Smarties

We hope all the children enjoyed munching on the Smarties we gave them. Sorry that the tubes aren't as well made as they used to be and haven't got plastic tops but I'm sure you can improvise or use loads of sellotape! You are very welcome to bring the tubes back in to school at any time but the last date for them back in will be 7th October. Thank you for your support



Carnival 8th October 'Under The Sea'

The Friends of Windmill Hill Academy have decided to enter the school in the Launceston Carnival on Saturday 8th October. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in getting a lorry or trailer, therefore, we have decided to enter in the walking category. Our theme will be 'Under The Sea'. If you would like to enter your child/ren, please fill in the form we sent out or get one from the foyer, adding the character they are dressing up as. All children will have to be accompanied by an adult (not necessarily in fancy dress) who will be responsible for them on the evening. We will send out more details nearer the time.



Many thanks for your continued support.