



An Daras
Multi Academy Trust

Windmill Hill Academy

Monthly Family Newsletter

*'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'*



Mr A Terry
Head of School

Thursday 12th July 2018



Hello and welcome to the: we have nearly made it to the end of the term but we are not quite there yet, newsletter.

It is, as usual, a very busy time as we begin the countdown to the end of the year. The weather has been hot, very hot, so I have to say a huge well done to all the pupils who have kept going despite the heat. We must not complain really but it has been unusual to have it so consistently hot.

I hope you all enjoyed our two sports days. Both the KS1 and KS2 went off very well and I do hope you all found them an enjoyable experience. We tried to do something different for the KS2 one and the initial feedback was positive so thank you to all those who gave their opinions.

The Y6 residential to London was a huge success last week and we all had a wonderful time. I never tire of going on this trip and the pupils do get so much out of it. May I say thank you to the staff who went and to the pupils who all did the school very proud with the way they behaved. Thank you.

Just a reminder that our The End of Year Party in the Playground, hosted by the Friends of Windmill Hill Academy, is on the 20th July, in the school playground. It starts at 3:30 and ends at about 5:00. Please come along and join us.

Parking Permits

Your parking permits expire on the last day of term (24th July). If you would like a new one please call into the office for a form.



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'

Trophies and Shields

Please can you bring any trophies or shields won last year back into school by Friday 6th July.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20th July Party in the Playground

24th July Last day of school

6th September Return to school

Attendance Figures for June 2018

Year	4th June	11th June	18th June	25th June
YF	89.3%	91.4%	89.3%	89.7%
Y1	95.7%	95.7%	96.1%	97.9%
Y2	93.9%	99.6%	94.3%	98.6%
Y3	97.6%	97.2%	92.8%	90.7%
Y4	97.2%	98.6%	97.2%	92.1%
Y5	95.4%	91%	100%	95%
Y6	90.7%	97.3%	96%	96%

Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
8th June	Jacob L Tommy H	Kayla S Harry E	Rhys M Keeley S	Dominika T Ewan B	Gemma H Kacper G	Alfie K Iris S	Marshall M Eimija K
15th June	Winnie L Narry L	Violet H Owen S	Rhys M Chelsea T	Emma F Tyler L	Gracie H Milo S	Lewis C Edward B	Hester R Matthew C
22nd June	Riley M Myles D	Chelsee G Summer L	Dominik B Alfie C	Jowan W Minnie C	Madison P Gemma C	Sam W Heidi Y	JT B Olivia S
29th June	Joshua J Florence T	Leah L Harry P	Casey Y Jamie S	Dillan H Alfie T	Summer S Tegan W	Toby G Florabela F	
6th July	Joshua J Florence T	Leah L Harry P	Casey Y Jamie S	Dillan H Alfie T	Summer S Tegan W	Toby G Flobela F	All of Y6

Key Stage 1 News

Key Stage One are enjoying their new books

A big 'thank you' to the 'Friends of Windmill Hill' for kindly buying each class sets of Pie Corbett's Reading Spines from Key Stage One. The children in Key Stage One have already been enjoying them.



The books in Year F mainly use patterned language, but begin to have a stronger emotional connection with the reader. There is also plenty to discuss and to wonder about. Many of them lend themselves to retelling and creating new versions or further adventures featuring the same characters. Titles include: Rosie's Walk, Six Dinner Sid and Father Duck.

The books in Year 1 offer deeper exploration of emotions and wonder. They are mainly rooted in the everyday crises of life. Again, most of these books lend themselves to setting up a variety of play situations – using toys, costumes and puppets – but the children also need to be involved in careful reading of the books, paying close attention to the detail and entering imagined worlds to experience the stories deeply – then talking it all through. Titles include: Peace at Last, The Tiger who came to Tea and Beegu.



In Year 2, it is important to start to move from sharing picture books into sharing chapter books. These will not only provide a meaty read, but also demand that the children use their imagination. Of course, there are also



many Reception and Year 1 children who will sit and enjoy a chapter book and this should form part of their reading experience. Many of the chosen books operate on different levels - from the satisfaction of good stories to the exploration of deeper themes. Titles include: Meerkat Mail, Gorilla, Fantastic Mr Fox and Hedgehog.

Key Stage One's Sports morning

Key Stage One's (including Year F) Sports Morning will be on **Wednesday 4th July**. The event will be at **Coronation Park** due to it being much safer for the children (and their knees!).

It will start at 10am and last around an hour. You are welcome to begin arriving at the park from 9.30am. Please feel free to bring picnic blankets and chairs as we won't be able to provide seating.

Refreshments will be available so please bring some change.

The children must have a PE kit in school for them to change in to. They are also encouraged to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house team (green, red, blue or yellow). They must also have sun cream applied, wear a hat and bring a drink's bottle filled with water. If you are able to assist with walking to and from the park, please let your child's teacher know.



Key dates for June



Please see the KS1 diary dates sheet for more information.

Tuesday 10th July 2018 Year 1 and 2 'Knights and Dragons' Project Showcase and Year F's Showcase of work 2.45pm – 3.15pm

Wednesday 11th July KS1 (including F) Sports day
***alternative date* 10am start**

Week beginning 16th July 2018 Whole School Transition Week

Wednesday 18th July 2018 Year 2 visit to Pendruccombe Care Home *3rd visit

Wednesday 18th July 2018 Whole school – Reports to parents

Monday 23rd July 2018 Whole school end of term party

Tuesday 24th July 2018 Last day of term

The Autumn term starts on Thursday 6th September 2018.

Key Stage 1 News

Health and Well-being Week

The whole school has a busy week focusing on 'Health and Well-being' during the week beginning 18th June. Key Stage One took part in many activities this week.

Here are some of our highlights:

- Zumba lessons led Miss Davis-Butler (our student teacher in Year 1) to the whole school and individual classes. The pupils (and staff) loved it so much that we had an extra lunchtime session!
- Year 2 ran a mile each day, which is a great achievement as they ended up running 5 miles by the end of week! Their stamina greatly improved and they quickly learned that they needed to pace themselves! All of the pupils (and staff and parents) managed to run with less walking and some even managed to run without stopping! An awards ceremony was held on Friday and each child received a certificate and medal. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to supervise and some even ran with us!
- Learning about how to keep ourselves healthy including a healthy diet and hygiene. The Year 2 pupils learned about the different food groups and designed their own healthy plates.
- Doing more of what we enjoy to keep a healthy mind, for example, singing, dancing, drawing etc.



Thank you and good luck to Miss Davis-Butler

Miss Davis-Butler has been teaching in Year 1 this term as she is training to be a teacher. The pupils and staff have loved working with her. She has now completed her final teaching practice and she will be leaving us next week. She has secured her first teaching job and we all wish her well and thank her for all of her hard work.

Year 2 parents please note - Universal Infant Free School Meals will end for your child at the end of this term and in September meals for when they are in year 3 will have to be paid for. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, which will trigger pupil premium funding, please see the separate article in the newsletter and please apply as soon as possible as until the application is approved, we will be unable to provide any free meals in September.

Pupil premium funding

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 automatically get universal free school meals. However, parents and guardians of all children in the school who may qualify (including those in Year R, 1 and 2) are also encouraged to apply for free school meals as this attracts additional 'pupil premium' funding to the school to support learning. Please ensure that you register as this attracts additional money to our school which can have a great impact on the children's learning. If you do not register we do not get the extra funding in school.

If you receive 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 (UIFSM)

All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative, regardless of what benefits are being claimed.

If you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed above which would entitle your child to free school meals anyway, your 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 Cornwall Council 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.

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 us to deal with your application. Alternatively you can download an [Application form for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium](#) to apply by post or speak to Mrs Zoffman in the office.

Applications will be processed within three working days of receipt. We will notify you of the outcome in writing of the date your Free School Meals will start. Please note that that we are unable to backdate any claim.

If your application is successful, 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.

2018/19 school term dates for community and voluntary-controlled schools



Summer 2018						
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Spring 2022						
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School Holidays

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Christmas Day	25 December 2018
Boxing Day	26 December 2018
New Year's Day	01 January 2019
Good Friday	19 April 2019
Easter Monday	22 April 2019
Early May Holiday	06 May 2019
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2019
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018 (73 days)

04 September - 20 December
(Half term 22 - 26 October)

SPRING TERM 2019 (60 days)

07 January - 25 April
(Half term 18 - 22 February)

SUMMER TERM 2019 (62 days)

23 April - 25 July
(Half term 27 May - 31 May)

Inset Day

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The 5 additional days are allocated for In-Service Training.

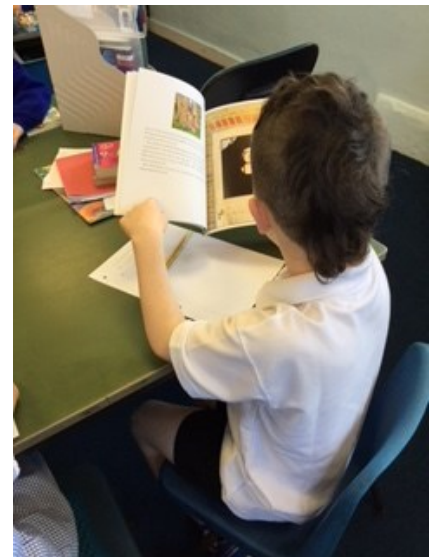
A 'big' thank you to the Friends of WHA

A 'big' thank you to the 'Friends of Windmill Hill' for kindly buying each class sets of Pie Corbett's Reading Spines.

Pie Corbett is an educationalist, literacy expert and author who is well known for his books on teaching creative writing, as well as many other books, schemes and anthologies. He has created 'Pie Corbett's Reading

Spine' to help schools build a core selection of the very best books to read aloud with children. The Reading Spine is a core of books that create a living library inside a child's mind. It is a store of classics and essential reads that help children engage at a deeper level and enter the world of the story, fostering a love of reading.

We have been lucky enough to receive three sets of each of the books for each class from the Friends. We are now able to use them to enrich our reading curriculum and these books will be used in guided reading sessions. As you can see, the pupils have been enjoying them already!





Sponsored Bounce

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Sponsored Bounce on 15th June. The children had a great time bouncing and we raised an amazing £334. Thank you so much to Chris Brown (discoman.co.uk) for donating the bouncy castle for the event. We are very grateful for his continued support.

There is still some sponsored money outstanding so please look out for any forms lurking in the bottom of blue book bags.

Thank you all once again

LOOK OUT FOR CHRIS' BOUNCY CASTLE AT THE 'PARTY IN THE PLAYGROUND'



Launceston Girls

⚽ Are you a girl who loves football? Or just want to get active and make some new friends? Launceston Girls are a friendly, fun club open to all girls from age 5 to 15 years old. For more info please contact Zoe Curtis on 07939087083 ⚽



Key Stage 2 News

KS2 Beach Trip

On Friday 22nd June KS2 children went to Widemouth Bay near Bude. They all enjoyed activities which included playing cricket, boules, rock pooling, toe dipping (the sea was very cold!), sand sculptures and sandcastle building. The RNLI talked to the children about beach and sea safety and they showed the vehicles used in rescuing people.

The Friends of Windmill Hill Academy were kind enough to donate money to buy all the children an ice-cream. Thank you Friends, they were very much appreciated as it was so hot!



KS2 Dates Dates—

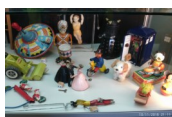
(Subject to possible change)

- Wednesday 18th July -Display of KS2 Grande Finally—display of work in the library.
- Friday 20th July—KS2 Wild Tribe Morning (Windmill Woods)
- Monday 23rd July — Party Day
- Tuesday 24th July—Last Day of Term

Please look out for further dates and further details as required.

Year 5 Trip to Launceston Museum

Year 5 are studying Launceston this half term. They visited the museum on Monday to find out more about old Launceston and how it used to be.



Toy Room



Old Butter Market



Launceston Railway

Whole School Zumba

Our Student teacher led a whole school Zumba session during the Health and Well Being week.

All children from KS1 and 2 joined in and danced to the music!



KS2 Health and Well Being Week—Run a mile a day

Children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in the 'Run a mile a day' activity to raise awareness of staying healthy from an early age. A mile is approximately 4 times around the top part of Coronation Park.

Many children improved as the week went on which showed in their faces at the finishing line.



Windmill Breakfast Club

During the Health and Well Being week children who attend the club enjoyed a healthy start to the day by making their own fresh fruit kebabs. Children also enjoyed playing 'French Cricket', Hula-hooping and skipping too.



Year 6

Truro Emergency Control Centre Visit

On Tuesday 19th June Year 6 visited the Emergency Control Centre in Truro. We were taken under the building and into the Bunker where emergency plans are considered and put into place when huge problems arise- like: flooding, e.g . Boscastle; large fires; and heavy snow—leading to school closures; etc. It was very interesting to know that lots of very important people all go down into the Bunker to put their ideas together and come up with a plan, then put it into action. We sorted into groups and each group was given a problem to try and solve. It was a very interesting morning and made us aware that every place - be it school or local community - should come up with lots of contingency plans.



Bikeability

Year 6 also did Bike ability for two weeks where 13 children brought their bikes to school to check that they were roadworthy and then to learn how to ride them safely on the road. Each of the children learned a lot from Mr Brook and they all passed the course and received a certificate and a badge. It was great to see how much the children progressed each time they went out on the road and to see how confident they were at the end of the course.

Well done to all our safe cyclists.





Floss Off and Fortnite
Dance Off
Competitions



END OF TERM PARTY IN THE PLAYGROUND

3.30-5.00

FRIDAY 20TH JULY

	Raffle	Penalty Shoot Out
Refreshments	Shooting Hoops	Cakes
Candyfloss	Sweets	Bouncy Castle



Hot Dogs and Burgers

Glitter Tattoos

Non school uniform £1 for the day

Splat Mr T



All children must be accompanied by an adult at this event please.