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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

**Wednesday 4th October 2017**



Hello to you all and welcome back to the new term. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. I would especially like to welcome our new parents and pupils in YF. It is always a very special occasion when your child starts school for the first time and we will do our best in making it a positive and rewarding experience for you all. Having visited the Year F classroom on a number of occasions since the beginning of the term, I can report that they all seem to be settling in very well. I also extend a warm welcome to our new parents and pupils who have joined us in other classes.

There is always a lot going on during the term so please take a look at the diary dates for KS1 and 2 to keep up-to-date (I won't mention Christmas just yet).

### **Parking**

Please can we remind everyone to park considerately at all times. If you bring children to breakfast club, please leave your car in a parking space and take them to the door. We have had recent reports of inappropriate parking in the Penworth Close area. Please do not block our neighbours in or out and please do not park anywhere which may block the vision of or obstruct other road users. Parking on site (other than for bringing children to breakfast club or collecting from an after school club) is strictly for staff and people with school parking permits. These permits are for Blue Badge holders or anyone who has a letter from a recognised medical professional stating they have a medical condition. Please respect these rules at all times to help us keep a safe site.

Parking permits are available for The Cattle Market or The Leisure Centre. Please call at the office to receive one. These are free.

### **Do you have a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014?**

If so, you must now apply for a school place for him/her for September 2018. If you have a child born between the above dates, you must submit an online application ([www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://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 2018. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2018.

### **Year 6 – secondary transfer**

All Year 6 parents should have received a communication 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. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2017.

**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'**

## 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.



## Parent Consultation Days



Thursday 19th October - 4.10 - 6.50

Friday 20th October - 12.10 - 3.30

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>19th Oct</b>	Parent Consultation evening
<b>20th Oct</b>	Parent Consultation afternoon
<b>20th Oct</b>	Inset Day
<b>23rd Oct - 27th Oct</b>	Half term
<b>1st Dec</b>	Decorations Day
<b>7th Dec</b>	Wrap-a-Gift Day
<b>8th Dec</b>	Christmas Fair
<b>11th Dec</b>	KS1 Nativity
<b>12th Dec</b>	KS1 Nativity
<b>13th Dec</b>	KS2 Christmas performance
<b>14th Dec</b>	KS1 Nativity
<b>14th Dec</b>	Christmas dinner
<b>19th Dec</b>	Christmas Party Day
<b>21st Dec - 3rd Jan</b>	Christmas Holiday
<b>4th Jan 2018</b>	New term begins

## Attendance Figures for September 2016

Year	4th Sept	11th Sept	18th Sept
YF	95.6%	99.7%	92%
Y1	94.8%	91%	97.6%
Y2	92.5%	92.7%	84.3%
Y3	92.1%	83.2%	89.6%
Y4	93.5%	93.6%	87.9%
Y5	95.3%	90.2%	90%
Y6	96.3%	99.3%	92.3%

## So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen adieu...

After a mammoth 17 years at our school, Mrs Chapman will be saying good bye to us. She is leaving her post as HLTA and is going on to pursue a career with the South West Ambulance Service; a great passion of hers. She will now, for a few months at least, be a pupil instead of a teacher as she undertakes a period of training.

Mrs Chapman says: "I have loved working with all the children and colleagues over my years here and will no doubt miss them all very much I'm sure.

I wish all the children, staff, parents and the Academy all the very best for the future."

We will all miss her very much but we wish her well in her new venture.

Thank you Shirley.

## After School Clubs - Autumn Term 2017

<b>Drama</b>	Monday	Yrs 5, 6	3.30 - 4.30
<b>KS1 Drama</b>	Monday	YF/KS1	3.30 - 4.15
<b>Football</b>	Monday	Yrs 3, 4	3.30 - 4.30
<b>Netball</b>	Tuesday	Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6	3.30 - 4.30
<b>Bowls</b>	Wednesday	Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6	3.30 - 4.30
<b>Football</b>	Wednesday	Yrs 5, 6	3.30 - 4.30
<b>KS1 Singing</b>	Thursday	Y1, Y2	3.30 - 4.15
<b>Cross Country</b>	Thursday	Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.30 - 4.30
<b>Sewing</b>	Thursday	Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.30 - 4.30

Key Stage One Diary Dates  
**Autumn Term 2017**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We endeavour to keep parents informed so please do take the time to read and take note of the following dates for this term. In addition, during the course of the year, you will receive updates in the form of letters, newsletters (subscribe on the website), social media sites (Twitter and Facebook) and text messages but also please take a look at our website. **As a reminder, children in Year F are part of our Key Stage One. It will be indicated when classes are doing separate events.**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Year 1 Swimming for this half term** Children must have a swimming kit (labelled with their name) in school for these sessions.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Year 2 Wild Tribe** Children will be taking part in Wild Tribe sessions (previously called Forest Schools) in our school grounds and/or Windmill Woods on a Friday afternoon. These sessions will be taking place regardless of the weather so we ask that children have wellies/old trainers and a set of old clothes. Please label these items with their name, including their bag. The school provides a waterproof coat and trousers.

**Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Year 1 and 2 Clubs to start** A club letter will be sent out detailing the clubs available for Year 1 and 2. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so please make sure you return your letter promptly as places are limited. A confirmation letter will be sent out if your child has a place.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 Year 1 and 2's trip to Launceston Railway and New Mills** Year 1 and 2 will be visiting and riding on a train on the Launceston Railway as part of their 'All Aboard' project. They will then spend some time at New Mills Farm park. A letter has already been sent out.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 KS1 parents 'Come into Class and Read with your Child' 9am - 9.30am** Year F, 1 and 2 classrooms will be open for parents to come and read with their child.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in** If your child has completed project homework related to 'All Aboard', please ensure that they have brought it in today.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Year 1 and 2's 'All Aboard!' Project Showcase and Year F's Showcase of work 2.45pm – 3.15pm**

In Year 1 and Year 2, you are invited in to see what your child has been learning in their 'All Aboard!' project this half term (including the homework that the children have produced). Year F parents will also be invited in to see their child's learning this half term.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 KS1 Cake Sale** Cakes will be sold during KS1 break time 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 purse/envelope labelled with their name.

**Parent Consultations: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October (after school) and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (in the afternoon – no school for the children on that day)**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 Half Term Week** Back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Year 2 Swimming for this half term** Children must have a swimming kit (labelled with their name) in school for these sessions.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 'Superheroes' Enrichment Day** As part of Key Stage's project 'Superheroes', we will be having a themed enrichment activity day. The children are encouraged to dress up as a superhero.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 KS1 Parents 'Come and Learn Maths Workshop' 2.30pm – 3.15pm** Year F, 1 and 2 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. We will be focusing on the importance of number and place value.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Year 1 and 2's trip to Launceston Town Hall** Year 1 and 2 will be visiting Launceston Town Hall to watch a performance called 'Much Ado about Puffin'. \*A letter to follow.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in** If your child has completed project homework related to 'Superheroes', please ensure that they have brought it in today.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 Whole School Decorations day** The children will be making Christmas cards, calendars and decorations, some of which will be sold at the Christmas Fair.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Year 1 and 2's 'Superheroes' Project Showcase and Year F's Showcase of work 2.45pm – 3.15pm** In Year 1 and Year 2, you are invited in to see what your child has been learning in their 'Superheroes' project this half term (including the homework that the children have produced). Year F parents will also be invited in to see their child's learning this half term.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Whole school Wrap a gift day** Children will have the opportunity to purchase (for a small amount) and wrap a gift for a family member. \*Further details to follow.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Fair (after school)** The children will be selling items at the Christmas Fair that they have made during decorations day.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> (AM), Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> (PM) and 14<sup>th</sup> (AM) December 2017: KS1 Nativity Performances** There will be 3 performances. \*A separate letter to follow.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Whole school Christmas Dinner** Christmas Dinner for the whole school.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Whole school Christmas Party** \*A separate letter to follow.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Last day of term**

The spring term starts on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

There may be other events that will take place during this term and, if so, we will notify you of these separately.

Many thanks for your support.

# Key Stage 1 News

## A great start to the new school year!

Firstly, welcome back to all of our current parents and welcome to all of our new parents. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Key Stage One Welcome meeting. Hopefully it gave you a clear overview of the year and some key information. If you were not able to attend, all of the information given out has been sent home. We have lots of parent events, e.g. Maths workshops, planned for the year so it'll be nice to see as many of you as possible. The Key Stage One diary dates have been sent home so please make sure you keep a copy handy as it is so valuable in keeping you up to date with what is going on. All of these dates are also on the calendar on the school website.

The children have settled into school extremely well and are all making huge progress in their learning. It is lovely to see the older pupils in Key Stage One being good role models to our youngest pupils, especially at playtimes. We have already had many enrichments to our learning, such as swimming, wild tribe and Year 1 and 2 had a great visit to Launceston Railway and New Mills as part of their project 'All Aboard!'. It was lovely to receive an email from New Mills to say how polite and well mannered our pupils were.



## KS1 Learning Observations

We hoped you enjoyed receiving the learning observations of your child just before the Summer holidays for those of you with children in Year 1 or 2. The next set of observations will be sent out just before half term. This will then continue each half term whilst they are in Key Stage One. There are still a few of you that we don't have an email address or the correct email address for you. You will know if it is set up if you have received them before or have accepted the link. If you experience any difficulties, please come and speak to Mrs Bassett or leave a message with the office. Remember that this system also gives you the opportunity to e-mail photos and observations to us at school. So if you see your child using what they have learnt in school at home, or if there is a wow moment you would like to share, simply take a photo, type a little bit about what they were doing and simply reply to the email.

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## A few key dates for October

Please see the KS1 diary dates sheet for more information.

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# Key Stage 2 News



## KS2 Wild Tribe Event

On Thursday the 14th September KS2 went to Windmill Hill Woods (located next to the park). Many activities had been organised and the children had lots of fun. Children were asked to wear old

shoes, old clothes, wellington boots and coats because they were likely to get muddy....and we did!. When we got to the wood we met up in a circle around the Head of KS2, Miss Osborne, then followed a safety talk about the forest and how the groups were going to work. All the children were put into groups of mixed Year 3s to Year 6s. Activities were held by class teachers: Miss Young, Mrs Jackson, Miss Osborne, Mrs. Millard, Mrs Charret Dykes, Mrs Williams, Miss Lamoureux, and Mrs Mason.

Activities were varied through memory games, building tent challenges, making stick dolls, guidance through being blindfolded to hug a tree, creating mud art, creating houses, making carpets, and the always – loved roasting of marshmallows! Many children were asked what their favourite activities were and most of them were counted up to being marshmallows, tree-hugging (being blindfolded) and doll making.



Quotes were taken after the trip “I loved the marshmallows mostly,” Patryk Walat. “I loved roasting the marshmallows and the blindfolding,” Jessica Murray. “I liked the blindfolding,” Heidi Yole. “My favourite was roasting marshmallows,” Rio Alfar.



## Sports in Windmill Hill Academy

Clubs are now up and running. They include: football, bowls, netball and cross country

Remember to go along each week when you have signed up and enjoy them!!



## Other clubs include:

Drama with Miss Young – on Mondays and  
Sewing with Mrs. Williams—on Thursdays

## TEAM POINTS

Don't forget to put up any team points that you get to  
help your team. Green is in the lead again! -  
Come on the other teams - it is time for a change!!



## Windmill Breakfast Club here at Windmill Hill Academy

*If you need childcare for work commitments or other early appointments before the school day commences, why not drop off your child/children to us where they will be able to enjoy a healthy breakfast while socialising with other children in the care of fully qualified staff. If your child has already eaten breakfast, they can still attend.*

*There are lots of games and activities to do. Why not come along and see for yourself?*

*Parents and Carers are very welcome to attend with their child(ren)*



If you haven't tried the club before, we can accommodate your children. We have spaces available. Please contact the office staff who will put you in touch with Mrs Williams or Mrs Rutherford. Prices are still £2.30 per child per session which includes breakfast if required. We open at 8am

### No Toys in School Please

We are asking that no toys be brought into school from home. Our classroom is filled with items to keep us busy, and lost or broken toys result in very sad feelings! Special items may be brought to share, but they are kept in a safe place until the end of the day!



### Contact details

Later in the term we will be sending out pupil data checking sheets but in the meantime, if there are changes to your mobile number, email address or anything else, please send a written note of the change into the office. Thank you.

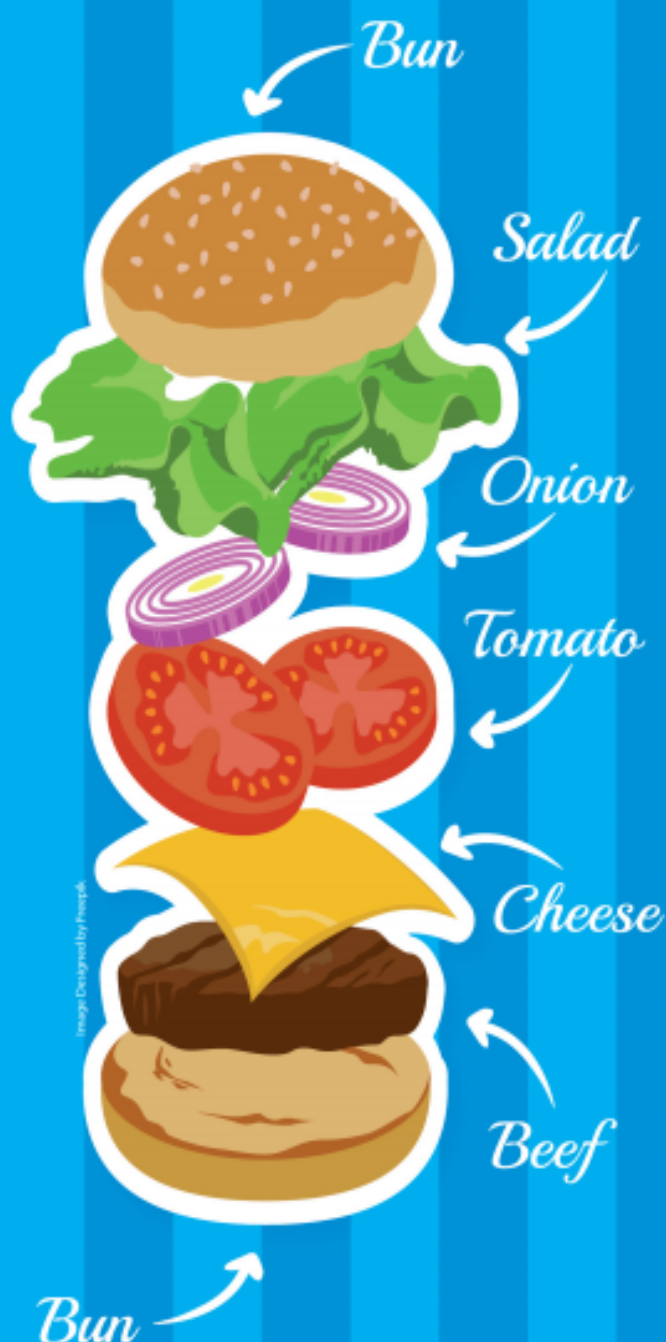
### Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
8th	Florence T	Owen S	Elsie S	Alfie T	Lola H	Kieron	Leland H
Sept	Adam B	Sara U	Benjamin F	Oskar	Louis F	Owen W	Emily T
15th	Seth G	Nicole S	Blake C	Kaspian L	Kristian		Patryk W
Sept	Chloe H	Kamil K	AimeeN	Dominika T	Liam G		Klaudia D
19th	Harry L	Casey	Casey Y	Zack G	Liam G	James P	Sasha C
Sept	Isla P	Yannis	Lola W	Flora D	Gracie H	Heidi Y	Marshall
26th	Lily A	Emily F	Ella C	Bailey M-G	Warren C	Abigail F	Thomas D-W
Sept	Tommy H	Louis G	Connor D	Dillan H	Isla F	Adam W	Linette H

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**BURGER**

# SCHOOL CENSUS DAY

Thursday 5th October 2017



**Beef or Quorn Burger  
in a Bun**

**Top as you like  
Choosing from Lettuce,  
Tomatoes, Cucumber,  
Onions, Cheese, Mayo  
or Tomato Relish**

**Fries**

**Coleslaw and Baked  
Beans**

**Ice Cream**

**Fresh Fruit**

  
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