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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

**Monday 1st October 2018**



Hello to you all and welcome back to the new term, 2018-19. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. The weather was beautiful so I hope you all managed to enjoy it. 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. I also extend a warm welcome to our new parents and pupils who have joined us in other classes.

Unfortunately, as I wrote in a letter earlier in the term, the new YF building continues to frustrate us all. Just when you think there is positive news and are looking forward to the work starting, up comes another delay. I do thank you all for your continued patience and I will update you as soon as I know anything else.

I would now just like to wish you all a pleasant academic year and we, as a staff, are all looking forward to working with each and everyone of you again. Thank you.

## **Parking and approaching the school in cars.**

Please can we once again, 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. 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.

We have also had some reports of some cars driving fast on Bounsall's Lane and Windmill Hill. I know it might not be anyone connected with our school, but can we just politely remind everyone to be very aware of driving carefully on the approach roads to the school. There are a large number of our pupils who walk to school and have to use these roads in order to get to school. Thank you.

## **Do you have a child who was born between 1st September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015?**

If so, you must now apply for a school place for him/her for September 2019. 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 2019.

**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 2018

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## Friends of Windmill Hill Academy



The current officers are -Trish Spokes, Shelley Bridgmen, Lisa Jones, Sharon Worsnip, Sherrille Paterson

If you would like to join us in raising much needed funds for the school, please speak to one of us or contact Mrs Zoffman in the office. Next meeting 4th October at 3.45 at school



There will be a bag2school collection on Thursday 11th October.

Please bring any bags of clothes, shoes, handbags etc to the front entrance by 9.00 on the day

Visit <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect> to see what can be used.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Attendance Figures for September 2018

Year	7th Sept	14th Sept	21th Sept
YF	90.4%	97.6%	95.9%
Y1	91.7%	97%	97.7%
Y2	100%	99.3%	98.9%
Y3	93.3%	96.3%	94%
Y4	98.3%	96.2%	93.4%
Y5	100%	96.8%	84.3%
Y6	96.4%	92.9%	92.5%

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>19th Oct</b>	Inset Day
<b>22nd Oct - 26th Oct</b>	Half term
<b>3rd Dec</b>	Decorations Day
<b>17th Dec</b>	Wrap-a-Gift Day
<b>TBA</b>	Christmas Fair
<b>11th Dec</b>	KS1 Nativity
<b>12th Dec</b>	KS2 Christmas performance
<b>5th Dec</b>	Christmas dinner
<b>19th Dec</b>	Christmas Party Day
<b>21st Dec - 7th Jan</b>	Christmas Holiday
<b>8th Jan 2018</b>	New term begins

### After School Clubs - Autumn Term 2018

<b>KS1 gym</b>	Monday	YF/KS1	3.30 - 4.15
<b>Football</b>	Tuesday	Yrs 3, 4	3.30 - 4.30
<b>Bowls</b>	Wednesday	Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6	3.30 - 4.30
<b>KS1 wild tribe</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 2018

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 text messages but also please take a look at our website. **As a reminder, children in Foundation are part of our Key Stage One. It will be indicated when classes are doing separate events.**

### **Monday Afternoons- Year 1 are Swimming until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Children must have a swimming kit (labelled with their name) in school for these sessions.

### **Thursday Afternoons- Year 2 Wild Tribe until Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Children will be taking part in Wild Tribe sessions in our school grounds and/or Windmill Woods on a Thursday 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. The school provides a waterproof coat and trousers. Please label these items with their name, including their bag. Please let the Year Two team know if you can help.

### **Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 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.

**Monday After School Gym with Miss Pearce:** Year 1 and 2.

**Thursday After School Wild Tribe with Miss Jones:** Year 1 and 2.

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Harvest**

As part of Harvest this year, please bring donations of food to school. Food items will be donated to the foodbank. Children will be doing some poems/performances within school.

### **Tuesday 9th October 2018 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 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in**

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

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Dress as a Pirate Day! For Year One and Two**

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Year 1 and 2's 'Shiver Me Timbers' 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 'Shiver Me Timbers' 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 17th October 2018 KS1 Cake Sale**

Cakes will be sold during KS1 break time. The school will provide the cakes. All cakes will be 20p. Please can children bring money in a purse/envelope labelled with their name.

### **Monday 22nd October 2018 Half Term Week**

Back to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Monday Afternoons- Year 2 are Swimming until Monday 10th December 2018**

Children must have a swimming kit (labelled with their name) in school for these sessions.

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 'Bright Sparks' Enrichment Day**

As part of Key Stage's project 'Bright Sparks', we will be having a themed enrichment activity day.

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 KS1 Parents 'Come and Learn Maths Workshop' 9am – 9.30am**

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.

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### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in**

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

### **Monday 3rd December 2018 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 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Year 1 and 2's 'Bright Sparks' 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 'Bright Sparks' 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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018- Whole school Christmas Dinner**

Christmas Dinner for the whole school.

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018- 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.

### **Christmas Fair (after school)- Date to be Confirmed by the Friends of Windmill**

The children will be selling items at the Christmas Fair that they have made during decorations day.

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Visit to Key Stage Two Christmas Carol Service**

### **Key Stage One Nativity 2018- Date to be Confirmed**

Due to our new classroom being built we will be holding our Key Stage One Nativity this year at Launceston Town Hall. We will be doing one Nativity performance to parents at 2.15pm. Date to be confirmed.

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Whole school Christmas Party**

\*A separate letter to follow.

### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Last day of term**

The spring term starts on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

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,

The 'Key Stage One' Team

## Key Stage Two Diary Dates Autumn Term 2018

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### **Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Key Stage 2 Clubs to start**

Club letters are now available outside the staffroom on the Sports Board

**Tuesday 3.30—4.30—Football**

**Wednesday 3.30—4.45—Bowls**

**Thursday 3.30—4.30 - Cross Country**

**Thursday 3.30—4.30 - Sewing Club**

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Harvest**

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### **Thursday 18th October Maths Challenge**

### **Monday 22nd October 2018 Half Term Week**

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### **Monday Afternoons- Year 5 and 3 are Swimming until Monday 10th December 2018**

Children must have a swimming kit (labelled with their name) in school for these sessions.

### **Monday 29th October Year 6 to Davidstow**

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Many thanks for your support,

The 'Key Stage Two' Team

## Visible Learning at Windmill Hill Academy

At Windmill Hill Academy, we are working towards becoming a Visible Learning School. The Visible Learning development model is based upon the principles developed by John Hattie's research. Pupils take ownership of their own learning. They know where they are within the curriculum and what their next steps are. Using their goals grids, they can track their own progress. The pupils know what to do when they come across something they don't know and have strategies to progress with their learning. Pupils seek feedback and respond to it, and more importantly they give feedback to staff about their teaching.

Pupils are active in their learning and are assessment capable. Assessment Capable Learners can ask and find the answer to: Where am I going? How am I going to get there? Where to next? Pupils can employ a range of meta-cognitive strategies developed through a shared language of learning. Pupils see learning as hard work, have a 'can do' approach and a desire to succeed. Through the introduction of Visible Learning, we encourage children to really challenge themselves. Each class, has a 'learning pit' that the pupils use when they find the learning difficult and challenging. The children often put themselves in to the pit, and work on strategies and skills to assist in their learning in order to achieve their learning intention and success criteria. We encourage the children to place themselves in the pit as this is where learning is at its best.

Visible learners are able to

- ⇒ Understand their learning intentions
- ⇒ Know and are challenged by the success criteria
- ⇒ Develop a range of learning strategies





### **Year 4 meet the Duke of Kent**

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, some of our Year Four pupils were invited to meet the Duke of Kent, at 'Cyprus Well' (Charles Causley's House). The pupils invited had all entered the Charles Causley poetry competition - 'Cornish Countryside'. They had the opportunity to meet the Duke and listen to poems performed by other poets. One of our pupils, Maya, was then chosen to read her poem to the Duke. All the pupils had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

The Charles Causley Trust are holding a Charles Causley event as part of National Poetry Day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October and all of the pupils have been invited to go to.



## 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
21st Sept	Max T Meadow M	Seth G Isla P	Alyssa G Elias W	Eva H Niamh J	Emma F Marley L	Emily H Milo S	Heidi Y Owen W
28th Sept	Freddie C Olivia W		Iannis V Finlay T	Elsie S Rhys M	Jowan W Poppy K	Liam G Summer S	Rio A Iris S



Thursday 4th October

# American Theme Day

*American Hot Dog  
with Onions and Tomato Ketchup*

*Veggie Hot Dog  
with Onions and Tomato Ketchup*

*Chips*

*Baked Beans and Peas*



*Sweet Waffle with Chocolate Sauce  
and Ice Cream*



**There are 50  
states in America.  
The Capital is  
Washington DC.**