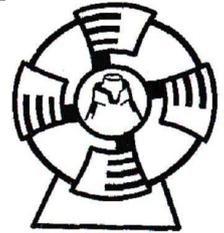


An Daras
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Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'



Mr A Terry
Head of School

Wednesday 31st January



Dear Parents/Carers,

A rather belated but warm welcome back to you all and a Happy New Year for 2018. It has, once again, been a very wet start to the year but hopefully the weather will begin to improve as we look towards the spring.

The newsletter is packed with information so I am going to keep my bit short (hooray, I hear you shout) but please take the time to read through and enjoy the following pages. There is however, an important message on page two of the newsletter (Action Fraud Alert) so please make sure you have a look at it.

Thank you.

Dear Parents,

Due to the current growth expectations of An Daras MAT, we are restructuring our leadership arrangements to ensure we have additional improvement capacity to support both our existing schools and any new schools joining An Daras. Therefore, Mrs Deborah Saunders will be leaving the post of Head of School at St Stephens Academy directly after half term to take up a newly created leadership and Improvement Officer role based at Windmill Hill Academy.

Mrs Saunders will also be taking on the role of Y3 teacher for the mornings at Windmill Hill and Mrs Jo Charret-Dykes will take on the afternoon teaching role.

Whilst the recruitment process for a new Head of School at St Stephens gets underway Mrs Hooper, Ms Neale and I will provide daily leadership for the school until a substantive appointment is made.

Yours sincerely

W. Hermon
CEO/ADMAT

Tea, Biscuits and Chat

Parents/Carers are invited to another informal get together with Mr Terry and Mrs Gilbert (Chair of local governing board) on 22nd 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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Payment Diversion Fraud

The purpose of this alert is to provide knowledge and prevention advice to schools and parents of students in order to prevent them from falling victim to payment diversion fraud – a fraud that involves falsely creating or diverting payments.

ALERT CONTENT

Payment Diversion Fraud Fraudsters are placing themselves in the middle of transactions between parents and private schools. The fraudster contacts the parents outlining details and payment instructions for the latest school fees. Initial contact appears to primarily be made via email and often from the school's own compromised email system. However the NFIB has also seen instances where the email address used is similar to that of the school (i.e. nn instead of an m). The victim then makes the required payment into the bank account which is in the control of the fraudster. By the time the fraud has been identified, the funds have already been dissipated. In several instances there has been a strong social engineering element at play within the email, with the fraudster suggesting a discount on the fees can be obtained if the parents pay early.

PROTECTION / PREVENTION ADVICE

Parents Always verify email payment changes in respect of payment fees with the school directly using established contact details you have on file, especially for ones which are not expected or for a different amount than expected. Always review requests to changes for payment requests. Check for inconsistencies or grammatical errors, such as a misspelt school name or a slightly different email address. Don't be afraid to verify details when being asked to make fee payments into a new bank account.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>12th - 16th Feb</i>	Half term week
<i>23rd February</i>	Valentines Disco
<i>1st March</i>	World Book Day
<i>23rd March</i>	Easter Bingo
<i>29th March</i>	Inset Day
<i>30th Mar - 13th Apr</i>	Easter Holidays
<i>7th May</i>	May Bank Holiday
<i>28th May - 1st Jun</i>	Half Term

Attendance Figures for January 2018

Year	8th Jan	15th Jan	22nd Jan
YF	93.7%	90.3%	97%
Y1	93.6%	96.4%	93.2%
Y2	94.5%	97.8%	91.1%
Y3	91.4%	94.7%	91.7%
Y4	93.7%	99.3%	95.7%
Y5	94.3%	95%	92.2%
Y6	98%	96.3%	97.7%

Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
16th Dec	Umet M Lilly A	Harry P Harry E	Jayden B S Ryan H	Ewan Aron H S	Gemma H kristian A	Oscar H Claudio L	Jack M Gemma P
12th Jan		Finlay T Ruby H	Jamie S Autumn B	Oliwia W Dominika T	Daisy H Tegan C	Iris S Joseph G	Nicholas B Jack M
19th Jan	Harley F Myles D		Karol J Leah L	Joseph G Isabelle B	George L Gemma H	Julia K Toby G	Davion V Emily T
26th Jan	Lexie G Jack H	Owen S Violet H	Ella C Raegan H	Tyler L Kaspian L	Ruben K Kelsie V	Heidi Y Owen W	Finley R Sasha C

Winners of the Road Safety Competition

All pupils took part in the 'Road Safety' week which was before the Christmas holidays. Pupils had the opportunity to enter a competition where they had to design a 'Road Safety' poster. The three winners for each key stage were revealed in the first celebration assembly of the year. All winners received a medal and certificate. Well done!

KS1 winners	KS2 winners
1st: Benjamin (Year 2)	1st: Minnie (Year 3)
2nd: Poppy (Year 1)	2nd: Emily (Year 6)
3rd: Lily (Year 2)	3rd: Florbela (Year 5)



Benjamin's poster



Minnie's poster

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/Carers are very welcome to attend with their child(ren).

If you haven't tried the club before, we can accommodate your children. If you have an early appointment or work commitments and are stuck for someone to watch the children before school starts, why not give us a try?

For any more information, please contact the office staff who will put you in touch with Mrs Williams (Leader) or Mrs Rutherford

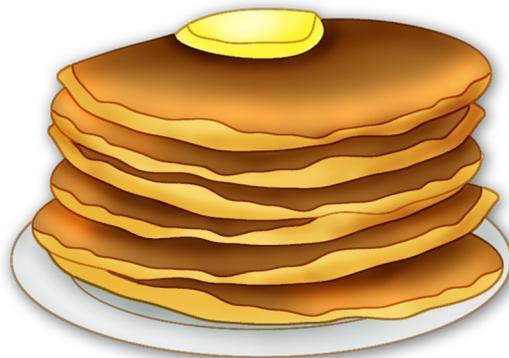
Price is still £2.30 per child per session (which includes breakfast if required)

Friday 9th February 2018 will be our Pancake Day!

Why not book into Breakfast Club and try Pancakes with various toppings: Sugar and lemon, Chocolate sauce, Honey or just plain?

Served from 8am until 8.30am.

£2.30 per session per child



Key Stage 1 Diary Dates

Spring 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 Facebook) 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 8th January to Monday 5th February 2018 Year 1 Swimming for this half term Children must have a swimming kit (labelled with their name) in school for these sessions.

Week beginning 15th January 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.

Wednesday 24th January 2018 KS1 Cake Sale Cakes will be sold during KS1 break time. The school will donate the cakes this time. All cakes will be 20p. Please can children bring money in a purse/envelope labelled with their name.

Thursday 1st February 2018 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in If your child has completed project homework related to 'Walking with dinosaurs' in Year 1 or Year 2, please ensure that they have brought it in today.

Tuesday 6th February 2018 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'. Pupils can dress up if they wish – they could be an explorer or a palaeontologist as we know a dinosaur is very difficult!

Tuesday 6th February 2018 Year 1 and 2's 'Walking with dinosaurs' Project Showcase and Year F's Showcase of work 2.45pm – 3.15pm

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

Monday 12th February 2018 Half Term Week

Thursday 22nd February 2018 Year F and 1 Parents 'Come and Learn Phonics Workshop' 9 – 9.30am Year F and 1 classrooms will open for parents to come and learn phonics with their child. This will be a great opportunity to find out about what your child is learning and how it is taught.

Monday 26th February to Monday 26th March 2018 Year 2 Swimming for this half term Children must have a swimming kit (labelled with their name) in school for these sessions.

Monday 26th February 'Green Fingers' project 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.

Tuesday 27th February 2018 Year 1 and 2 Smoothie making workshops Year 1 and 2 will take part in a smoothie making workshop provided by Chartwells, linked to their project learning.

Thursday 1st March 2018 World Book Day Your child is invited to dress up as a book character to celebrate World Book Day. We 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. There will be a prize for the 'best dressed' in KS1 and KS2.

Tuesday 6th March 2018 Year 1 and 2 Eden Project Year 1 and 2 will be visiting the Eden Project as part of their project 'Green Fingers'. *A separate letter to follow.

Wednesday 7th March 2018 Year 2 Pizza making Year 2 will take part in a pizza making workshop provided by Warburtons, linked to their project learning.

Tuesday 13th March 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.

Wednesday 21st March 2018 KS1 Cake Sale Cakes will be sold during KS1 break time. 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.

Thursday 22nd March 2018 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. A homework menu will be sent out after half term.

Tuesday 27th March 2018 Year 1 and 2 'Green Fingers' 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 'Green Fingers' 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 28th March 2018 Last day of term for the children (INSET day on the 29th March) The Summer term starts on Monday 16th April 2018.

Wednesday 28th (after school) and Thursday 29th March 2018 (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.

Key Stage 1 News

Evidence of a dinosaur in Year 2!

The Year 2s had a shock when they came into their classroom on Tuesday 8th January to find they couldn't enter it as 'no entry' tape was covering the door, an alarm was sounding and there were tables and chairs knocked over! When Mrs Bassett had checked it was safe, the pupils were allowed to enter. Upon entering, they soon realised that there was evidence that a dinosaur had been in the classroom. This included dinosaur footprints and there was even a nest with an egg inside. The pupils soon turned into detectives and went on a mission to work out what had happened, to predict what type of dinosaur they thought had entered the classroom and what type of dinosaur was in the egg. Many thought it was a Tyrannosaurus Rex in the egg but when it hatched, which was the following morning, they found out it was actually a Duckbill Dinosaur. They soon realised that the day's events all linked to their focus story, 'Tyrannosaurus Drip'.



'Wheely' good science in Year F!

Year F have been learning all about wheels and what they are used for. As part of their topic, they have been exploring different aspects of science linked to transport. This included: making cars move using magnets, testing surfaces to see which is best to use for a ramp and designing and making their own boats and testing to see if they float!



A few key dates for February

Please see the KS1 diary dates sheet for more information.

Thursday 1st February 2018 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in

Tuesday 6th February 2018 KS1 Enrichment day 'Walking with Dinosaurs'

Tuesday 6th February 2018 Year 1 and 2's 'Walking with dinosaurs' Project Showcase and Year F's Showcase of work 2.45pm – 3.15pm

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Monday 26th February to Monday 26th March 2018 Year 2 Swimming for this half term

Monday 26th February 'Green Fingers' project begins for Year 1 and 2

Tuesday 27th February 2018 Year 1 and 2 Smoothie making workshops

Year 1 and 2 will take part in a smoothie making workshop provided by Chartwells, linked to their project learning.

Launceston Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who donated to the food bank before Christmas.

Mrs Whybrow received a letter from the manager of the foodbank saying how overwhelmed they were by Windmill Hill's generosity. They said that they had enjoyed their visit to school, had found the children very enthusiastic and that they had asked really informative questions. They have also invited members of the School Council to take a tour of the foodbank to see the work that they do.

So thank you once again.



Year 3

Since the start of 2018, year 3 having been busy getting back into the learning routine. The children have been using their vivid imaginations to create their own stories set in an imaginary world. In Maths the children have tackled the times table challenge, learning times tables up to 8 times and even testing their skills against Mr Horn ... the children won too!

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Sporting Events

The school has lots of exciting sporting events coming up this term.

There will be Launceston area football and netball competitions, cross country races and year 4 will even be taking part in a multi-skills competition at Launceston College.

Good luck everyone.



Key Stage 2 News

A Very Happy New Year to all our readers from KS2



The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz

There's no
place like
home


A huge congratulations to EVERYONE in KS2! Your Christmas production was amazing.

On Wednesday 13th December we all went to the Town Hall to put on our Christmas Production. We had all been learning songs, practising our lines, and rehearsing our dances and actions for weeks. Finally the big day had arrived. We put on three performances on this special day. The first was to KS1 in the morning which was like our final dress rehearsal. Then at 2.30 and again at 6pm we thrilled our audiences of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. The hall was PACKED and everyone did their best and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We have had amazing reviews and wonderful comments that have made us feel very proud of ourselves. It worked well giving main characters a double, in case of illness, but it also allowed more people a chance to take on a leading role.

Here are a few quotes from Y6:

"I loved the songs and seeing everyone take part. I enjoyed my part (Glinda) and walking around in a big pink dress and tiara!" Olivia.

"It was a wonderful experience. I loved the songs and dances." Jasmine.

"I enjoyed being a stage-hand backstage" Davion.

"I enjoyed being the Scarecrow but I was also scared going on stage!" Thomas.

"I thought that it was fun, and a great experience." Hester (Tin-man).

"It was a lot of fun and boosted my confidence." Eimija (Dorothy)

"I really loved the performance, especially the green lights on the witch— it looked amazing. I really loved taking part." Nikola.

So, finally, in the words of Klaudia — " The play was GREAT, we all loved the songs and the acting, I really enjoyed it all! **In fact the Wonderful Wizard of Oz truly was WONDERFUL!**"





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DELIGHT IN DISCOVERY

Outdoor Woodland Holiday Club

Exciting News! **Easter Holiday Club for Children Aged 5-11**

Moving to our new location at Sheers Barton, Lawhitton has created a unique opportunity for us to offer an Outdoor Holiday Club run by an experienced, qualified Forest School Leader. The woodland is on the Tiny Tots site and will enable the children to explore and connect with nature.

We are starting to take bookings **now** for the Easter Holidays commencing Tuesday 3rd April for two weeks. We are offering full-day childcare from 8.30am until 3.30pm, with the option to extend.

Daily Childcare Costs	Subsidised Cost through Tax-Free Scheme
£35.00 for a full-day	Pay 80% = £28 and the Government top up £7

For subsidised childcare for children up to 12 years old please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Easter Holidays	Week 1	3rd April - 6th April
	Week 2	9th April - 13th April
May Half-term Holidays	Week 1	28th May - 1st June
	Week 2	5th June - 8th June
Summer Holidays	Week 1	30th July - 3rd August
	Week 2	6th August - 10th August
	Week 3	13th August - 17th August
	Week 4	20th August - 24th August
October Half-term Holidays	Week 1	22nd Oct - 26th Oct

For more information contact Janine or Emma on **01566 772134**
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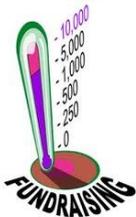
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Valentine's Disco February

23rd February

KS1 3.30 - 4.30

KS2 5.30 - 6.30

Chris Brown (Disco man) will be the DJ again for us as he is so brilliant and the children really enjoy his discos. Drinks and sweets will be available during the disco. 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



Bag 2 School

There will be a collection of clothes, shoes, bedding, curtains and lots more, on 27th February and bags will be distributed at the end of January. Please continue to use this scheme as it is a very worthwhile cause to both us and the countries that benefit from affordable clothing. Please look at uk.bag2school.com for more details on items for collection.



Easter Egg Bingo

We will be holding an Easter Egg Bingo on Friday 23rd 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 16th 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.

