

# Windmill Hill Academy

## Monthly Family Newsletter

Inspiring Passionate Life Long Learners



Mrs A Bassett  
Head of School

**Wednesday 22nd July 2020**



Well, we have come to the end of another school year and what an eventful one it has been!

I never thought in a million years that I would be experiencing a pandemic during my first year as Head at Windmill Hill Academy! However, everything has been made easier with the wonderful support I have received. I want to say a MASSIVE thank you to my wonderful team of staff. They have worked tirelessly, going above and beyond and always putting the children and parents first. It has been a massive learning curve by going from teaching at school one day, to teaching from home and then finally trying to teach from home and school, but they have all adapted fantastically well. I have seen a huge array of different learning strategies being demonstrated and we hope you have enjoyed the regular videos. I think ClassDojo has come into its own during this time and we have been so grateful for a wonderful learning platform and communication tool. We definitely want it to be our main form of communication from September.

I would also like to thank the Governors for their support during this time. We have managed to conduct our meetings virtually and I have been having a weekly check in with Ruth Bawden, our Chair of Governors. They are always so impressed to hear how everyone has adapted and appreciate how hard everyone has been working. They surprised us this week when they popped in with a very special gift. They had been busy planning it for weeks and I wondered why Ruth had asked for all pupils to describe the teaching staff in one word. All became clear on Monday, when they presented us with a beautiful creation of these words in a rainbow. This wonderful creation was created by one of our parents, Mr Jones.

I look forward to putting it up in a prime place in the main entrance corridor for all to see.



As a request of our Pupil Parliament Eco Group, we are trying to be an 'Eco friendly' school. Therefore, we won't be sending home newsletters. Black and white copies are available in the foyer. It is also available on the website under 'Newsletters' in the 'Parents' tab and is posted on ClassDojo.

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Next, I would like to thank you, as parents and carers, for all of your hard work. Overnight you went from being parents to being parents and your child's teacher. I have been very impressed by how dedicated, reactive and how creative you have all been. I am also grateful for all of your support in following the numerous ClassDojo posts and updated guidance the staff and I have sent out.

Lastly, I would like to thank the children. They have been absolutely fantastic during this time. Again, everything changed for them overnight and the hardest thing for many was not seeing their friends at school the next day. And, for some children, this has been a very long time with some not having the opportunity to return back to school. I have been overwhelmed with the vast array of ClassDojo posts. They brighten my day and I enjoy looking through them of an evening. For those that have returned, they have returned with great positivity and have quickly adapted back to school life. We have missed you all and look forward to seeing you all return in September. In this newsletter, you will find a class contribution page for each class in the school.

However, there are some faces we aren't going to see in September. Year Six - I know it wasn't the end to your time at Windmill Hill Academy that you ever expected and you have missed out on some of the end of year celebrations. However, the Year Six team have done a wonderful job of making sure you didn't miss out on everything. I just wanted to say how fantastic you are all are and we are going to miss you dearly. I taught most of you when you were in Year Two and I thoroughly enjoyed teaching you then. It has been lovely to see how you have grown into such wonderful Year Six pupils and how you have taken on extra roles and responsibilities on with such pride. You have been great role models to our younger pupils and they all look up to. Now, enjoy the next stage of your schooling and please visit us in the near future.

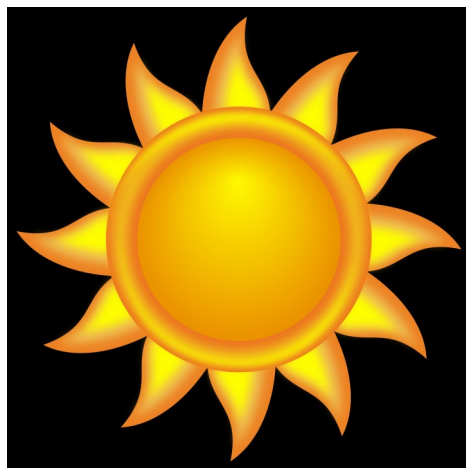
Miss Pearce, Year Two Teacher, is also leaving us. She started as a newly qualified teacher two years ago and has gone from strength to strength. Miss Pearce has certainly been a great asset to the teaching team at WHA. She has really enjoyed her time with us but feels it is the time to move to be closer to her family. I think during times like these we all realise the importance of our families. We thank her for all of her hard work and we wish her all the best in her new school.

I would like to welcome Miss Edwards to our lovely school. She will be the Year Two teacher from September. Many of the Year One pupils have now met her as she has already began settling into our school by visiting and posting on ClassDojo regularly.

Although it has been a very challenging year, I have thoroughly enjoyed returning to Windmill as Head of School. My job has certainly been made easier with the great support I have received throughout this year. Although it has been a difficult time, we must take the positives from this time. We certainly are and thank you for your feedback from surveys as we are using this, as well as feedback from pupils and staff, to help plan for September. We must always remember all of the wonderful experiences and all that we have achieved this year. I am very proud of my position and feel very honoured to say I am your Head of School at Windmill Hill Academy.

I think we are all ready for the summer holidays and a well-deserved break. Please take time out to enjoy as a family and we look forward to seeing your smiling faces in September.

*Children return to school on Monday 7th September.*



### **Staffing for September**

Here is the staffing structure for classes for our next academic year (2020/21):

Year F: Miss Jones (Class Teacher) and Mrs Rutherford (HLTA)

Year 1: Mrs Carter (Class Teacher) and Mrs Baker (TA)

Year 2: Miss Edwards (Class Teacher) and Mrs Haisman (TA)

Year 3: Mrs Sharpe (Class Teacher) and Mrs Pollard (TA)

Year 4: Mr Bullock (Class Teacher) and Mrs Mason (TA)

Year 5: Mrs Osborne (Class Teacher) and Miss Hazuchova (HLTA)

Year 6: Miss Young (Class Teacher), Mrs Millard (HLTA), Mrs Sheldrake (1:1 TA) and Mrs Paterson (1:1 TA)

Please note, that not all classes have a TA full time and that some HLTAs and TAs work across different classes, particularly in the afternoons.

Secretary: Mrs Zoffman

Breakfast Club: Mrs Rutherford and Mrs Williams

PE Teacher: Mr Horn

Lunchtime Assistants: Mrs Rutherford, Miss Morris, Mrs Paterson, Mrs Pollard, Mrs Millard, Miss Hazuchova and Mrs Mason.

SENCO: Mrs Bartlett

### **Launceston College - Year Six**

Below is the link to the transition section of our website. Year Six parents - please keep looking at the website so that you and your child can see all the new transition resources including a welcome message from the Principal and videos from the House teams. There are also detailed slides to help students familiarise themselves with the College.

<http://www.launceston-college.cornwall.sch.uk/parents/year-6-7-transition/>

### **Parking**

You are welcome to use our drop and go system in the mornings from September but there is strictly NO parking in our school car park apart from if you have asked for a permit due to having a disability. However, you all are able to apply for a parking permit to park in one of the local car parks for a short stay. Please enquire with Mrs Zoffman in September for more information.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**22nd July** End of term for pupils

**23rd July** INSET Day

**3rd and 4th September** INSET day

**7th September** Start of the new school year for all pupils

*For Year F pupils, please refer to the staggered start times letter from Miss Jones.*

*For a full list of next year's term dates, please visit our website: [https://windmill-hill.eschools.co.uk/web/term\\_dates\\_/205395](https://windmill-hill.eschools.co.uk/web/term_dates_/205395)*

### **Updated guidance and procedures for September**

Yesterday, I put updated guidance and procedures for September on our website and on ClassDojo. Here are some of the key parts but please take time to read the full version and become familiar with it in time for September.

- From September, each class will be a 'year group bubble'. They will remain with their bubble for all lessons and breaks.
- All children will be required to wear school uniform and they will need to bring in a PE kit on a Monday and that it is taken home on a Friday for washing each week.
- There will be two staggered start and finish times and different entrance and exit doors as below:

<b>Year Groups</b>	<b>Drop off time</b>	<b>Collection Time</b>	<b>Designated drop off / collection point</b>
Year F	9am	3.30pm	Year F Door
Year 1	8.45am	3.15pm	Year 2 Exit Door
Year 2	9am	3.30pm	Year 2 Exit Door
Year 3	8.45am	3.15pm	Playground Door (by Y4 Cloakroom)
Year 4	9am	3.30pm	Playground Door (by Y4 Cloakroom)
Year 5	9am	3.30pm	Year 6 Exit Door (round the back)
Year 6	8.45am	3.15pm	Year 6 Exit Door (round the back)

- Parents will not be able to enter the school building unless an appointment has been pre-arranged.
- We will provide each child with their own pack of equipment for the classroom, such as pencils and rulers, so please do not bring unnecessary items from home.
- We are unable to run after school clubs due to not being able to maintain year group bubbles. This will be reviewed at half term.
- There will be staggered breaktimes and lunchtimes where each year group will be allocated a time and area. A full hot service for school dinners will be available. Some will eat in the hall and others in their classrooms. *We will be sending out the new menu as soon as it is received by Chartwells.*

# List of Cups and Trophies 2019/20

Normally this week we would have had our annual trophy assembly. For obvious reasons, we couldn't have it in the school hall altogether this year. However, we still wanted to give them out as we didn't want you to miss out!

Your teachers and teaching assistants have been busy nominating and voting during the last few weeks. It has been a difficult decision due to being so many pupils doing great things.

Here are the winners:

Progress - YF: Taya

Progress - Y1: Freddie S

Progress - Y2: Freya

Progress - Y3: Owen

Progress - Y4: Chelsea

Progress - Y5: Joseph

Progress - Y6: Gemma

KS1 Mathematician: Florence (Y2)

KS2 Mathematician: Ria (Y6)

Caroline Writing KS1: Lexie G (Y2)

Caroline Poetry KS2: Violet (Y3)

KS1 Sports: Seth (Y2)

KS2 Sportsperson: Summer (Y6)

KS2 Outstanding Athlete: Liam G (Y6)

KS1 Creative Arts: Laura (Y1)

KS2 Creative Arts: Angel (Y6)

KS1 Citizenship: Harry (Y2)

KS2 Citizenship: Jayden H (Y5)

KS1 Pupil of the Year: Violet (Y2)

KS2 Pupil of the Year: Daisy (Y6)

Mrs Bassett Award: **Everyone for being so fantastic during this difficult time!**



If you have received a trophy, and are in school, I have passed your trophy to you directly. If you are not in school, I have left them for collection in the main entrance by the end of Thursday. The children may take them home and enjoy them during the summer holidays. We then ask for them to be returned after the summer holidays for us to display in our trophy cabinet for all to see. These will then be passed on the following year.



## You can purchase uniform online

You can now buy school uniform ONLINE!

Uniform can be purchased from Price and Buckland at <https://price-buckland.co.uk/> Select the school finder tab from the menu and view the range.

You will notice that you can now buy cardigans, as well as jumpers. There is also the option to buy addition items, such as PE shorts/t-shirts. Please note there is no requirement to purchase the t-shirts/shorts/fleece advertised on the website, but there is the option to should you wish. Please note, the fleece is not to be used in place of a school jumper/cardigan and is only to be used as an extra layer in the winter months or for PE. Similarly, that the hoodie is only to be used for PE.

Due to Covid-19, please can you select orders to be delivered to your home address rather than school.

**THE CUT OFF DATE FOR ORDERS IS THE 2ND OF AUGUST.**

Here is a reminder of our school uniform:

A white shirt, blouse or polo shirt

A royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan

Black or grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress

Blue and white gingham dress (Summer months)

Black shoes which meet the Health and Safety requirements of the school.

It is essential that children have a change of clothing for PE. This should be:

Black or grey shorts

White t-shirt

White socks

Black or grey joggers or leggings

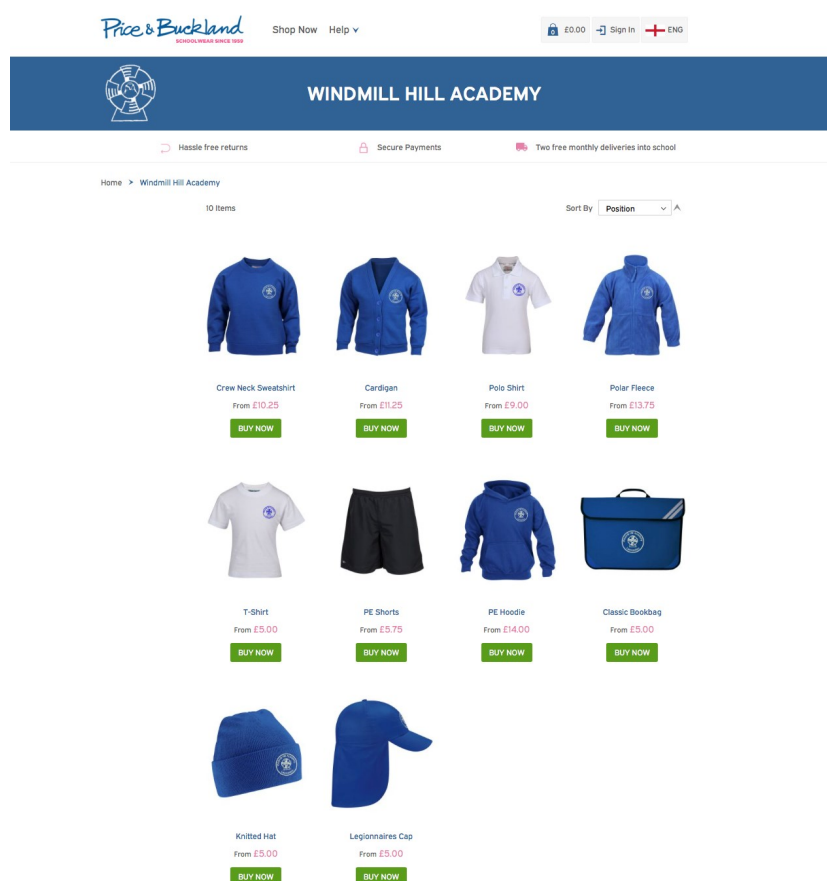
Additional school jumper, hoodie or a fleece (recommended for the colder months)

Plimsolls or flexible soled trainers (strongly recommended for wet weather)

In the summer term, children are encouraged to wear a sun hat and to apply 10 hour sun cream before coming to school.

It is essential that all items of clothing are CLEARLY named.

The wearing of jewellery is not appropriate. Children who have their ears pierced may wear small studs or rings. Wearing of makeup is not appropriate.



## **Windmill Breakfast Club**



We are pleased to let you know that Breakfast Club will be operating in September.

We are not able to offer it in year group bubbles due to staffing. However, the hall will be organised into year group bubble tables, where they will eat and play, in order to maintain social distancing and in line with the government guidelines.

Breakfast club operates each day from 8am. Drop off is at the hall door (pupils need to be supervised until it starts).

It is £3 per child a session. For those in receipt of pupil premium (free school meals), the cost will be £2.00 a session.

Pupils will be supervised by two members of staff.

There is no need to pre-book spaces, they can just turn up!

### **Registering for Free School Meals**

It wasn't until this pandemic that many realised that they actually qualified for Free School Meals (not Universal Free School Meals). Please check to see if you qualify for this. In addition to them receiving a free a school meal, the school receives money to support your child's learning so well worth checking and applying if you think you may qualify.

For more information and the application process, please follow the link: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

## Year F's A to Z of Lockdown Learning 2020

### Message from Miss Jones

It has been a pleasure teaching you this year and I wish you the best of luck in Year 1! I'm going to miss you all!

### A is for Art



### B is for Baking



### C is for Castles



### D is for Drawing



### E is for Emoji's



### F is for Flags



### G is for Growing



### H is for Home



### I is for Imagination



### J is for Jam Tarts



### K is for Kindness



### L is for Learning



### M is for Maths



### N is for Numbers



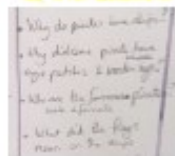
### O is for Observing



### P is for Pirates



### Q is for Questions



### R is for Reading



### S is for Small World



### T is for Tie Dye



### U is for Unique learning



### V is for Values



### W is for Worry Dolls



### X is for experiments



### Y is for Younger You!

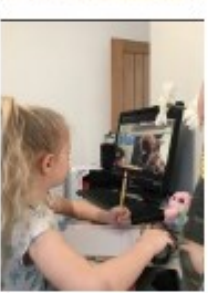
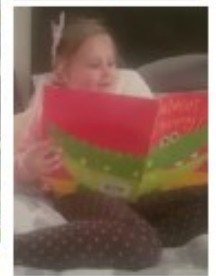


### Z is for Zero time wasted!!



Message from Mrs Rutherford  
It's been wonderful to see you all grow in confidence and I wish you well on your journey into Year 1.





Well done Year 1 for all amazing learning!







Year 2,

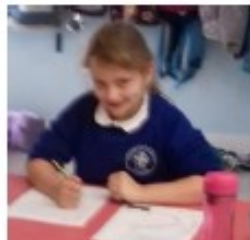
What a year! We definitely didn't expect any of this. Although it has been really sad to not complete the year together, we have been truly amazed at the way in which you have all adapted to learning at home. The resilience, perseverance and creativity that all of you have shown has been fabulous. We have loved seeing all your learning and seeing all your happy faces through lockdown really cheered us up.

Lots of you have learnt valuable new skills over the past few months. You've been learning to ride bikes, to cook, to wash up and to be grateful for everything around you and we have loved seeing all of it!

We also need to say a really big well done to all the parents that had to become teachers overnight! You have all done a fantastic job and deserve a big rest. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Now we have reached the Summer Holidays it is finally time for a big rest from learning. We hope you all have a fantastic summer, with plenty of time to relax. We will miss having you all in our class, but you will all do amazingly in Year 3. Thank you for being such a wonderful class.

Miss Pearce and Mrs Haisman xx





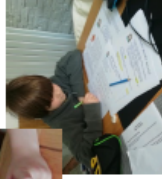
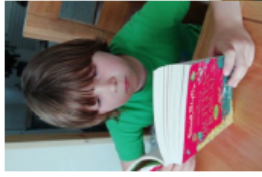


Year three has been extremely busy during lockdown. We are so proud of everything that you have been learning, from learning new skills like riding a bike, gardening, cooking and baking bread, making stone Henges, reading in strange places and continuing with your math and literacy learning. We think you are all amazing! Have a great summer!

From Mrs Sharpe and Mrs Pollard







Here is Karol completing his English learning and making sure he keeps up with his reading. Karol has been working so hard over the last few months on his English and handwriting and the improvement has been fantastic to see.



Eva has been completing so many different activities during this period of time. Here is just one of the many fantastic things she's been doing. Eva grew Mange tout from seeds and managed to enjoy them after two months of caring for them.

Hi everyone,

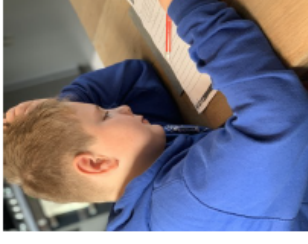
A very strange school year is coming to an end and Mrs. Mason and I would like to take this opportunity to say how extremely proud we are of all of you. You have all shown great resilience and resourcefulness and the learning you've been uploading to your portfolio section has been so great to see. The way in which parents have adapted to this new role of teacher at home has also been fantastic to see and I will definitely be borrowing and adapting some of the learning you've been completing. Finally, I'd just like to say that all of your children are wonderful and I've really enjoyed teaching them. The class is full of brilliant characters and I feel like we have had lots of fun times and learnt so much together.

Have a great six week break and I look forward to seeing you all next year, even if I don't get the pleasure of teaching you again.

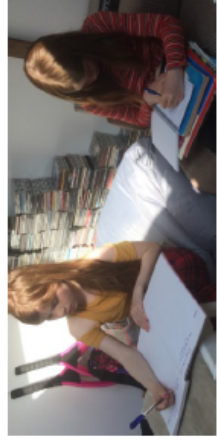
I've attached some photos of the learning and activities you've been completing.



Aimee has been completing lots of exercise during the last few months. Here she is on one of her jogging trips.



Almost everyday over the last few months, Blake has sent me learning he has been completing and it's been brilliant to see how much effort he has been putting in to continuing his learning.



Marissa and Callie completing some fantastic learning on the Ancient Greeks. They completed this by using lots of different resources including books they found at home.

# Year 5 Lockdown Story



## Year Five Class of 2019 / 2020

Twenty nine children in the class,  
Some shy, some chatty, some full of beans.  
From the start I watched you grow and learn.  
Confidences soaring as you spread your wings.

But then came the new norm ,like no other.  
Instead of whole class learning,  
You turned online in isolation!  
Did you let your wings be clipped?

Like the phoenix in the flames you rose.

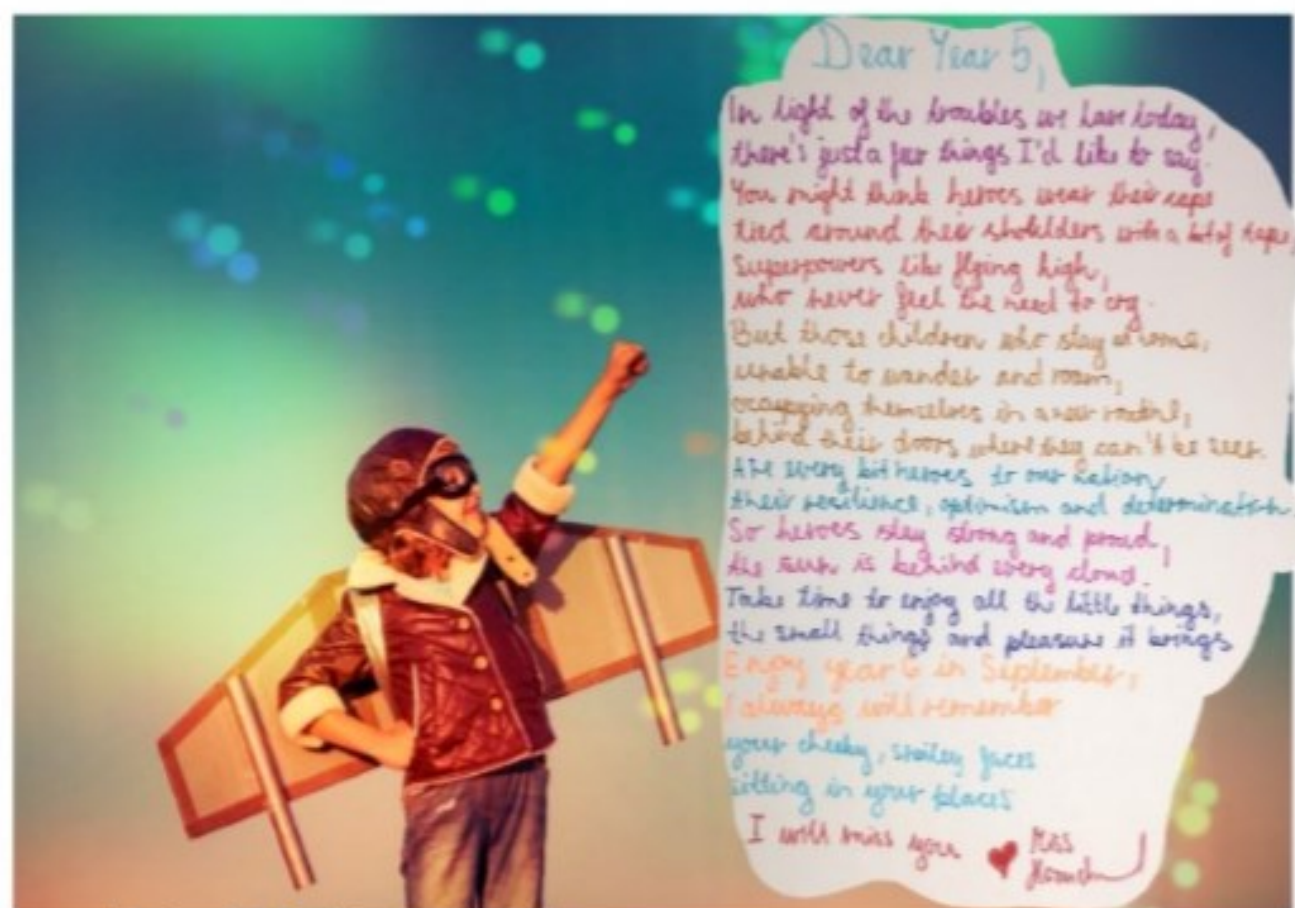
With wizardy poems and fractions galore,  
Maya Civilisation and materials that change.  
Delicious home baking and colourful rainbows,  
Walks for charity and toys made out of old socks.

For a better class I could have not wished!  
Take pride in what you have achieved.  
Now for Year 6 -keep aiming high,  
And with your wings continue to fly!

I am proud of each and every one of you!

Miss Osborne





Year 5, you are truly amazing,  
 My spirits you have kept them raising.  
 I have missed seeing you all in school,  
 But what has been really cool -  
 Your wonderful posts on Class Dojo  
 Have kept me on the go.  
 A year I will always remember,  
 I look forward to seeing you in September.  
 Take care  
 Mrs Paterson.

Year 5, what a difficult and strange time we are all having! But you have shown that you are a BRILLIANT class, full of AMAZING SUPERSTR Students. I have missed so much seeing your happy faces. And I cannot wait to see you again soon. You must enjoy the summers break; be positive and KEEP SMILING.

With all good wishes from  
 Mrs Sheldrake.

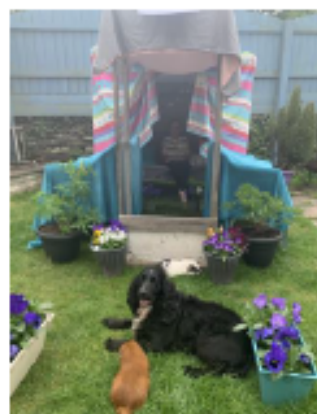


## *A Sad Farewell to Year 6*

Well Year 6, what a year you have had!! Who knew when we started this year how it would turn out? We began in September knowing that it would be a tricky year - with SATs in May to work towards, but also nice things too - like becoming Prefects or even Head boy or Head girl, or being librarians, and of course being shining examples for the rest of the school to look up to! We knew we would have to work hard but we were ready for the challenge.

In December we enjoyed having key roles in the Christmas performance (and some of us showed off our hidden talents!) and we enjoyed the end of term Christmas party.

In the Spring term we stepped up a notch or two (or even 6 or 7!) to learn more and try to remember it all - it was hard! Miss Young set up Revision Club to go over everything we knew (or didn't!) and help us get ready for the dreaded SATs. THEN....CORONA VIRUS hit and school shut down and we had to stay in our homes, seeing none of our friends or Grandparents, or anyone....BUT our teachers still had to work hard - FROM HOME - to provide us with the best education they could under the circumstances and our parents' had to become our teachers. Sometimes it was fun.....we did a bit of school work in the morning and then we could relax for the rest of the day, in the house or in the garden. We went for walks, read books, helped our community by doing litter picks or we followed the Joe Wicks exercise programme...that was hard work!! Also we had the good news that SATs were CANCELLED!



BUT throughout it all we managed to stay in touch through class dojo and we did our learning from home. Our attitudes towards learning and the extra things that we did, really impressed Miss Young and Mrs, Bassett. We might not have been in school but we learned new skills like baking, carrying out science experiments, and some of us even enjoyed gardening with our parents. We became experts at working on line and even 'uploading' videos and photos to send to Miss Young. We have done ourselves proud during lockdown and experienced schooling as never before. Everyone at Windmill Hill is very proud.



*It is a sad end to our journey through Primary school but we will all be moving on to the next chapter in our education, we are all ready for college and everyone at Windmill Hill wishes you well as you leave and hope that you will all come back at some point (NOT all at the same time though!) to tell us how you are getting on.*

*SO, GOODBYE YEAR 6, we are sad to send you off to college, but we wish you all the very best for the future.*

**GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK FROM EVERYONE AT WINDMILL HILL  
ACADEMY**



### A message from The Friends:



Hello all, this is just a brief update from us to say a very Well Done to everyone for your hard work during lockdown. I know it was not easy but so many of you managed to keep your children learning as best as they could under the circumstances and I am sure many of your children learned a lot of life skills like cooking , gardening and of course listening to the sound of the birds, and above all - PATIENCE during your long stay at home.

Well, obviously during these unusual times, we have not been able to raise any money although we have still managed to spend some on things to improve school for when we all return in September. Mr. Horn has very kindly repainted all of the benches in the playground. He has also repaired (or even made new) raised beds for us to grow things in and enjoy around school. So many thanks to Mr. Horn. Story sacks in KS1 are being repaired, washed and replenished courtesy of the friends led by Mrs. Williams and Mrs Haisman. Many thanks to them and anyone else who has helped and are still helping with that project.

So, having missed the Easter Bingo and the Summer Fair, and the selling of ice creams in the hot weather, the Friend's purse is looking a little less full! So, we will have to begin some serious fundraising once we go back to school. We will need an AGM in September and will welcome any new parent's who would like to become 'A Friend of Windmill Hill Academy' to come along to that meeting. The more the merrier!! So please keep a look out for the date of that meeting in early September.

In the meantime, I hope the sun shines and that you can enjoy the Summer Holiday. Very best wishes from 'The Friends'.



## **Friends of Windmill Hill Academy**

The Friends of WHA were involved in a number of fundraising events throughout 2019-20. We would like to share with you some of the items that we have bought with the money we have raised. All of these items are for the benefit of the children's learning and their Wellbeing either directly or indirectly.

Large Carpet for Year F £249.50

Equipment for TIS (Trauma Informed Schools) £100

Fimo for TIS £10

Coloured Bands for Sports day £110.00

Hoodies for leavers (2019 Y6) £230.00

Ice Creams on the beach trip to Widemouth (2019 whole school) £200

Buckets , Spades and Nets for beach trip (2019) £122.00

Glow sticks, decorations, sweets for Monster Ball £90

Decorations day (£30 each class) 250.00

Children's present at Christmas £210.00

Hire of town hall and St Mary's church for Christmas

Performances.£30 donation+ £165.60

New iPad leads £20

Motion Plus adapters for Breakfast Club/TIS £45

Painting overalls for YF £88.40

Painting outside area seating. Obtaining new planters and plants £120.

Replenishing Story Sacks and making new ones (This is an ongoing project) £50

Online News Subscription for children £276

T-Shirts for representing the school at sports events £292.50

Reading Rulers £15.40

Voiles, lights, felt for reading areas in classes and library £20

Book stands for library £6

Year 1 Outside area (Ongoing)

Leavers hoodies (2020) £448.00





## Our Story of Lockdown

We hope you enjoyed our staff poem. Check it out on ClassDojo if you haven't already seen it.

The school year is over  
and we wish for one more day-  
A chance to tell our stories  
and share all we have to say-  
Like how proud we are of all of you  
and how much you're making noise-  
A BIG thank you to you (parents and carers included)  
and for giving that extra mile-

Yes Sir - you missed your SATs-  
Hush! We hear you say-  
But onwards and upwards-  
You are now on your way-  
We wish GOOD LUCK to you all-

Enjoy your summer holidays-  
Share laughter, love and more-  
Because before you even know it  
you'll be back at our school's front door-

We can't wait to see your smiling faces  
and hear how you've spent your days-  
To help you with your learning  
and give you lots of praise-

But for now  
we bid farewell  
before the time for learning's plenty-  
Until then SATs SATs-

From all of us at our FANTASTIC school  
Windmill Hill Academy-

Our story of Lockdown 2020  
MADE BY THE NEW ZEALAND TEACHER RESOURCE FROM PEOPLE.COM

# Your School Nurse

Your child can have access to a School Nurse at any time if you have any health concerns, in addition your School Nurse offers a full health assessment in reception and year 6.

## The School Nurse can check:

- Your child is growing healthily and support with healthy eating
- Support with access to dental care and general support for dental hygiene
- Help with day / night time wetting or soiling...
- Provide information about immunisations
- Guidance re healthy lifestyles
- Support with general hygiene issues including head lice and worms
- Support with general emotional health issues
- Support to access other health professionals
- Routines, including sleep

## Additionally in Year 6:

- Friendships
- Relationships
- Development, including periods and puberty
- Access to specialist services – including dietician, healthy weight programmes and voluntary services
- Developmental issues
- Transition to secondary school
- Healthy lifestyles



Referrals via the Early Help Hub  
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