



Good to talk even better to listen
Respect myself, school and the community
Enjoy and achieve safely

Able to make mistakes and learn from them

Together we aim high

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A Note from the Head of School, Mrs Paula Baines-Chambers:

It was lovely to see so many parents at parents evening, however if you were unable to attend please see your child's class teacher to arrange a new appointment.

We appreciated the feedback that you gave us and it was overwhelmingly positive about the teaching and learning and experiences that Wyndham provides to your children.

You said, to make us even better...

Provide more notice for events... so, on the last of last half term, we sent out a list of key dates for this half term. We will also endeavour to ensure we are providing at least two weeks notice.

Parking out of school to be improved... so, as you will know, this is also something that is a concern to us too. We have been working closely with Derby City Council; Emma Johnson (Traffic and Transport Technician) came to visit school during the last week of term. We are currently looking at putting a 'Traffic Regulation Order' on the zig-zag lines outside school and exploring funding opportunities for a pair of 'Billy and Belinda' bollards to be installed. If you know of any businesses that would like to offer any donations towards these, please speak to myself or inform the office.

Limit the number of non-uniform days... so, we have listened to this but believe that it is important that our pupils participate in some national events, for example 'World Book Day' as this helps to promote a love for reading. Other days also encourage our pupils to be responsible citizens, for example, 'Children in Need'. We will try to ensure that the days are adequately spaced throughout the year.

FS 1 and FS 2

We hope everyone has had fantastic half term holiday spent with family and friends! We have a super exciting Spring half term coming up focusing our learning all around 'SPACE'. The books we will be using for our topic this half term are Whatever Next, Aliens Love Underpants, The Dinosaur Who Pooped the Planet and Q Pootle 5 in space. I am sure your children will love learning these stories and will come home telling you all about what happens. We would like to thank everyone who has been working so hard with their children over the half term completing their homework. It is not too late for your child to complete their homework and bring it in, we would love to share it with the class.

Please remember we have our social evening on Thursday 2nd March, 3.30-5.00, this is a lovely opportunity to spend some time with your child in their class completing activities, view their learning journeys, enjoy our phonics workshop and learn more about what your child has been learning in FS2. Next week we shall making our own rockets in Maths, learning about 3D shapes, so if you have any boxes or plastic bottles you could spare we would really appreciate it.

Year 1

What a fantastic first term in 2017 we have had! This term we have explored various genres of writing, of which the children have done amazingly well at! During the last week of term, as our 'In The News' week, we learnt all about Valentine's Day, where we felt the love and created and wrote cards to a loved one, making sure to include the subordinating conjunction 'because' and then wrote instructions for how we did this. In Maths we ventured into Fractions, where we began to understand the meaning of halves and quarters which then allowed us to tuck into a yummy Valentine's feast after sharing food into these amounts. The GREAT Assembly on the last day of term saw many children earning badges and certificates just showing how brilliantly Year 1 are doing! We hope you have all had a relaxing half term and are looking forward to continuing to aim high this term!

Year 2

We hope all the children in Year 2 have had a fun half term. Mr Christie and Miss Syson can't wait for the new term to begin (it's going to be a very exciting one!) Our book for this term is Roald Dahl's "The Enormous Crocodile" so the children can expect lots of GREAT things this term - we have crocodiles being let loose at Wyndham, an adventure to Elvaston Castle in our wellies to explore the swampy water, and Mr Willy Wonka and his famous Oompa Loompas will be visiting us to help us making some explosive chocolate.

Please can we remind children to bring their reading records to school. Children are expected to bring this in every day so their books can be changed and teacher comments can be recorded.

Year 3

Welcome back to all of the lovely Year 3s! We hope you had a lovely break and are ready for the exciting half term ahead. It's going to be a wild one with learning based around our new book 'Deadliest Animals'. During the next few weeks we have lots of GREAT things planned. In English, we will be writing riddles about deadly animals and performing them in our 4D cinema. In science, we are starting our new topic 'Plants and Animals Including Humans' where we will be looking at different species and learning all about healthy living.

In Maths, we are continuing to learn about measurement before moving onto further multiplication and division. Year 3 parents are invited into school on Friday 24th February from 2pm for an animal crafts afternoon. This will also be a fantastic opportunity for the children to share their learning journeys with you! Homework will be given out every Friday and it is expected to be handed back by the following Friday - children will earn dojos for this! Let's have a GREAT half term.

Year 4

Year 4 have got an incredibly exciting term coming up! Our new book is called Vile Victorians by Terry Deary and it is fabulous! We will be exploring all aspects of the Victorian period, from being a child in Victorian times to the life changing medical inventions that happened during that time. In the first week we will be researching Queen Victoria and writing our very own biographies about her life. Later on in the term we will be spending the day as Victorians and thinking about just how different school life was back then!

In science we will be learning about states of matter. Initially we will be learning how to classify solids, liquids and gasses and in maths we will be exploring fractions so hopefully we will have our maths brains in gear!

Don't forget we have P.E on Wednesdays!

Year 5

Year 5 had a really busy last half term learning all about WW1 and WW2. We learnt all about how WW1 started and how it led to WW2, life in the trenches and all about being an evacuee. Thank you for you all the parents who came to our Evacuee Morning, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. It gave the children a superb opportunity to perform their poetry and show off the fantastic work they have done this half term.

This half term we will be learning about the Romans and how they invaded Britain. We will also be learning about Boadicea, gladiators and Roman emperors! The book we will be reading is one of the "Roman Quest" series by Caroline Lawrence.

As always PE is on a Tuesday and Thursday so please remember your kit.

Year 6

The Year 6 team would firstly like to say how proud they are of all the children and their attitude towards their learning last half term. They thoroughly enjoyed reading our class book, 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', and all the phenomenal writing we did around it. The children were completely hooked and Mrs Garton and Miss Winfield have never enjoyed marking writing so much before - it was out of this world!

This half term, we are moving on to the works of William Shakespeare, in particular, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We have lots of exciting learning planned such as learning about light in science and using this knowledge to make a shadow puppet theatre in D&T. We are also looking forward to writing our very own play scripts and tragedies, just like Mr Shakespeare himself. Also, you may have already read on social media that we have now announced our Year 6 performance for 2017...Aladdin! The children are very excited and rehearsals are taking place this Friday (24th February) so please get some practice in with your child. We are also very excited to remind you that we will be taking the children to watch Aladdin in the West End, London! This will help to inspire the children for their own performance and watch some live theatre! Please remember to bring your permission slips as soon as possible.

Wyndham's Got Talent

On Friday 24th March, we will be hosting a Wyndham's Got Talent extravaganza in the school hall. (Details to follow at a later date) to raise funds for Red Nose Day. Every child in school is invited to enter with a group of friends (from any year group) or audition independently for the show. All acts are welcome whether they are magic acts, singing, dancing or even reciting a poem.

All acts need to register by the end of February, in the Jigsaw classroom where there will be a signup sheet. We will hold auditions during school time to see who will be in the final show on Friday 24th March.

Parents of the shortlisted acts will be invited in to watch the show on the Friday afternoon.

Language of the Week

Next weeks language of the week will be celebrating the Shona language that some of the children of Wyndham are conversant in. Listen out for it if you pop into school.