



*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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9th May 2016

What an amazing time Foundation Stage are having looking at our books about space.

We had a GREAT time at the park where it truly was an alien invasion! The children did Wyndham proud and after the long walk there, the children loved playing on the park in the sun.

Our last book on space is coming and is called 'Marshmallows for Martians' so get ready for more alien action along with some sweet fun as we will be roasting our own marshmallows on a campfire!

Have you heard the news?! There has been a mermaid spotted swimming in Skegness.. The children in Year 1 this week have been writing newspaper reports on a fictional mermaid who has been spotted in Skegness. The children used their knowledge on similes, adjectives and coordinating conjunctions to write these GREAT reports.

We would just like to remind parents to please drop off your child in the morning at the main doors at 8:45am. We're finding more and more children in Year One are being dropped off before this time, and Mr Christie and Mrs Eley are returning from their morning meetings to find children playing in the classrooms unsupervised as teachers have meetings in the mornings from 8:30 - 8:45am.

Thank you.

In Year 2 we were so fortunate to have had such a wonderful time at Warwick Castle last week. Luckily, the weather held out and we didn't get wet. The children have been working super hard, as usual, and have enjoyed learning more cool facts about the Vikings. They have written some excellent pieces of work persuading the opposing King to surrender and made some fantastic shields and swords.

We are very excited to test our persuasive skills in our class battles next week!

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been working really hard with our multiplication and division.

We are both very proud of Year 3 and are looking forward to challenging them even further.

This week is A VERY EXCITING week in Year 3. On Wednesday, we are having a special visit from Thorntons, where will be designing and eating our own chocolate bars. On Friday, we are going to the high ropes at Markeaton Park. Please make sure that your trip letter has been returned and that you wear appropriate clothing and footwear on the day

This half term, Year 4 have been focusing on developing their growth mindset. Therefore, on Thursday 26th May, we will be having Jon Jepson Black Belt Academy in all morning to focus on the theme, 'Be Kind. Be Caring. Be Confident.'

As you are already aware, parents and carers are invited to join us this Thursday (12th May) from 2pm for an afternoon of maths activities. In school, we are now following the Singapore 'Maths No Problem' textbooks, and we would love you to come and see our new approach to 'Teaching for Mastery in Mathematics'.

Note: Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every Monday and Tuesday.

In Year 5 we have had a very exciting start to the half term; we have been learning how to use semi colons, dashes and brackets!

We have written Iron Man soliloquies in the style of Shakespeare, which we will be entering into the Derby Book Festival, and have made our own stop motion videos depicting the start of the Iron Man. Follow us on twitter to see an example of one @BathStAndrews.

In maths we have been looking at rounding, adding and subtracting decimals, which we have all been fantastic at!

Next week we have our Brilliance Trip on Monday afternoon and our trip to Magna Science Park on Thursday. Children can bring up to £5 for the Magna Trip.

Also please remember PE is on Tuesdays and Fridays and everyone needs a PE kit!

Year 6 have been working really hard in the run-up to SATs over the past few weeks especially concentrating on their maths, reading and SPaG. Miss Rickett would like to say a huge well done to all the children and express how proud she is of all them. You are a credit to Wyndham and we wish you all the best in your exams next week—remember it's your time to shine!

The class have also started work on their end of year play – The Lion King. Children have auditioned and been allocated parts and are excited to get started in the production of the play! We will send out details of performance dates in the next few weeks!

#### Active Kids

We now need to collect in any remaining Active Kids vouchers, so please check your bags, purses and wallets and send in any that you have. In a few weeks time we will be counting them all up and placing an order for more fun equipment for the children to use to continue to make playtimes and lunchtimes GREAT.

#### Stay and Play Group

We have started our Stay and Play group again on a Wednesday morning. If you have a pre-school child and would like to come along we would love to see you. The cost is 50p per child and it starts at 9am – 11am

The group is open to everyone, so if you have any friends or neighbours who have pre-school children but do not have any children currently at Wyndham they are still very welcome!

It is time to dance! Our disco will be happening on Thursday 19th May 2016 in the junior hall.

The Foundation stage will be dancing from 2.30 till 3pm, Year 1 and 2 will have from 3.30pm till 4.30pm and the year 3 to 6 can dance the night away from 5 till 6.30 pm.

Please ensure that you collect your children on time. Children will not be allowed to walk home alone afterwards, an adult needs to collect them.

Prices are as follows:

Year 1 and 2 are £1 and this includes an hour disco with a small juice and snack. Hot dogs will be available for 60p each, if you would like your child to have one please pay at the office prior to the disco or if your child is confident with keeping their money safe they can bring it along.

Year 3 to 6 will be £1.50 and this is for an hour and a half, there will be refreshments on sale. Please send your child with small change rather than large denominations of money as change becomes an issue.

Wyndham Primary Academy participated in the St. George's parade in town on 23rd April.

We carried the Derby Ram and some dragons; we were part of the choir singing folk songs that told the stories of brave St. George; and we even did some broom dancing like in the olden days! We would like to thank children for participating and behaving with GREAT respect!

Thank you to all the parents that supported their children with this event.

#### A message from the Head of School

SATs is now upon us and I'm sure you will have read or heard varying opinions in the media regarding SATs – at Wyndham we believe in all our pupils and just want to say that we couldn't be any prouder of our Year 6's commitment to their learning. I would like to say thank you to the players at Derby County FC for your kind words of encouragement to our pupils, your words really meant a lot!

I would also like to say a big congratulations to Miss Winfield and her dance group who have successfully made it through to the National Finals in Birmingham in July.

As you are aware we were judged Outstanding just over two years ago by Ofsted. We are a school that doesn't stay still and are an 'outward' looking school, keen to ensure we maintain the Outstanding status. We regularly listen to the voice of the pupil and try and reflect this in our daily practice. We also value the voice of parents and carers so I would like to point you in the direction of 'Parent View'. This can be accessed from our website.

If you require any support accessing Parent View, please speak to Mrs Hemmings.

Mrs Baines-Chambers (Head of School)