



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

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We wish you all a Happy New Year!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas! In Foundation Stage everyone has come back to school with such a fantastic attitude to learning! We have been working hard this week, writing out our New Year's Resolutions. We will be kick starting our Julia Donaldson topic with A Squash and a Squeeze. We are all excited about our trip to the Showcase Cinema on Friday 15th January to see Disney's Good Dinosaur.

Don't forget about our Share a Story sessions every Wednesday at 3.00pm, we hope to see you all there. If you wish to change your child's reading book please feel free to change it before registration.

Year One have had a GREAT start to the Spring term! Our learning for this term is based around Tom Fletcher's hilarious story, "The Dinosaur That Pooped the Planet".

We started our dinosaur topic this week which the children have been loving! They have been learning all about the different dinosaurs - they've tried dinosaur meat, made a 6 foot dinosaur to scare the teachers with, and used clay to make a 3D T-Rex.

We can't wait for our trip to the cinema to see Disney's "The Good Dinosaur" on Friday!

All of the children in Year Two have told us about their fantastic Christmas holidays this week and have written a recount of all their favourite moments that sound wonderful. Year Two have also been on a mission to find the Brown Crayon this week who sadly decided to quit his job because he was sick of drawing trees! They eventually found him by carefully following the clues hidden around school. With all of the information they gathered Year Two wrote some fantastic newspaper reports using the skills they have learnt so far.

This term in Year 3 our topic is the Stone Age. We will be investigating how they lived, what they ate and how they dressed, so we can see just how different our lives are now. In Science we will become archaeologists by finding our own fossils and we will be examining different types of rocks. In Numeracy we will be revisiting fractions and time so that we become expert mathematicians. Similarly, in Literacy we will be continuing to improve our writing through seeing how we can use different word choices and sentence structures to make it even more interesting. Finally, just a quick reminder that our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday.

In Year 4, we have started the year with a fantastic attitude to our learning and have already fully immersed ourselves in our new class book - The Awesome Egyptians! This half-term we will be learning about mummies, pyramids and famous Pharaohs, including Tutankhamun. We will locate the River Nile on a world map and will learn where all its water goes through studying the water cycle.

In PE, we are lucky to have the opportunity to learn archery skills with Premier Sports. We will also be completing our football unit, so please can you ensure that your child has their outdoor PE kit in school on a Wednesday and Thursday.

We have had a brilliant start to the term in year 5 with our new book "Stig of the Dump" by Clive King! We have written newspaper articles about the sighting of a cave man on the loose in Derbyshire and thought about how we would feel if we saw a cave man running along the street. Our science topic this half term is forces and we have spent an afternoon researching gravity and how different life would be if there wasn't any!

In maths we have been using our mastery vocabulary to explain how to convert mixed numbers into improper fractions. We have even had a go at being a Tiny Teacher and teaching the rest of the class!

Swimming will be on Tuesday so please remember your kit if you need it and if you are doing PE please make sure you have pumps or trainers in school!

We are also sending home some maths homework this week as well as spellings to try and ensure the children are getting as much practice as they can with their maths work. Please help them to complete it and bring it back by next Thursday!

Thank you for your support.

In year 6 we have begun on our topic - Lewis Carroll's classic 'Alice in Wonderland'. We have been focusing on narratives this week and have used lots of GREAT sentences and sophisticated punctuation, such as semi colons, to write about a creature who gives out dreams!

We have lots more to look forward to including a science focus around electricity in which we will be making an alarm for Alice to scare away the Queen of Hearts!

Additionally, Year 6 have been working really hard since returning to school after Christmas after completing their mock SATs and beginning revision. We hope they continue to show this 'can-do' attitude in the run up to their exams in May. If you have any questions regarding the SATs or revision then please feel free to speak to a member of the year 6 team.

Parking on Wyndham Street

We are very concerned about the current parking situation on Wyndham Street and the possible repercussions it could have.

There is a lot of double parking, blocking people in and parking on the yellow chevrons.

There has been several near misses where children could have been hit or cars could have been damaged.

If there was an emergency, either at the school, on Wyndham Street or Hawtrey Gardens, Ambulances and Fire Engines would not be able to get down the road.

We ask that if possible you leave the car at home and walk to school. If you have to use your car then please park responsibly and consider the implications of parking on Wyndham Street.

We are delighted to announce that our KS2 Street Dance team have got through to the regional finals (East Midlands heat) of the Great Big Dance Off which is a national dance competition for schools across the country.

We are really proud of their hard work and dedication and will keep you posted with their progress.

Pupils at Wyndham Primary Academy entered a national competition before Christmas whereby children were asked to draw or write about memories of an older person who is special to them.

The competition was setup by John Lewis and based on their latest Christmas television advert, 'Man on the Moon.'

Out of 2000 entries, 30 winners were picked and 2 of the winners who were chosen are from the same Year 3 class from Wyndham Primary Academy.

Both winners won an activity pack and a 'Build-your-own' Telescope.

We are very proud of them!

Are you struggling with homework? Well come along to Miss Hursey's Helpful Homework Club!
 It could be your research project, classwork or spellings that you need some support with.
 Then come along at lunchtimes to get help.



Monday	Year 1 & 2	12:15pm – 12:45pm	Miss Gee's Classroom
Tuesday	Year 3	12:45 – 1:15pm	Mr Barker's Classroom
Wednesday	Year 6	12:45 – 1:15pm	Year 6 Classroom
Thursday	Year 4	12:45 – 1:15pm	Miss Winfield's Classroom
Friday	Year 5	12:45 – 1:15pm	Mr Adams' Classroom

Smoking

We would really like to see an end to smoking at the school gate as it is unpleasant for both children and adults to walk past. Why not use the new year as an opportunity to cut down on smoking, make it your resolution to not smoke around the school and make it a healthier place for everyone!

Clubs

Monday	American Football Cheerleading	Yrs 3 & 4 Juniors	3.20 – 4.20pm 3.20 – 4.30pm	Spaces (see the office) Full
Tuesday				
Wednesday	Dodgeball Choir	Yrs 1 & 2 Yrs 1 – 6	3.20 – 4.20pm 3.20 – 4.20pm	Full Spaces (see Mr Christie)
Thursday				
Friday	Ultimate Frisbee Street Dance	Yrs 5 & 6 Juniors	3.20 – 4.20pm 3.20 – 4.30pm	Spaces (see the office) Full

Attendance

We were really disappointed to not quite make our 96% target for last term. We managed 95.9% so we were close but lots of absence was unnecessary.

Can we remind you that Juniors should be in school for 8.50am and Infants for 8.55am. Any children arriving after 9.20am have an unauthorised late and this affects their attendance. The Education Welfare Officer monitors all attendance and lateness and can issue warnings, fines and attendance contracts for those not ensuring their children are in school every day on time without good reason.

With so many exciting things happening in each class every day please ensure that your child can make the most of every moment by being in school each day on time.

Weather

So far we've been lucky not to have any bad weather but it is likely to come! School has not closed for bad weather for more than 10 years so it is **HIGHLY UNLIKELY** that we will close if it snows. All children will be expected to come to school and any absences will be unauthorised.

On the off chance that school does close we will ensure that a text message is sent out and that it is on local radio.

Please ensure we have your new mobile number in school if you have changed it recently.

Communication

There are many ways of communication between school and home. Are you aware of them all?

Website – www.wyndhamacademy.org

Class Dojo – speak to your child's teacher if you need login details

Twitter – @wyndham_academy

School text service – if you don't currently receive school texts from us please speak to the office to make sure we have your correct mobile number.

In the mornings Mrs Baines-Chambers and Mrs Hemmings are both around in reception and in the afternoon

Mrs Baines-Chambers is usually at the Infant gate. Please see one of them if you need to discuss anything.

Pupil Premium

What is it?

The pupil premium is funding allocated to schools for the specific purpose of boosting the attainment of pupils from low-income families. Funding is based on children who have registered for a free school meal at any point in the last 6 years, children that are in care or adopted and children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces.

We receive an additional £1320 for pupils eligible for pupil premium funding and this allows us to purchase additional resources to support the learning and close gaps.

A message from the Head of School

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new school term, I hope you had a wonderful break with family and friends.

I would like to welcome Mrs Talia Padilla, our new Learning Mentor, she will soon be running a parents session one morning a week, a homework club one night after school and a family games night one night after school. Further information to follow.

Please keep looking out on our website as our 'Curriculum Jigsaws' will be uploaded for each year group, this will allow you to see what the children will be learning during this half term.

Can I remind you that all pupils should be wearing school uniform, including black shoes, each day. There are still some pupils arriving without the correct uniform – if you need to speak to anyone regarding this, please see myself, Mrs Hemmings or your child's class teacher.

I would also like to share some other good news, Susan Jowett, Chief Executive of the Spencer Academies Trust, was awarded the prestigious Damehood in the New Years Honours list.

Mrs. Paula Baines-Chambers

Head of School