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Windy News

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Morning Matters

Please ensure your child is on the yard for 8.45 a.m each morning. This enables children to come into school with their classmates and to follow the same routine as everyone else.

Our teaching assistants close the doors when all of the "lined up" children have entered the building and they can see no-one else arriving.

This is for safety reasons, and allows the building to be secure for the children as soon as possible.

Once the doors have closed, your child will have to enter via the front door and will be recorded as late .

If you have children in both KS1 and KS2, you are welcome to let your KS2 child use the Infant entrance after the younger children have come into school.

This will help you ensure that you can see both children have come into school safely from the same point.

All KS2 pupils are expected to line up on the top yard with the rest of their classmates. Parents are allowed to wait on the top yard with their children.

EYFS Equipment Wanted

The Early years are always looking to enhance their provision. They are currently looking for good quality cars, animals, dinosaurs, jigsaws, duplo, wooden blocks .

If your child has grown out of these toys and you would like to donate them to school please see Mrs. Ramanandi (EYFS Lead), hand them in to your child's class teacher or bring them to the main office.



School uniform reminders

back to all pupils and parents after what has been a lovely summer break.

Thank you for making sure that your children look so smart and presentable in their school uniform.

We always have a range of uniform left in school at the end of the week and if it is not named it is very difficult to match it to its owner. Please can you

remember to label all items of school uniform with your child's name. KS2 pupils are now expected to take home all of their belongings at the end of every day, rather than leaving them in the corridors. This is to avoid the build up of lost property over the course of a half term.

Can I also remind you that we operate a no jewellery policy within school and that all earrings should be removed before coming to school, or if ears are still in the healing period , be taped up with surgical tape. If your child's ears are taped up they will not be able to participate in PE lessons or play outside until the earrings are removed.

Also all hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back for health and safety and hygiene reasons.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about a child in school please contact the Designated Person. **The designated persons for safeguarding are:**

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs L. A Forrest: Head Teacher

Named Cover: Mrs. C Ramanandi (EYFS Lead) and / or Mrs. A Preece (Senco)

Nominated Governor: Mrs. V. Billings

E-Safety lead: Mr. K Hawdon

Crossing patrol

Unfortunately Lindsey, our lovely school crossing patrol, has decided to move on as she has been offered a new job. She will be leaving us at the end of September. There may not be a replacement straight away so please make sure your children are aware of this. We are waiting to hear back from the council about her replacement. We think it is vitally important that we get another crossing patrol as when questioned the KS2 children highlighted that the road outside of school is an area where they don't feel safe.

Important Dates for Next Year

Y6 SATS will be held during week commencing Monday 13th May 2019 so all pupils need to be in school that week. No holiday will be authorised. KS1 SATS will take place at the beginning of May.

Y1 pupils will take their phonics checks in the week starting Monday 10th June and they all need to attend school in that week.

September 2018

What's happening?

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Packed lunches

We regularly qualify for the Healthy School Award, which demonstrates our commitment to the all-round well-being of our pupils, including healthy eating. Please ensure that children do not bring fizzy drinks in their packed lunch and only bring healthy snacks for break time.

Snack shop in KS2 has re opened in KS2 . As part of our healthy eating drive we will now be selling fresh fruit and veg as part of snack shop. All snacks cost between 10p and 25p .

Warm Welcome

I would like to welcome our new staff to the Windy Nook Team: Mrs. Purser in the Ladybirds, Mrs. Broomhall in the Oaks and Miss. Crowe in the Bluebells.

Remember!

Please keep your children off the nursery equipment as they pass through the EYFS on a morning. Staff arrive in school early to set up exciting activities, only to discover they have been moved or altered as the children walk through to line up. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Please note that some dates may change due to circumstances beyond the school's control.

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Wed 12th Sep	5.00pm Parents Welcome Meeting for LKS2 Y5 Bikeability starts
Thurs 13th Sep	2.30pm Parents Welcome Meeting for KS1
Tues 18th Sep	Year 6 trip to Nissan Reception phonics meeting for parents 2:30
Wed 19th Sep	Year 6 trip to Nissan
Fri 21st Sep	Non uniform day PTFA fundraiser (more info to follow)
Mon 24th Sep	Year 3/4 River Tyne trip
Tues 25th Sep	KS1 Reading/ spelling workshop for parents 2:30
Wed 26th Sep	European day of languages
Tues 2nd Oct	Governing Body Self Review 5pm
Mon 8th Oct	Operation Child assembly
Tues 9th Oct	Governor Resources Committee 5pm
Mon 15th Oct	Parents' Evenings in school -Mon, Tues, Thurs (crèche available Mon and Tues)
Thurs 18th Oct	Flu Vaccine
Fri 19th Oct	3.15pm School closes for half term break.
Mon 29th Oct	School re-opens to pupils
Wed 31st Oct	Governor Attendance Panel
Thur 1st Nov	PTFA Halloween disco (more info to follow)

Christmas dates to be included on October Newsletter

More Information

School Meals

Our rule for lunches is that children must stick to the same option for the whole week please. This includes whether payment is involved or not. The catering unit manager needs to know numbers of pupils staying for lunches to place the food orders. Any child bringing a packed lunch must do so for each day of that week, and the same applies to taking school meals. Parents of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will already know that school meals are free for these year groups.

If you think you are (or would be) entitled to Free School Meals

If your child is in Years 3-6 and you think you are entitled to free school meals, please contact the main office for a claim form. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is already receiving the free meals provided, but you would have been entitled, please fill in and return the form anyway. Even if you do not wish your child to take the school meal, our school will benefit from the grant attached to each pupil who is eligible.

**Currently, this is worth £1,300 per pupil and would be a huge loss to the school if parents do not claim. If you need any more information, please contact school. Thank you.
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Rights Respecting Awards

As part of our school's aims to promote a happy and successful school, we have recently achieved our Silver Rights Respecting School Award. "This is an award which is given to schools on behalf of UNICEF.

Mrs. Ramanandi is our new Rights Respecting Lead and we are already working through our action plan ready for our Gold Award. As part of this we will continue to teach the children about the importance of fundraising through our Tuppence Tuesday. This will take place during assembly on the last Tuesday of every month. We ask the pupils to bring in any spare change which is collected during assembly. Every half term we will look to see how much has been collected and use these donations to build a Global Village. We will be able to sponsor families to buy farmers tools, for example. This will not only help children understand the role they play in helping to eradicate World poverty but also help them to understand the impact their money has on individual families/people/villages.

Awards and Funding

Due to the hard work of the staff, under the leadership of Miss. Fernley, we recently were reaccredited with our International Schools Award. The assessors stated ' Well done to everyone at Windy Nook School, you have obviously worked really hard to truly embed the International Dimension into your school.' We will continue to ensure our children gain a good understanding of the world around them through our curriculum delivery.

We have also recently received our Gold School Games Award in recognition for all of the sporting opportunities we offer our pupils. Thanks to Mr. Murray for coordinating this achievement.

We have recently submitted a bid for some funding from the Coop to help further refurbish the EYFS outdoor area. We will hear back from them in October.

Governor Focus

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor within school. Governors play an important role in shaping the future of schools and the role is very rewarding. More information will be sent out very soon.