



## Windermere Primary School Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### A word from the Headteacher

My goodness the hot weather this week has been a challenge for all! Children have coped well making sure they have stayed hydrated and sought shade to keep cool and protected from the sun.

Children have learned about sustainable development and how to question the past, present and future of items around and that they may buy. They have also developed their understanding of the story of Ruth and Naomi and the kindness shown. We have celebrated children who are helping to save the planet and those who have changed their attitude.

Wishing you all a good weekend

Sarah Gilliver

### Emotional literacy

Emotional literacy is the ability to understand, express and cope with emotions. Each week children explore key words which supports the growing bank of vocabulary they can use. They discuss the meaning of the word, what it looks/feels like and situations they may feel it.

Recent words to share and discuss with our child are:

**astonished, brave, curious, disappointed, excited, fear, grateful, happy, irritated, jealous.**

### National Thank a Teacher Day

We're delighted to announce that National Thank a Teacher Day is set to take place on **Wednesday 21st June**. This is a special day to celebrate the schools and colleges at the heart of our communities. At Windermere, we recognise the contribution of **all staff** to ensuring pupils enjoy and excel, so parents and carers can thank any member of staff by completing this **form**. You can complete more than one. All of your messages will be shared with our staff on the day.

### Cricket matches

Cricket season is upon us and we have had a couple of matches- one against Cunningham Hill and one against Garden Fields with another due after school today against Maple. The players are learning a lot with each match and even managed to achieve a draw with just 8 rather than the usual 10 players. Well done.

### School arrival time

We have noticed a number of children arriving at school very early (8:30am and earlier), who are then waiting by the KS1 gate playing. The children are not supervised at this time in this area as the gate opens at 8:45am. Please ensure your child arrives at a suitable time or is supervised until the gate opens or attends breakfast club if dropped off earlier. Thank you.

### School footwear

School shoes should still be worn in the summer. Sandals are not suitable as children can easily trip over when running and playing, causing injury.

### Ask Your Child...

This is a way to start to discuss your child's learning. You aren't expected to know the answers.

Reception- What has happened to our caterpillars so far?

Year 1-How many quarters make a whole?

Year 2- What are vertices?

Year 3- Can you name three animals that lived in the St Albans area during the Stone Age?

Year 4- Who burned Verulamium and what happened after?

Year 5 -How many rings are on the tail of a ring tailed lemur when they are born?

Year 6 -Why were children evacuated from cities during the Second World War and where did they go to?

### Class Attendance: June 12<sup>th</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup>

Class	Present %	Authorised absence %	Unauthorised absence %
Reception	90	10	0
Year 1	88	10	2
Year 2	96	1.7	2
Year 3	97	1.5	1.5
Year 4	86	10	4.4
Year 5	95	3	2.3
Year 6	94	4.8	0.7

### Dates for your Diary:

26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports week
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
1 <sup>st</sup> July	PTA Summer Fair
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent evenings
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary Transition Day
TBC	Afternoon tea and book look
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of the school year
4 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of new school year

Dates for the next academic year can be found on the school website.

