



Windermere Primary School Newsletter 19th January 2024

A word from the Headteacher

Welcome to the new term and to 2024. What a chilly start we have had to the year!

In assemblies, children have explored some of the ideas and life of Helen Keller and her determination to succeed. They have also thought about the word good and its meaning and what good character traits they can see in themselves and others. We have celebrated children who have shown courage and challenged themselves, and those who use kind words in difficult situations. Children from KS2 wrote thoughts for peace on doves which are now on display in St Albans Cathedral until the 13th February. Details can be found here

<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Pages/Events/Category/peace-doves>

Wishing you a good weekend.

Sarah Gilliver

We need you!

Are you a gardener, chef, cleaner, engineer? Do you have an unusual job that children may not know much about? Would you be willing to talk to children about your role? We are looking to support children in developing their understanding of the wide range of opportunities in the world of work, linking with different subject areas they study at school and about the different routes to get there. We would like to hear from you if you are willing to give half an hour of your time to share your journey to your role and some of the most interesting aspects of it. We wouldn't expect a presentation or experience in teaching, just a willingness to talk about your role and answer some of the children's questions. Please contact the office if you would like to help or to discuss further.

Access to cycling

Some children in years 4, 5 and 6 who have not yet completed their Bikeability training, or who had no access to a bike prior to today had a session of learning to ride a bike or time to develop fun skills on a bike. Children who brought in bikes had them checked over and repaired where needed. This was provided by Herts Disability Sports Foundation. They will be supporting children with their cycling skills over a few sessions in further weeks.

Uniform

We have plenty of pre-loved uniform available in school. If you find your child is short of a jumper, has worn a hole in their trousers or needs a skirt, please ask at the office.

Winter and Cost of Living Help

Please see the attached information from Hertfordshire County Council about help with the cost of living this winter and sources of support.

Ask Your Child...

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

Reception- Can you name someone who helps you?
Year 1- Can you locate ST Albans on a map?
Year 2- What is mark making?
Year 3- Can you name 4 European countries and their capital cities?
Year 4- How did you feel riding your bike in school today?
Year 5- Can you name all the planets in order stating with closest to the sun?
Year 6- What marked the end of the Anglo-Saxon period in England?

Dates for your Diary:

31st January 2024 Rapid Catch Up Phonics workshop for parents
19th -23rd February Half term
Parent Consultations TBC Spring Term
Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April Easter Break
20th May Sport and Art Week
27th May to 31st May Half Term
3rd June INSET day
Tea Party TBC Summer Term



Help to manage the cost of living

See all of the support, advice and services available to help you stay safe and well. Visit:
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/winterhelp,
call 0300 123 4044 or scan the QR code

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HertsHelp

Trained advisors offering free, confidential advice on local services and support

Call: 0300 123 4044
Email: info@hertshelp.net
www.hertshelp.net

Community spaces

Find a community space near you, locations all across Hertfordshire

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/communityspaces

Mental health

Advice and support for your happiness, wellbeing and mental health

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth

Money and benefits advice

Free guides on debt and benefits, disability, bereavement, housing, retirement and carer support

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/moneyadvice

Citizens Advice

Free, local and confidential advice on benefits, money and credit problems, employment, housing and family issues

Call: 0800 144 8848

Help for households

Central government is offering support with energy bills, transport, childcare and household costs

www.helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk

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