



The Windmills News

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Dear Families,

This will be the final newsletter of the year and I would just to start by expressing my thanks to you for making me so welcome and embracing the changes this year. Your children have been fantastic and make coming to work a real pleasure.

In last week's newsletter we said we would update you regarding the smartphone survey and our policy for September. **From September we will go smartphone free.** Y5 and 6 children can bring a non-smart phone in should you feel the need and these will be given in at the start of the day as happens now. We know some children have smart watches and we are going to request that these are handed in at the start of the day as well. Whilst we know that features such as cameras, voice calling and recorders can be disabled/ put on school mode this doesn't always happen. We have chosen to do this to avoid any confusion or extra monitoring from teachers. For those children who require a smart phone for medical needs such as diabetes these will of course be permitted. If you have any questions I am happy to chat with you next week.

This week we have had the **Y6 production** and the team and children pulled out all the stops. Parts were found for 85/90 children which is no small feat. There were some brilliant individual performances and as a whole it was excellent—the full cast dancing and singing was fabulous. Along with the sports day dance it was a real highlight of my year. Well done to the whole Y6 team (LSAs and teachers) for their efforts—these are the extras that make school so memorable. Thank you to all who bought a drink at the bar—enough was raised for the Disaster Emergency Committee to provide shelters for nine families in Venezuela.

Well done to those that performed in the **violin and piano assembly** this week. There was a real range of music from Elton John to Mario Bros! On Monday we have our final performance which will come from our choir at the Downlands amphitheatre. For those parents coming to watch, we will take the choir over there and you access it via our field. I will be there to sign-post on the day.

Today a group of cricket enthusiasts from Y5 and 6 went to watch the first day of the England v South Africa U19 test. It sounds like they had a great day split between watching the cricket and trying to get the attention of Freddie Flintoff. Thank you to those who were able to help out.

On **Tuesday** we will have our **final non-uniform day** for this half-term's winners. **Congratulations to Fire.**

I hope all have a good weekend and summer when it comes next week.

Kind regards,
Mr Page

Headteacher Awards

TEAM POINTS

EARTH 7955

AIR 7358

FIRE 8112

WATER 7856

School Diary

(new dates in bold)

- 20.7 Choir performance—
Downlands amphitheatre 3:20pm
- 21.7 **Fire non-uniform**
- 22.7 Last day of term
Leavers assembly
9:15am
- 2.9 School returns.



