



Windlesham School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to officially welcome you all back to our last term of this academic year at Windlesham School. It has been a pleasure seeing the children after their Easter break and they have settled back quickly into their familiar routines. Hopefully, you will have had the chance to read our latest exciting announcement from the Chair of Governors and myself regarding our new building project. A copy of this letter is shown on Page 2 in the Newsletter. It is clearly a wonderful time for Windlesham School and we are so pleased to be able to take this project forward.

Thank you, too, for the positive comments regarding the new prospectus and website. You will have already received the School Calendar for the Summer term. There are many events to note in your own personal diaries. New exciting clubs and activities are being offered by staff this term so I do hope some of the children will be enjoying accessing these. Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will commence their assessments next week so I would ask parents and carers to continue offering a quiet area at home where your child can study and focus on their revision. Keep any electronic gadgets away and just encourage your child to do their best.

We hope that you will all enjoy the Summer term and we look forward to some sunny weather too.

Staff News/New Staff:

This will be the last term for **Mrs Freeman** who has been involved in the maternity cover for one of the Year 3 classes this academic year. She was joined by **Miss Cooper** for one day a week in February and we are very grateful to both of these teachers who have worked closely together with the children. Mrs Freeman and Miss Cooper will be finishing this role at the end of the Summer term and once again, we are extremely grateful to them both for their excellent work. A new teacher has been appointed for next academic year and we shall look forward to welcoming **Miss Kennedy in September**. She will be joining the Upper School team of staff working as a class teacher and contributing to our developing Sports curriculum.

Miss Mason, who is currently covering Mrs Coego's maternity leave, shall be leaving Windlesham School next month and returning to Australia. We are extremely grateful to Miss Mason for all her work whilst she has been with us teaching English and Sport to Years 4, 5 and 6. She has also supported the children in her tutor group. **Mrs Coego** will be returning to School this term now that her maternity leave has finished.

Mr Clifford, our Site Manager, shall be retiring at the end of this term after 12 years of service at Windlesham School. We are hugely grateful to Mr Clifford for all his hard work here over the years. He has helped so many members of staff, parents, carers and children during his time here along with supporting our parents' association, the Friends of Windlesham, in all their activities. I am sure you would like to join me in wishing Mr Clifford every happiness for the future. Mr Clifford's position has now been filled by two people who will be sharing this role. **Mrs Karen Ashby** shall be our Site Manager at the beginning of the week on Monday and Tuesday and **Mr Simon Mitchell** shall be working with us on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We trust that those staff who shall be leaving Windlesham School have a very happy final term with us and we shall look forward to introducing new staff to you in due course.

Important Dates for SUMMER TERM 2016

Monday, 25th April

Years 3-6 Assessment/Exam Week

Wednesday, 27th April

Cricket: U11 v Lancing Prep Worthing
Play begins 2.30 p.m. (Away)

Thursday, 28th April

Rounders: U9 v Shoreham College
Play begins 2.15 p.m. (Away)

Monday, 2nd May

May Bank Holiday

School Closed to Pupils/Staff

Wednesday, 4th May

Years 5 & 6 Rounders: U10 & U11 v BHHS
Play begins 2.40 p.m. (Away)

Thursday, 5th May

Year 4 Rounders: U9 v Lancing Prep Hove
Play begins 2.00 p.m. (Away)

Year 4 Cricket: U9 v Lancing Prep Worthing
Play begins 2.35 p.m. (Away)

Friday, 6th May

Year 6 Tennis: U11 Sussex Championships
Play begins 10.00 a.m. (Away)





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Important Note about Lunches:

Please remember we are a nut-free school when preparing lunchboxes. It is important to check labels as many products may contain a trace of nuts. Thank you for your help in this matter. **Please do not include any sweets in your child's lunchbox.** A balanced, healthy lunchbox is really important.

Uniform

The Trutex Uniform shop now have stocks of a new football top and trousers, plus an optional Sports Anorak. These items are for Years 3-6. The updated uniform and PE kit lists are on the website and Parent Portal.



The Prefects for this part of the term are:

3F	Michael Munday Will Gardner
3M	Betty Lamb Billy Williams
4B	Ra Healy Sam Thomasson
4C	Daniel Abadi Sonny Hudson
5CM	Tia Lazanakis Noah Faulkner-Weale
5M	Archie Double Danni Chalmers

P Parking: Please continue to help park, drive and bike responsibly along Dyke Road, Port Hall Road and our surrounding areas when you pick-up and drop-off children. This is much appreciated by the School and neighbouring areas too. We ask that parents respect the safety of children and do not park on double yellow lines, at bus stops or on pavements as this poses a serious hazard to pedestrians.

PLEASE PARK, DRIVE and BIKE SAFELY.

GENERAL NOTICES

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Year 3-6 Assessments

As the Year 3-6 assessments are spread over several weeks, children will be informed of some results before finishing their final assessment papers. When teachers go through the papers with the children in class, they will be able to make a note of results in their homework diaries. However, in the week before half-term, a formal summary of all results with explanatory notes will be sent home to all parents/carers.

Mr Crellin

End of the School Day

The period between 3.30 p.m. and 3.50 p.m. is naturally very busy as children are being dismissed to their parents/carers. Please could we ask for everyone's help to ensure that children, once handed over to their parent/carer, are supervised closely. During inclement weather, if taking shelter under the canopy next to the Reception Classes, families are asked to supervise children closely in case they should access the Pirate Ship area.

Mrs Waite

New Windlesham School Website and Prospectus

Our new website and prospectus was officially launched last week. Hopefully, you will have had the chance to look at them by now but if you have not, please do find some time as soon as possible to do this. I would like to thank our Bursar, Ms Waller, and Mrs Westwood-Dunkley, from our Finance and Marketing department, for all their hard work in helping to develop these two important areas for the School. We hope you like them as much as we do.

We had an excellent response to our parent and carer survey conducted at the end of last year and we thank you for your time to complete it. We very much value your views and have carefully considered your responses and your comments. As well as presenting the results, we have included a section in which we have responded to a number of questions raised. <http://www.windleshamschool.co.uk/windlesham-school-parent-survey-december-2015/>. We will also be conducting a separate survey for parents and carers of the Owlets Nursery children before the end of this year.

Our curriculum summaries for the Summer Term for each year group can also be found on the website. Follow this link to read the key areas: <http://www.windleshamschool.co.uk/curriculum/>

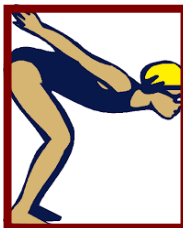
The "news" page also includes an announcement of our plans to start a major new development of the School buildings next year: <http://www.windleshamschool.co.uk/new-building/>. Further details will be released over the coming months.

Mrs Bennett-Odlum



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WINDLESHAM SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to all the children who represented Windlesham School in the Brighton & Hove School Swimming Championships this week. We retained the Ian McLean Memorial Shield and won Gold in the Girls Yr 5 relay team. In all the other races we achieved silver, bronze or 4th place. An excellent effort from all the swimmers.

TEAM:- **Year 6:** Luke H, Herbie G, Jai S, Fleur C, Mia L, Scarlett O. **Year 5:** Alex R, Harry T, Sasha H, Hannah L, Rosa F, Caitlin C. **Year 4:** Ollie J, Christian O, Ra H, Max S, Elizabeth R-L, Evie F, Biba S, Truly W. **Year 3:** Zachary H, Eli W-N

Reporter : Mr Lambert



U10 Rounders v Brighton College

This was the first match of the rounders season and we knew Brighton College were going to be a tough opposition. The girls went into bat first and managed to score 3 rounders in the first innings. When batting the girls need to watch the ball and make a quick decision whether to run or wait at a base. Luella W was a fast and confident runner and managed to score. Maddy H also batted well and got Windlesham on the score sheet. Brighton were strong fielders and made very few mistakes. It was then our turn to field and Brighton scored 5.5 rounders at the end of the first innings. The girls need to stay alert when fielding and decide quickly where to throw the ball. A bit of work is needed on our movement and throwing and catching skills. At the end of the second innings the score was Brighton 12 Windlesham 5. This was an evenly matched game and a fantastic learning experience for all involved. Well done to Tilly C who was nominated as player of the match by the Brighton College team.

Reporter: Mrs Sloan

The U11s started their game against Brighton College by batting. The girls took a little time to get their eye in and hit the ball but we managed to score 2 and a half rounders before swapping to fielding. Brighton College started strong and showed their experience, playing tactically to consistently reach 2nd post to score half rounders. Windlesham tried their best to stop the running but Brighton College had a strong lead by the end of the first innings. Some committed running and good communication saw us score several rounders and half rounders in the second innings. The girls returned to fielding with more determination. Quick thinking, good decisions and more accurate passing meant they were able to prevent Brighton College from scoring as many rounders, by stumping 2nd or 4th base. Their speedy reactions also meant they managed to get two players out on 1st post, including the final batter! We drew the second innings to end the match Brighton College 18.5, Windlesham 10.5. The girls displayed a super attitude throughout the match and their focus and response to feedback meant there was a significant improvement in their play - onwards and upwards to the next match!

Opposition's player of the match-Bella D.

Reporter: Mrs Mack



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FOW NEWS

FOW are delighted to announce the date for an additional Fish n' Chips and Bingo Night. Tickets for the FOW Fish n' Chips & Bingo Night will be available soon and will be made available first to all those families who were on the waiting list at the last event, after which all remaining tickets will be available to everyone.

Dates for your diary :-
Fish n' Chips & Bingo Night
Thursday, 12th May



Bag2school – **Thursday, 23rd June 2016**
 Summer BBQ – **Wednesday, 29th June 2016**
 Nearly New Uniform Sale – **Monday, 4th July 2016**

TERM DATES



Windlesham School
Term Dates 2016/2017

AUTUMN TERM 2016

Staff Inset Days: Thursday, 1st and Friday, 2nd September

Term Starts: Monday, 5th September

Open Morning: Saturday, TBC

Half Term Holiday: Monday, 17th October – Friday, 28th October inclusive

Term Ends: Friday, 9th December

SPRING TERM 2017

Bank Holiday: Monday, 2nd January (school closed)

Staff Inset Day: Tuesday, 3rd January

Term starts: Wednesday, 4th January

School in Action/
 Open Morning: TBC

Staff Inset: Friday, 10th February

Half Term Holiday: Monday, 13th February – Friday, 17th February inclusive

Term Ends: Friday, 31st March

SUMMER TERM 2017

Staff Inset Day: Monday, 24th April

Term Starts: Tuesday, 25th April

Bank Holiday: Monday, 1st May (school closed)

School in Action/
 Open Morning: TBC (for prospective parents)

Half Term Holiday: Monday, 29th May – Friday, 2nd June inclusive

Term Ends: Friday, 7th July

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Staff Inset Day: Thursday, 31st August and Friday, 1st September

Term Starts: Monday, 4th September

Please remember to view our website regularly for additions and changes to the school calendar: www.windleshamschool.co.uk



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Merit Badges: The following children are to be congratulated for tremendous effort or positive attitude this month (as at 22nd April 2016): **Upper School:** Sam Jackson, Max Swift, Zac Papanicola, Ollie Jackson, Tilly Catchpole, Bella Daiches, Ned Skipper and Matilda McEwen. **Lower School:** Rowan Scourfield, Primrose Middleton, Mabel Horner, Aaliyah Rahman, Zoe Cheal, Elise Fradley, Joel Burman, Louis Graham, Pippa Flack, Otis Child and Isaac Grace.

Owls Awards: The following children have been congratulated for good work this month (as at 22nd April 2016): Elise Fradley, Charles Vera, Max Clark-Sarri, Yuvraj Sharma, Isaac Barnard, Zack Hayler, Lola Magee, Amaya Brack, DeAngelo Gillett, Mia Hobbs, Billy Williams, Ted Wiskar, Katie Connolly, George Daiches, William Gardner, Michael Munday, Isabella Daiches, Poppy Hawkes, Archie Double, Caitlin Cheal, Matilda Chappell and Jayden Hobbs.

Best Wishes
Aoife Bennett-Odlum
Headteacher



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