

# Windmill Whispers



Happy New Year! Welcome back after what I hope has been an enjoyable break.

There are so many highlights I could share with you from last term, it's hard to know where to start.

The Remembrance Parade seems a long time ago, but it was lovely to see so many of our school community there. A range of Christmas events were well attended—I was so disappointed that the weather was not with us on the last day of term meaning we had to cancel the singing. Our reception children did a fantastic job of the Nativity though!

We have been involved in a variety of fundraising events, including the Poppy appeal that raised over £325.09, Save the Children Christmas Jumper day which raised £310.85, and Children in Need that raised £346.75. The school was also involved in the Christingle collection for the Children's society, which collected £599.

It's another busy term ahead, with school trips and class assemblies. I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their hard work in making these things happen.

Can I request that in order to help keep the school community safe, if parents are coming into the school building for any reason you sign in at the office, other than for Reading Rocks when you sign in at the classroom.

Finally, can I again take this opportunity to thank you for the support you consistently show the school. It truly is appreciated.

*Mrs Abel*

## Term 2 attendance

Overall attendance was 93 %

It was significantly affected by flu and a sickness bug—let's hope we have got over that now!

The top 3 classes for the term were

Joint 1st place Clarks and Smiths  
96.3%

3rd place Knighton 96%

Clark's 96.3%

## Hello...

We're delighted to welcome Ms Jill Sproson who has joined us to teach in Year 1, Louisa Johnson who has joined us as a TA in Years 5 & 6, and lunchtime supervisors Sam Eggleton and Hannah Archer.



## Goodbye...

But sadly, we've said goodbye to Mrs Donna Frost—we wish her good luck in her



## Values

The winning Values house for the first half term chose to make their charity donation to purchase new pads for the defibrillator sited in school.

Unity were last term's winner and get to choose this time.

Responsibility	191
Honesty	180
<b>Unity</b>	<b>245</b>
Courage	110
Respect	235
Compassion	238
Ambition	218
Resilience	137

## Upcoming dates:

Thursday 9th January—Year 5 swimming starts  
Tuesday 14th Jan Reading Rocks 8.45 am  
Monday 27th January Reading Rocks 8.45am  
Tuesday 4th Feb Nichols Class Assembly 9.05am  
Thursday 6th Feb Smith Class Assembly 9.05am  
Tuesday 11th Feb 3.30pm Y6 SATs information session  
Wednesday 12th Feb Reading Rocks 8.45am  
Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th Feb Year 4 Production  
Thursday 13th Feb Wellington Class Assembly 9.05am  
Thursday 13th Feb 3.20pm RWSA Bake Sale  
Don't forget to check the full diary for other events



## RWSA

A huge thank you to the RWSA for organising the Christmas Fayre that raised over £900