

Windmill Weekly (18)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for January - Co-operation

27 January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

STRIKE ACTION WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

As I am sure you will have seen in the press, the teacher's union the NEU have voted to take strike action on 4 days within the next couple of months. The first day of striking is Wednesday 1st February. Currently the other teacher unions haven't voted to take strike action.

At Windmill the staff belong to different unions. Some of them are NEU members and some belong to the unions that have chosen not to take strike action yet. Although they may not be striking teachers want you to know that they still support the actions that their colleagues are taking in the NEU.

Teachers do not take strike action lightly. This is the link to the NEU guidance which gives more details about the reasons that teachers are taking action. For most of the staff at Windmill it is concerns about school funding which are driving their decision and not pay.

<http://tiny.cc/hir3vz>



As a school, we have chosen to support those staff who are taking strike action by not covering their classes. This means that there will be a partial school closure. If your child's class is marked as closed your child will be unable to come to school on Wednesday 1st February.

This is the plan for Wednesday:-

Class	Open or Closed
Explorers	Open
Hedgehogs	Open
Penguins	Open
Cherry	Open
Ladybirds	Closed
Strawberry	Open
Mandarin	Open
Starfish	Closed
Tigers	Closed
Sunflowers	Closed
Dandelions	Closed
Daffodils	Closed
Geckos	Closed
Chameleons	Closed
Turtles	Open
Blue Jays	Open
Peacocks	Open
Kingfishers	Open
Lilac	Closed
Lavender	Closed
Violet	Open

School Streets

I am assuming by now that you are aware that the cameras are fully operational in the street outside school at drop off and collection times. There have been a number of cars driving through this week. I am concerned about the safety of the children and have had a talk to them in assembly about being especially careful when they are walking to school and crossing the roads.

Communication

At the PTA meeting on Wednesday the topic of communication was discussed. One of the PTA members has summarised the different communication paths that are in place. We are aware that there are probably too many but we also know that you all have preferences for which one you use.

School Communication

School app

Official school notices to parents about things like school events and clubs and the weekly newsletter. Things like last minute cancellations of clubs are posted here. Search for "School App for Parents" on the App Store. Username Windmill, password 2527 to log in to Windmill School.

Newsletter

Mrs Knapp's weekly newsletter which is delivered through the app and details events happening in school, key dates and lots of information. A useful weekly summary of everything in one place. It can also be viewed on the school website www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

Classlist

This is for communication between parents. You can post messages to your class, year group, whole school or many other groups. This is the PTA's main tool of communication and notices of events or points of interest are posted here. We aim to post messages from the app here too. It is a brilliant tool and the place where most 'official' class communication goes. You do not need to share your phone number or personal details. Download Class-list on the AppStore and search for Windmill School.

Seesaw

This is how homework is set in Y1-6 and is submitting work and sending messages to teachers. Sometimes class notices are posted on Seesaw. You will need a password to log in.

Tapestry

This is just used in Reception (in place of Seesaw) and is a tool for home school communication between class teachers and parents. Updates and photos are posted here. You will need a password to log in.

WhatsApp groups

Many classes have a WhatsApp group. Ask your class rep about yours.

Social Media

Windmill School is on Facebook and many classes have their own Twitter page, some more active than others. Search and follow to see what classes are up to.

Paper letters. Sometimes paper letters come home too (depending on the reliability of your child). It is worth checking school bags.

School Gateway

This app is less about communication and more about payment. Payment for lunches, breakfast club and trips is through this app.

Phone and email

If you need to contact the school then you can either contact your child's class teacher or contact the office office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk 01865 762509. To get in touch with the PTA please email windmillpta@gmail.com.

Big Garden Bird Watch

This weekend the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) are asking us all to take part in the Big Garden Bird Watch. For more details go to their website. We will be doing a bird watch in Eco-schools today.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/>



Key Dates

30 th January 2023	Open Morning - Whole School 08.30am - 9.10am
10 th February 2023	End of Term 3 - finish at 3.05pm
20 th February 2023	Start of Term 4 - 08.45am
27 th February - 3 rd March 2023	Book Week
2 nd March 2023	World Book Day - dress as your favourite character
17 th March 2023	Comic Relief
22 nd March 2023	Parent Interviews
28 th March 2023	Year 4 Performance @2.00pm
29 th March 2023	Year 4 Performance @6.00pm
31 st March 2023	End of Term 4 - finish at 2.30pm

Girls football - Register your interest

Oxford United hope to offer a girls football club on Monday's, 3.15 - 4.15pm starting after half term. This would be for girls in years 4, 5 and 6 and would cost £30.00 for 6 sessions. This will only run if there is enough interest. Can you please register your interest via the following - Link and QR code to Google form:

<https://tinyurl.com/hhwn5e7x>



Yours faithfully

Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

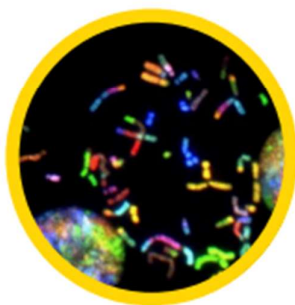
If the Newsletter is not displaying properly on your device you can view it on our website here [Windmill Primary School - Head Teacher's Newsletters](#)



SCIENCE BAZAAR SATURDAYS



Saturday 28 January 2023
11 am – 12 pm



Science Bazaar Saturdays presents Cells: life's building blocks! Join Bright Sparks Science in investigating cell biology, organelles and replication! This virtual event is FREE and open to all.

Fun for all the family and most suitable for 5 – 12 years.

Register at:



[https://brookes.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0l](https://brookes.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lf-uvrjMpGtLVCDpiRhYG3bsOR0GrhOa)

[f-uvrjMpGtLVCDpiRhYG3bsOR0GrhOa](https://brookes.zoom.us/j/91234567890)



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HALF TERM CRICKET

**JOIN US DURING
FEBRUARY HALF TERM
AT...**

14TH FEBRUARY – ST HELEN & ST KATHARINE
15TH FEBRUARY – THE OXFORD ACADEMY
16TH FEBRUARY – WOOD GREEN

**5-7 YEAR OLDS
10AM – 12PM
SIGN UP**

**8-11 YEAR OLDS
1PM – 3PM
SIGN UP**

£12 PER SESSION


OXFORDSHIRE
CRICKET

BE A CHEERLEADER

**BECOME ONE OF US FOR THE
DAY AT THE OBUCD
CHEERLEADING WORKSHOP!**

Make use of our facilities while learning to stunt, jump and tumble and dance just like we do. You'll also get to compete in a mini-competition judged by our very own committee as well as play games and make cheer-themed crafts.

WHEN: Thursday 16th February 09:00-12:00

The Assembly Hall,
WHERE: Cheney School, Cheney Lane, Headington,
Oxford, OX3 7QH

£15 per future-athlete for the session

Contact oxfordbrookescheerleaders@gmail.com for more information


Scan here to book

