

# Windmill Weekly (13)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for December - Appreciation

08 December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

Next Friday (15<sup>th</sup> December) will be our annual Christmas Jumper day. We will be collecting for Save the Children so if the children want to contribute £1 as a donation via our Just Giving page (details further down the Newsletter) we would be very grateful.

## **One Way System**

Thank you to everyone who is now following the one -way system down the side of the school by the church. Just to clarify it is just this narrow path where we would like everyone to follow the one way system for safety sake.

## **School Street**

On Wednesday afternoon the BBC filmed a piece about our School Streets Initiative and this will be going out at 10:00am on BBC1 on Sunday morning on The Politics South show.

## **Parking in the School Street**

We completely appreciate that some of you need exemption from the School Street due to disability or special circumstances. However, if you are driving into our School Street please can you make sure that you park in an appropriate place and are very aware that there are a lot of families in the street. We had a near miss incident on Tuesday afternoon when the driver of a parked car nearly reversed into a parent and her child in a push chair. Fortunately, on this occasion everything was fine.

## **Reception Winter Extravaganza**

I want to congratulate all the children in Reception who performed so well in their performance yesterday. It was a delight to be in the audience.

## **Performances Next Week**

Next week the children in Years 3 to 6 will be singing in a Christmas Concert on Tuesday 12 January at 9:15am, Year 2 will perform their production on Wednesday 13 December at 9:15am and again on Thursday 14 at 2:00pm and then our final one will be Friday 15 December when Year 1 will sing and the orchestra will perform. This also starts at 9:15am.

## **LAW Group Book Sale**

The LAW group will be having a Book Sale on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Please can you donate any unwanted books that you have so that we have enough books to sell. The profit made will be used to buy new books for the classrooms and revamp Book Corners.

## **E-Safety Newsletter**

The December E-Safety Newsletter will also be sent with this newsletter.

## **End of the Autumn Term**

The school closes for the Christmas Holiday on **Wednesday 20 December at 2:30pm.**

## **Start of the Spring Term**

The school reopens for the children on **Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 8:45am**



## Key Dates

12 December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert 9.15am - 9.45am
13 December	Year 2 Christmas Play 9.15am
14 December	Year 2 Christmas Play 2.00pm
15 December	Year 1 Christmas / Orchestra 9.15am
15 December	Christmas Jumper Day
15 December	Christmas Disco 6.30pm - 8.30pm
18 December	IRock Assembly 9.15am
20 December	House Christmas Quiz - whole school
20 December	Last day of term 2 - <b>FINISH AT 2.30pm</b>
9 January 2024 (Tues)	First day of term 3 8.45am
18 January	Winter Lights 4.30pm

### 100 Club

The winning numbers are for the November and December draws are:

	1st - £25	2nd - £15	3rd - £10
November	74	51	14
December	108	1	11
Dember BONUS	40	28	84

Congratulations to the winners - you should have received an email about claiming your prizes. There will be spaces to join the 100 club early in the New Year. Do get in touch if you'd like to be part of it!

This is also my last year with a child at Windmill so will be looking for someone to take over running the club in the summer. It's not onerous at all - about 15mins a month sending emails to winners, 30 mins 3-4 times a year checking payments made, plus 1-2 hours twice a year sending reminders and recruiting new members. Please contact me if you think you can help.

Via email: wilkinson\_h@hotmail.com or Classlist: Helen Baker.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

CHESS Club has now finished for this term.

MAGICAL MATHS has now finished for the term.

Friday TENNIS club finishes today.

### Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December



Christmas Jumper Day will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

This year we would like you to donate directly through our Just Giving page and DO NOT bring your money into school.

This link will take you direct to the Just Giving page

<https://click.contact.justgiving.com/?qs=d46a45e0400cce9c3144326ba4f42fe00d42e18598305841f8cd14aa38fc6b50f346018c938fdad7729ee64c149192376da3d892701a8588>

### Christmas Disco

Dig out your best disco outfits, the Christmas disco is next week Friday 15th December from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

On the night there will be drinks and snacks available to buy from the tuck shop in Penguin's Class. There will also be a bar for adults only in Hedgehog's Classroom. You can pay by cash, card or disco tokens. If you would like to skip the queues on the night by buying your tokens in advance then they will be on sale before and after school on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December. Come and find us on the gate or in the middle playground. Tokens are 50p each and most items in the tuck shop will cost 1 or 2 tokens.

If you have a ticket that you no longer want, please let [windmillpta@gmail.com](mailto:windmillpta@gmail.com) know so that it can be passed on to someone on the waiting list. Thank you.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher

Vacancies on our website:- [www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk)

- Morning (2 hours between 5.00am and 9.00am) or Evening (3.00pm - 5pm) Cleaner

If you are interested in any of these positions please complete the OCC Support Application Form (downloaded from our website) and return to [office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk).



Dear Parents,

### **E-Scooters Christmas warning**

We would like to wish all those looking to celebrate Christmas this year a happy festive season. With a view to ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing, I do have to point out an issue that is growing in concern in many communities around our local areas. This issue is the use of illegal e-scooters.

E-scooters and powered transporters seem like a great Christmas present, but are you aware of the legislation? There are NO circumstances in which personal e-scooters can be used on roads, pavements, cycle ways and any other public place.

At the moment e-scooters are covered by the same legislation as motor vehicles and are subject to all the same legal requirements – MOT, tax, licensing and specific construction regulations. A privately

owned e-scooter can only be legally used on private land and with the permission of the land owner. Rental e-scooters run by the council and operated by Voi in Oxfordshire are permitted on the road as they are registered, taxed, and insured.

If you are asked by your child or family member to purchase an e-scooter, please consider that the person riding the scooter is liable for prosecution for offences such as driving without a valid licence and driving without insurance. The Police will be dealing with offences robustly, and the e-scooter could be seized and scrapped.

Please don't waste your money purchasing an e-scooter unless you have private land to use it.

Further information can be found on: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

Yours sincerely,

Inspector James Pither  
Oxford Neighbourhood Policing Team



**CENTURY CRICKET**

# FREE TASTER SESSION

Century cricket is all about learning skills, having fun and enjoyment all through the love of cricket! Come and check out our FREE taster session with our very own Level 2 Cricket Coach!

Sandhills Primary School  
12th December  
5.30pm - 6.30pm  
Ages 5-11

**Register now at:**  
[www.wrsportsltd.com](http://www.wrsportsltd.com)



# Christ Church Cathedral School



**Would your son like to join our world-famous choir?**



**Saturday 13th January 2024, 2.30 - 7.00 pm**

Boys, currently aged between 7 to 10, are invited to come and see what it's like to sing with our current Cathedral Choristers for an afternoon. No prior choral experience is needed.

Potential choristers can join a choir rehearsal led by CCCS' Director of Music, followed by refreshments, and then sing with our internationally acclaimed choristers at Evensong. The afternoon provides a great opportunity for boys to have first-hand experience of what it's like to be a chorister at Christ Church Cathedral School.

Being a Cathedral Chorister is a life-changing opportunity. Boys learn: self-discipline, social skills, a sense of responsibility and teamwork, as well as outstanding musical and vocal skills.

All Cathedral Choristers receive a bursary equivalent to two-thirds of fees to support their education at CCCS and means-tested fee remission may be available up to 100%. In the last 5 years, all of our Cathedral Choristers have won music awards to leading senior schools.

To participate, please complete our online registration form:  
[www.cccs.org.uk/visitus](http://www.cccs.org.uk/visitus) or for more information, please contact our Registrar,  
Laura Kemp, email: [registrar@cccs.org.uk](mailto:registrar@cccs.org.uk)

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