

Windmill Weekly (20)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for February - Courage

23 February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Year 2 Dance at The New Theatre

I was so proud of the 30 children from Year 2 who danced on the stage at the New Theatre on Tuesday evening as part of a School's Dance Festival. They were all amazing!

Children's Clothes Swap Shop

In line with our environmental message of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle the Eco-schools group are going to be running a Swap Shop of children's clothes on Friday 8 March from 2:30pm. If you would like to send in any clothes that your children have grown out of or don't wear, please can you do so by Friday 1 March which will give the children time to sort them into ages etc. You can then come along on the day and take any clothes that you would like for your children. The swap shop is open to everyone - you don't need to have sent any clothes in for swapping.

Strictly Junior

If your child is taking part in the Strictly Junior Competition tomorrow morning, this is a reminder that they need to be at The Christian Life Centre at 9:00am.



Key Dates

27 February - 1 st March	Book Fair
7 March	World Book Day
8 March	Children's clothes Swap Shop 2.30pm
8 March	Lavender and Lilac class to Natural History Museum Oxford
15 March	Comic Relief
21 March	Parent Interviews
22 March	Year 3 Cake Sale
25 March	Year 4 Performance 1.30pm
27 March	Year 4 Performance 6pm
28 March	End of Term 4 - 2.30pm finish
16 April	First day of Term 5

Book Fair

The Scholastic Travelling Book Fair will be in school next week. Children will be able to buy books from 8:00am to 8:30am from Tuesday to Friday and after school on Thursday. Please see your child's Seesaw, Google Classroom and Tapestry for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

School Dinners / Packed Lunch

The cost of school dinners for term 4 (Mon 19 Feb - Thurs 28 March) is £69.60. Please note that school meals must be ordered and paid for in advance. If you pay weekly (£12.00), payments must be paid by Monday morning for the week ahead. Please use the School Gateway App to make lunch money payments.

Download the free app. Search School Gateway in your app store and download.

Apple iphone users <http://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload>

Android phone users <http://schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload>

A reminder that pupils must have either school meals all term or packed lunches all term, we cannot cater for children having meals on odd days.

IMPORTANT - If your child would like to switch their meal preference, please email the school office on office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk on or before the first day of term. If we are unaware that your child has switched from packed lunch to school dinner, a dinner will not have been ordered for them and if your child switches from school dinner to packed lunch and you have not informed the office, you will be charged for the meal that has been prepared.

If you are in receipt of any income related benefits you may still be able to claim free school meals, please check with the office if you think you may be eligible. The office email address is office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

Lost Property - items from start of term

Photos taken on Monday 19th February of unnamed items in lost property (glasses, coats, shoes, hats, PE kits, water bottles etc.) can be found on our Classlist site. Join at www.tinyurl.com/WindmillOX3 if you're not yet a member so that you can view the photos and possibly claim your child's lost property. You can also view the photos here: <https://share.icloud.com/photos/Oa4N2gpWRllmlB1rKfWkVrAMQ>

Please come and claim your items between **8:30am-8.45am** and **3:05pm-3:30pm**. We regret we can't accommodate parents at other times during the school day.

Quarry Rovers Football Club - Calling All Year 2 Girls!

Quarry Rovers, your local youth football team, are looking for more girls to join our U7 girls team. No experience is necessary. Training sessions are currently from 5-6pm on Wednesdays but this may change after Easter. If your daughter would like to take part, please email Rob Sved (Secretary of Quarry Rovers) at rob.grfc@gmail.com

Yours faithfully



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Dear parents and guardians,

We are writing to alert you to a worrying increase in cases of measles in the UK, with large outbreaks detected in the West Midlands and London. Measles is a highly contagious viral disease that commonly causes fever and a rash.

In a small number of cases, measles infection can cause serious medical problems including pneumonia, meningitis, and seizures (fits). These complications are more common in young babies, pregnant women, and people with a weakened immune system.

Because measles is so contagious, it is likely we will see cases in Oxfordshire. Fortunately, we have a safe and effective vaccine which is included in the routine course of childhood vaccinations which are offered before children start school. Getting both doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine provides 99% protection against measles, so most children in Oxfordshire are very unlikely to catch or spread measles.

If for any reason your child or grandchild missed out on either dose of the MMR vaccine, it is not too late for them to have it. Catch-up vaccination is available at your GP practice. This is especially important for children over one year old who haven't yet had their first dose of MMR. The two doses are usually given:

1. At around one year, and
2. At around three to three-and-a-half years

Getting your child/grandchild vaccinated is the best way to protect them and others from the risks of measles infection, so please contact your GP to arrange for catch-up vaccination if they have not previously had the MMR vaccine. Unvaccinated children who are identified as close contacts of confirmed measles cases may have stay at home for up to three weeks to avoid the possibility of them passing the infection on to other members of the school community.

If you are worried that your child might have measles you can find useful information on the Department of Education website: ['What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school'](#).

Yours sincerely

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Robin Stevens Children's Author Talk



**SATURDAY 9TH
MARCH 2024
2:30PM**

OXFORD WESTGATE LIBRARY

Join us for a 'World Book Day' week event with Robin Stevens, author of the best-selling 'Murder Most Unladylike series'. Books will be available to buy on the day which Robin will be happy to sign post-event!



**BOOK A TICKET ON
EVENTBRITE HERE!
(NOT ESSENTIAL)**

Tackling road danger in Headington

Many of us who live in Headington know from personal experience how unsafe our local roads can be as a result of illegal or antisocial driving. People often comment that dangerous driving seems to have become more common recently, particularly post-lockdown.

These views are backed up by the results of [Thames Valley Police's recent public survey](#), which shows that speeding or reckless/dangerous driving is the crime most experienced and is perceived as the biggest issue. In Oxfordshire, the number of people killed or seriously injured in 2022 rose above pre-pandemic years.

However, we've been advised that available data doesn't show that Headington suffers from poor road safety, making it difficult to get the Police or County Council to take action to address road danger here. This lack of data is likely due to a low level of reporting of incidents.

A group of parents concerned about children's safety in Headington Quarry is working with a local police officer on making a persuasive public safety case for implementing effective road safety measures in Headington. To do this we need evidence of both illegal and antisocial driving incidents.

We are therefore encouraging people to report incidents of **dangerous, careless or other illegal driving** in Headington to the **Police** whenever they have photographic or video evidence.

Illegal driving includes:

- driving on the pavement
- running a red light
- speeding
- not stopping at a pedestrian crossing

Incidents should be reported using [this Thames Valley Police road traffic incident reporting form](#).

In the text, please **mark the report for the attention of the North East Oxford Neighbourhood Team**, and attach any video or photographic evidence you have of the incident.

If you experience non-illegal driving incidents that may not be reportable to the Police but nevertheless contribute to making the roads unsafe, please consider sending the details and any video or photo evidence of the incident to the parents' road safety group at quarryroadsafety@gmail.com so that they can compile evidence to present to the Police. Examples of this type of incident include:

- rapid acceleration, putting other road users at risk
- high traffic volumes or speeds that make it difficult and dangerous to cross roads
- rounding corners too fast
- HGVs driving on inappropriate roads
- big traffic queues that make it difficult for people walking, wheeling or cycling to navigate the roads safely

By reporting illegal driving incidents to the Police and forwarding details of dangerous but not illegal incidents to the parents' safety group, we can help build a public safety case for action in Headington.

Kind regards

Headington Liveable Streets

