

# Windmill Weekly (25)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for April - Selflessness

19 April 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope that you all had a lovely Spring holiday and that you are looking forward to the summer term which is always full of activity.

## **SEPTEMBER 2024 - CHANGE OF SCHOOL HOURS**

Government guidance regarding minimum school hours, which at one point was shelved, has now been reissued. This means that we have to increase the length of the school day by 10 minutes from September 2024 in order to meet minimum school hours. Eighteen months ago we surveyed parents / carers and school staff with the general consensus being that we should put 5 minutes on at both the start and the end of the day. We have agreed that this is what we do from September 2024. This means that the school will officially start at 8:40am and will finish at 3:10pm. I apologise for not being able to give you this news sooner.

## **Naming your Items**

Now the field has been opened up for the children to use we have noticed that there are more jumpers being left behind. Please can you ensure that you name ALL your children's clothes so they can be reunited quickly.

## **Whooping Cough**

There have been a couple of reported cases of whooping cough in the school. If your child has not been vaccinated against whooping cough it is a contagious illness that needs to be treated with antibiotics. Please be vigilant and seek advice from your GP if you are at all worried.



## **Key Dates**

All of April	Physical Challenge Month
19 April	Kilvrough Parents meeting 2.30pm
24 April	Vision Screening - Reception
2 May	Year 2 & 4 Cake Sale
6 May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
7 May	Class Photos
7 May	Year 5 Assembly - 2.30pm
8 May	Year 5 Assembly - 6.00pm
10 May	Quiz & Curry night
13 - 16 May	Year 6 SATs
13 - 16 May	Year 5 Dorset Trip
16 May	Year 3 Performance - 2.00pm
20 May	Windmill Bake Off
22 May	Open Morning 8.30am - 9.10pm
23 May	Year 6 Enterprise Day
24 May	End of Term 5

### **London Marathon 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Hello. I'm Ms Spence, a TA working in Year 6 at Windmill. This Sunday I shall be taking part in the London Marathon, and I am raising money for StyleAcre, an Oxfordshire charity that supports adults with autism and learning disabilities, so if anyone would like to offer their support I would be most grateful for any donations to my JustGiving page.

Thank you.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/jayne-spence-1710794677834?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fjayne-spence-1710794677834&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/jayne-spence-1710794677834?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fjayne-spence-1710794677834&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

### **Pastoral Coffee Morning**

A reminder that our next Pastoral coffee morning take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, in the after - school club room, 8.45am - 10.00am. This is an opportunity to meet and chat with other Windmill parents and carers. Mrs Aspden and Ms Painter will be present on this occasion.

Please email [spainter@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:spainter@windmill.oxon.sch.uk) if you would like to come.

We look forward to seeing you!

### **School Dinners / Packed Lunch**

The cost of school dinners for term 5 (Tues 16 April - Fri 24 May) is £67.20. For year 5 children going to Dorset the cost will be £57.60.

The cost of school dinners for term 6 (Mon 03 June - Weds 24 July) is £88.80. For year 6 children going to Kilvrough the cost will be £76.80.

Please note that school meals must be ordered and paid for in advance. If you pay weekly, payments (£12.00) 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 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.

### **After School Clubs**

The updated club list for next term and summer term club posters are now on the school website. On the school website go to News & Other Information and then Extra Curricular Activities or copy and paste this link

<https://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=19>

### **Cricket Club**

Mr Isaacs will be running a year 5 and 6 after-school cricket club on Thursdays from 3.15 – 4.00pm.

Registration forms will be distributed in class. The club will start on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. There will not be a club on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June due to the Kilvrough trip. Registered children should meet on the MUGA. Please contact Mr Isaacs with any questions - [bisaacs@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:bisaacs@windmill.oxon.sch.uk)

### **Legoland 21st June 2024**

Tickets for Legoland are now available to purchase through Claslist. Please read the following info before buying your tickets:

The PTA has secured discounted tickets for Legoland on Friday 21st June. Please note this is NOT a school trip. Parents are responsible for transport and supervising their children whilst at Legoland. Tickets are £20 for adults and children (children under 90cm go free and do not need a ticket). You must give a valid email address when booking so that your tickets can be emailed to you. You will be prompted to do this AFTER payment. Please do not close your browser without giving these details. Tickets will be emailed to you a few days before the event. Tickets are valid for Friday 21st June ONLY, they cannot be transferred to any other date and are non-refundable.

You can purchase your tickets through the What's On / Events tab in class list, or through this link [https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1124240824?s=6655469544275968&utm\\_source=SCOOL&utm\\_medium=SHARED\\_LINK](https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1124240824?s=6655469544275968&utm_source=SCOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK)

We would like to be able to support families for whom cost is a barrier to being able to attend this event. Whilst we cannot make any promises, please email [windmillpta@gmail.com](mailto:windmillpta@gmail.com) for details.

**\*\*\*Lost Property \*\*\***

Photos taken on Monday 15th of April of unnamed items in lost property (coats, shoes, hats, PE kits, water bottles etc.) can be viewed here:

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/010-vi5ruXk74muhOCJnuvTWA>

Please come and claim your items between **8:30am-8.45am** and **3:05pm-3:30pm** or email [coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk) . We regret we can't accommodate parents at other times during the school day.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher



Autism  
CHAMPIONS

**LIVE: *How do I  
communicate with  
my autistic child?***

**Featuring  
Dee Nic Sitric**  
(CEO)

and  
**Sarah Phelan**  
(Consultant)

The first in a series of **live webinars** designed for the parents of children who have been diagnosed as autistic or with possible undiagnosed neurodivergence.

**Tuesday 30th April 2024 | 8pm -9pm**

SCAN TO BOOK



**£10** per ticket from Eventbrite



April 2024  
**Newsletter**  
**2nd Edition**



The CPD Standards Office  
CPD PROVIDER: 22648  
2024 2025

CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.

**National Standards CPD accredited sessions**

All sessions booked & delivered online via [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Monday  
22 April

19:00 - 21:00

£24



**Improving Family  
Communication**

How to reduce the shouting and start the talking.

Thursday  
25 April

19:00 - 21:00

£24



**Supporting a Child with ADHD**

Challenging the stereo types and explaining how this condition impacts on the child and giving ideas on how we can support them.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk).

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



## **ON THE STAGE: Wonka!**

### **For children in Reception – Year 6**

We are delighted to be running our **Wonka** themed 'On the Stage' club in the Summer Term. This club is a combination of dancing, drama and singing with a specific focus on building confidence, taking inspiration from the new **Wonka** movie.

On the Stage will run after school 3:15pm-5:15pm on **Fridays for Reception – Year 6**. Each session costs £11.50 and the club starts on 19<sup>th</sup> April and the final lesson on 19<sup>th</sup> July (full details can be found on our website). **We accept all childcare vouchers and payments can be made in instalments. No payment is due until April.**

To sign up please visit [www.rattleandrollperformance.com](http://www.rattleandrollperformance.com) (you will need to register first if you haven't previously). To go straight to the class, use code OSWMPS1.

If you have any questions, please contact us on [enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com](mailto:enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com) or call 07722 014301.

Thank you and best wishes,

**Katy Emmerson**  
**Rattle and Roll**

You can keep up to date with all our news and events happening near you by following us on Facebook and [@rattleandrollperformance](https://www.instagram.com/rattleandrollperformance) on Instagram.



# Headington Sunflower trail



We are inviting everyone to take part in the local sunflower trail organized by **Connected Communities**.

Sunflowers are easy to grow, look great, bees and insects love them and their seeds make great food for birds! Join us in brightening up the area by planting sunflowers in your front gardens, balconies and windowsills so that we can all enjoy them on our walks.



Please visit the Connected Communities Headington Facebook or Instagram page to find out more, via the QR codes.

For any questions, please reach out on Facebook, Instagram or [haconcommunities@gmail.com](mailto:haconcommunities@gmail.com)



@CONNECTINGCOMMUNITIESHA

We have **free Sunflower seeds and instructions** available for everyone! Please contact the above email for postcards with instructions on how to grow your own sunflowers with seeds attached.

We want to make sure that everyone has access to all they need in order to take part. So do not hesitate to ask any questions or contact us to find out more!

*Connected Communities*





Come along to Barton Health Promotion Event!

Date: Thursday, April 25th

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Barton Neighbourhood Centre

Discover a range of resources and support to enhance your health. The event will be joined by several health organisations, each dedicated to offering invaluable information and guidance on various health-related topics.

From insightful discussions to valuable advice about health, this event aims to empower you with the knowledge and tools to understand what local services and activities are available to you to improve your overall health and well-being.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore the array of services available to you and take proactive steps towards a better health and wellbeing!