

# Windmill Weekly (04)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for September - Responsibility

27 September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

## **School Lunches**

In September a new company, Dolce, took on the contract for our school lunches. Now that we are a few weeks into term we have been monitoring the lunchtime system as well as the quality of the meals that the children are receiving. The recent feedback about School Lunches, via the PTA meeting on Wednesday, was also very helpful. I am aware that some of you will have different views but overall we have had positive feedback from parents and children about the overall quality of the meals that are now being cooked, as well as the choice that the children receive. Most parents also like the pre-ordering system. All of the lunch companies who met with us at the time of tendering had a pre-order system so this isn't something we can change if you find this system another stress in an already busy homelife. However there are some key points that you have flagged as needing improvement, and that we are also following up with Dolce. These include:-

- Children don't always get the meal that you have ordered because the kitchen have run out of that particular meal or they haven't had the ingredients sent, to cook sufficient meals.
- Staffing shortages badly affected serving on Monday with some children still eating their lunch at 1:30pm. The company are contracted to provide supply staff if there are absences.
- Portion size for the older children needs to be bigger.
- Children who are vegan are not getting the same quality of choice, especially with dessert, as the other children.

We are absolutely determined that Dolce will deliver what they promised and what they are contracted to do and will be working closely with them in these early stages of the partnership to iron out the glitches.

## **Black History Month**

Next week we see the start of October and the start of Black History Month. We will be starting to create our gallery of people of colour, who have made memorable contributions to society, but who maybe haven't been given the credit they should have because of inequalities within society. We would love you to contribute to this gallery by sending a picture of someone who you think needs this recognition and a short explanation about why.

The national theme for the Black History Month is "Reclaiming Narratives". More information about the rationale behind this can be found here:- <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/bhm-intros/reclaiming-narratives-theme-for-black-history-month-2024/>

## **One Way System**

Thank you to everyone who is following the one-way system by entering the school pedestrian gate by the Church. I know that it takes more time to walk around the school but it really does make that narrow path less of a bottleneck and therefore safer. If you are taking a child to Hedgehog or Penguin Class and you enter the school through the car park side of the school please walk across the front of the school so that you can also follow the one-way system.

## Windmill Smartphone Free Childhood Group

There are a large number of families who have now joined the Windmill smartphone free childhood whatsapp group as part of the Smartphone Free Childhood movement springing up all over the UK. If you are interested in joining the group please join using this link (you can use whatsapp on your computer instead of your phone: settings > linked devices > scan).

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Gv4QkhVWpJLLuvDMFrP7c2>

## Autumn Fayre Dancers

Many of you have a child / children who has been practicing a dance to perform at the Autumn Fayre on 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2:15pm. If you haven't returned the slip confirming that your child is able to be at The Autumn Fayre please could you do so on Monday. If your child hasn't yet brought the letter home please let me know and I can give them another letter.



## Key Dates

5 October	Autumn Fayre
10 October	Flu Vaccinations for the whole school
16 October	Parent Interviews
17 October	Individual photographs
25 October	End of Term 1 - 3.10pm
4 November	Start of Term 2

## Photo/Video permissions

Thank you so much to the 443 parents who have filled out our photo/video permissions forms. If you have not managed to do so then please fill out the form linked below as soon as possible, teachers will be checking lists and trying to contact parents who have not completed it yet.

[Photo/video permission form 2024/25](#)

## 100 Club

The 100 Club is our school's monthly lottery draw. Parents can purchase tickets each month for a chance to win prizes of £25, £15, and £10. The remaining funds are used to buy books for classrooms and the school library. To join the 100 Club, you can either pay £1 per month or £12 for the entire year in advance. If you are interested in joining the 100 Club, please email me at mail@dariusz.tv or contact me via the Class List - Dariusz Dziala.

## School Lunches

Please ensure you have pre-ordered your child's school meal by 8:55am each morning. You are able to pre-order on the School Grid website up until 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**If you have pre-ordered a school meal for your child and they won't be in (illness, appointment, etc), please let the school office know as soon as possible in the morning (and by 9:30am at the latest) that they will not need their meal. This allows us to cancel the meal and to avoid waste and charges.**

## Flu Vaccination - 10 October 2024

At the end of this newsletter there is a very important letter about the Flu Vaccination - **ACTION IS REQUIRED** even if you want to refuse the vaccination you need to send a response. The Unique School Code is OX123047. **IMPORTANT**- The link to the Flu Consent Form will close one full school day before the vaccination session.

**If you have already submitted your child's consent form you DO NOT need to take any further action.**

## AUTUMN FAYRE TOKEN SALES

Tokens for the Autumn Fayre will be on sale in the playground at drop off and pick up next week!

The Fayre is CASHLESS: all stalls, games and refreshments will be payable by TOKENS ONLY, with QR code options available for the BBQ.

The tokens stall (located at the entrance) and raffle ONLY will accept card and cash throughout the afternoon.

Get your tokens early to avoid the crowds on the day!

Tokens are 50p each. We will take cash and card in the playground.

**Busking at the Autumn Fayre** returns this year on the 5th of October. We need talented children and adults to sign up to perform for around 5 minutes. If you want to show off your singing, dancing, instrument playing, circus or acrobatic skills please sign up to entertain the crowds. Please click here to sign up - <https://signup.com/go/BTJKzhD> Thank You!!!!

Thanks to everyone who came to the PTA meeting this week. If you missed it and want to find out what went on then the minutes are published on Classlist. Not on Classlist yet? You can join here <https://classlist.page.link/uMkvNo23GFnBKVBp6>

It was great to see so much enthusiasm and willingness to participate. If you would like to find out more about helping with the organisation of our events then please chat to one of the committee or get in touch at [Windmillpta@gmail.com](mailto:Windmillpta@gmail.com).

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher



**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**

Dolce will be holding a theme day of "Character Favourites"

Please follow the link to see the menu for this day.

<https://email.dolce.co.uk/sendy/l/NFkahythGJx5tc0pXSAaqQ/CHJgBgGGi4iF7QoQz2HinA/6lqGDkanAsOKroEKUGK8925w>



**This letter contains important information  
about your child's flu vaccination.**



Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Your child's annual flu vaccination is due  
WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
10/10/2024**

The annual school aged Flu vaccination programme is, this year, being offered to all children in Years Reception to Year 11. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and sometimes causes serious complications. Children can catch and spread flu easily so vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable e.g. babies and older people. This is particularly important as COVID-19 continues to circulate and people at risk of flu are also vulnerable to the complications of COVID-19.

**For most children, the Nasal Flu vaccination is painless and given by a quick and simple spray up the nose.** In some medical circumstances it is necessary to administer the vaccine by intramuscular injection instead of the nasal spray, but this will always be discussed with parents/carers beforehand.

If you object to the nasal vaccination on the grounds of its contents (e.g. Porcine Gelatine) or if the vaccine is otherwise unsuitable, you may also choose for the vaccination to be administered by intramuscular injection. This injection will also be delivered in school on the date above. You can choose the Injected flu vaccination on the vaccination consent form. If you choose the Injected flu vaccination, please ensure your child wears a short-sleeved T shirt/school shirt, to reduce the need for any clothing adjustments.

**Whether you wish for your child to have their Flu vaccine or you don't please follow the instructions below at least one school day before the session.** After this date you will find the online system will not work. The system will reopen the day after the school session to enable a form to be registered and a clinic appointment be booked.

- 1 Please read either the [Primary](#) or [Secondary](#) Flu Leaflet which includes details about the Flu programme. If your child is asthmatic please also read the information below within "*Further Important Information*."
- 2 Click the link <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
- 3 Enter the Unique School Code OX123047
- 4 Complete the form, one per child. *Please complete a form even if you are refusing the vaccination.*
- 5 Read the "Further Important Information" overleaf

Yours faithfully,

Rachael Conlan, Immunisation County Team Lead

## **Further Important Information- Please read**

### **1. Team Contact details**

Email [immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)  
Tel. no 07920 254 400. Help to complete the Consent Form is available.  
Website [www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/](http://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/)

### **2. Asthma or other illness –**

We may not be able to safely vaccinate your child on the arranged date if any of the conditions below occur

- In the 3 days before the vaccination date, your child has been wheezy and/or increased the use of their Bronchodilators (eg reliever Inhaler or oral reliever medication)

AND/OR

- Your child receives Corticosteroid treatment (steroids) in the 3 months before the vaccination date for ANY health condition.

AND/OR

- Your child has taken prescribed influenza antiviral agents in the 2 days before the vaccination date.

If any of the above occurs It is **very important** that you provide a written note with your child's name, dob, year group and the updating information to be given to the vaccination team on the day of vaccination. If your child is too young to be able to do this, please hand the letter to the school reception and ask that it is given to the vaccination team as they arrive and **mark it as urgent**. Please also call the Immunisation Team on 07920 254 400 before 08:45 on the day of vaccination.

3. Children aged 2 years to less than 9 years **who are in a clinical risk group** category and who have **not received the flu vaccine before**, should receive a second dose of LAIV at least 4 weeks after the first dose. Please contact your child's GP if you believe your child requires a second dose.

### **4. Withdrawing Consent or if the Vaccination has been given at the GP Practice after the consent form was submitted –**

If you have submitted your child's form and then change your mind and no longer wish your child to be vaccinated

or

you have submitted a form and then your child has their vaccination at the GP Practice before the school session,

Please advise us via email [withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk) at least one full school day before the session and on the day of the vaccination session provide a written note to your child's School Reception for the urgent attention of the Immunisation Team. Please state in the letter and in the email subject heading, your child's school, name, year group and date of birth.

### **5. Missed the school session?**

Community Clinics will be held across the county to enable children who may have missed the school session to be vaccinated. Please go to our [website](#) to book your child's appointment.

6. **Older Children and Consent** – Some young people in secondary school, who understand fully what is involved in a proposed procedure, such as vaccination, can legally provide their own consent. (usually Year 9 and above).
7. **Translated Flu Leaflet**- The Flu leaflet is also available in the following languages [English](#), [Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Bulgarian](#), [Chinese \(simplified\)](#), [Chinese \(traditional\)](#), [Cantonese](#), [Estonian](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Greek](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hindi](#), [Latvian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Panjabi](#), [Pashto](#), [Polish](#), [Portuqese](#), [Romanian](#), [Romany](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), [Taqalog](#), [Turkish](#), [Twi](#), [Ukrainian](#), [Urdu](#) and [Yiddish](#)

8. **Information Links**

"Flu and your Primary aged child" information leaflet can be found by clicking [here](#)

"Flu and your Secondary aged child" information leaflet can be found by clicking [here](#).

The Vaccine knowledge Project - [Home | Vaccine Knowledge Project \(ox.ac.uk\)](#). The Vaccine Knowledge Project provides independent, evidence-based information about vaccines and infectious diseases and is managed by the University of Oxford.

9. **Information regarding a research study.**

A research team at the University of Oxford are exploring whether a new virtual reality therapy can help young people overcome a fear of needles. They are looking for young people aged 12-15 (inclusive) with needle fears to take part in this study. Everyone who takes part will have the chance to try the virtual reality therapy. There is a limit on the number of people who can take part. If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch with Dr Eve Twivy (Email: [needlefear@psy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:needlefear@psy.ox.ac.uk) or Phone: 07823 809582).

Please note this Study is independent of the School Aged Immunisation Service and your child may therefore be vaccinated on the date(s) indicated. Your child's vaccine does not need to be delayed for them to be eligible for this Study.

We welcome your feedback on what we do well or how you feel we could improve.  
Please follow this [link](#) to 'I Want Great care' and let us know. Use code 5180  
You can also view feedback from other parent/carers [here](#)



# Michaelmas Craft Market

Headington Quarry Village Hall, Quarry Road

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September

9am till 2pm

Come & browse,  
find an unusual gift,  
a crafty masterpieces,  
home-made cakes,  
stay for refreshments &  
support your village hall!

If you would like a stall (£15) to sell some wonderful  
crafty items, please email: [eventsqhvh@gmail.com](mailto:eventsqhvh@gmail.com)

Charity number: 202215

Join Quarry Rovers FC for a Wine Tasting evening. All information and link for booking can be found [here](#).

# WINE TASTING EVENING

In support of Quarry Rovers FC, your local grassroots football club  
Please sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/QuarryWine>

**19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**5-7PM**

**HEADINGTON QUARRY VILLAGE HALL**

£25 ticket includes wine tasting of 6 wines from across the world, including reds, whites and a dessert wine.

Price includes snacks.

The tasting is led by professionals  
(<https://www.thirtyfifty.co.uk/>)

The tasting takes about 2 hours including some blind tastings and a fun competition.

**Great**



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19 OCTOBER

10:00 TILL 17:00 | LAST ENTRY 16:00

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# CREATURE FEST

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OCTOBER 11, 2024 3 - 5.30 PM

CHENEY SCHOOL

[www.irisproject.org.uk](http://www.irisproject.org.uk)

We are excited to announce our Creature Festival at Cheney School, a community festival celebrating and exploring creatures across time and cultures. There will be a wide range of activity stalls, exhibitions, performances and workshops for all ages.

**All ages are warmly welcomed and the event is free.**  
**Places can be booked for individuals and groups by emailing**  
**[Iro@cheneyschool.org](mailto:Iro@cheneyschool.org)**

**The festival will open at 3pm for Cheney School students, and from 3.45pm for the wider public and continue until 5.30pm.**

There will be the following scheduled events, alongside our activities:

**Minotaur shows: 3.05pm and 4.30pm** (identical shows, 15 minutes each)

These exciting shows will be performed by Creature Events, an organisation which brings performances to events across the UK

**Ed Boxham, author & illustrator: performance at 4pm** (20 minutes).

Join Ed for the story of the creation of Ireland, where you will meet the most ancient and weird of all Celtic monsters: The Formor. Ed's telling of the story is a fabulous mix of spoken word, poetry, song and a bit of joining in.

**Medusa Performances: 3.30pm and 5pm** (10 minutes, followed by 30 minute workshops)

The VDK Dance Company has produced a selection of solos and duets with an overarching theme of Greek Mythology. It is run by Jessica Van de Koot, and Harriet Ellis and Manon Servage.

**Talk by movie actor and producer Ben Lloyd-Holmes from 5.30 – 6pm:**

"Behind the Mask: Movies, Monsters and Magic".

We look forward to seeing you there!