

# Windmill Weekly (07)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for October - Generosity

18 October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

## **Andy Day Assembly**

We are delighted to be welcoming Andy Day from CBeebies to come and do a special assembly on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00pm. We are very lucky to have been offered this opportunity. I am personally gutted that I can't be there as I have a meeting I have to attend!

## **Sustainability Week**

Next week we will be thinking about Sustainability of the world including ensuring that there is enough food in the world to go around. As part of this we will be holding exhibitions of the work the children have been doing on Thursday morning between 8:30am and 9:30am. Everyone is welcome to visit their child / children's class/es to see what they have been learning about.

## **Donations of Food**

As a part of our Sustainability Week, we will be supporting Asylum Welcome by having a collection of food. The items that we donate need to be long life rather than fresh so that they can be kept for longer. Items that are particularly needed include:

- Cooking oil
- Sugar
- Rice
- Pasta
- Tuna
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned sweetcorn and other veg
- Tinned fruit
- Baked beans
- Chickpeas, lentils and other beans (tinned or dried)
- Instant coffee
- UHT milk
- Jam, honey

Children can bring a contribution, if they would like to, for our food donation from Monday 21 October until Friday 25 October.

## **Windmill Smart Phone Free Childhood Action Group**

A reminder that the survey regarding children having a Smart Phone Free Childhood will be closing on Friday 25 October. If you haven't completed it, it would be really good to hear your views. The survey is designed to find out more about parents' views of smartphones and how we can all help each other and our children navigate their use?

Here is the link to the survey.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RLpuOqkpn8SzOWL3aFInMsy9CxGSKSiwdUL0e\\_QWSc/viewform?e\\_dit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RLpuOqkpn8SzOWL3aFInMsy9CxGSKSiwdUL0e_QWSc/viewform?e_dit_requested=true)

### Parking on Double Yellow Lines

It has brought to my attention again this week that parking outside of the School Streets area is getting very dangerous with cars parked on double yellow lines and on the corners of roads. You may recognise your car in the photo. This is just one example of dangerous parking.



There is plenty of parking available by the park and in Quarry Road, so please keep our streets safe for other users and park in appropriate places. I have written to parking enforcement asking for some support with this and I have also contacted our local Councillor and Governor Roz Smith asking for help with this. If you are also a concerned parent / carer, please contact Roz and parking enforcement too.

### School Dinners and Meeting with Dolce

On Wednesday morning we met with the Operations Manager from Dolce. We shared the key complaints that we are getting from you which were:-

- Portion size for Key Stage 2 children
- Children not getting the dinner that they have ordered on a regular basis.

As a result of this meeting we have agreed that:-

- The company will look at the older children getting more food.
- Children whose dinners have not been ordered in advance will be offered a sandwich with salad and a yogurt or fruit for pudding. This is because the children who have not ordered in advance are impacting on food running out for the children who have pre-ordered.
- We would like all **pre-orders to be done by the end of Friday for the following week's lunches** so that the kitchen can ensure that they have ordered enough food for the week.

The company clearly want to work with us to make the service they are providing better, which is positive. If however, you do have a problem with lunches, please contact Dolce Customer Care as it's important they know how their customers are feeling.



### Key Dates

21 - 25 October	Sustainability week
23 October	Coffee morning with Mrs Griffiths & Ms Painter
25 October	End of Term 1 - 3.10pm
4 November	Start of Term 2
11 - 15 November	Anti-Bullying Week
15 November	Takeover day

### Coffee Morning

Myself and our Home School Link Worker, Ms Painter, would like to invite you to a coffee morning on Wednesday 23rd October 8:45-10:00am in the after school club. This will be a chance for you to meet with myself and Ms Painter and other families, and an opportunity for us to think about professionals or groups that we could invite to further coffee mornings. Please email Ms Painter to confirm attendance: [spainter@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:spainter@windmill.oxon.sch.uk)

**Mrs Michelle Griffiths (SENDCo)**

### **My ON**

We no longer have a myON subscription so the children's accounts will not work. There will be information on a new platform soon. Thank you

### **EASYFUNDRAISING:**

**Free and easy fundraising for the PTA; special sign-up bonus FROM TODAY.**

With the festive period on the horizon (sorry!), if you're planning on doing any online shopping, here's a very quick and easy way to help raise money for the PTA.

We are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online, with over 7,000 brands. Sign up, and click through to your favourite shops via the app or your usual browser - you can even set it to pop up with a reminder when you're on a store page that is part of the scheme.

That's it. It's completely FREE, and only takes a moment, but the small percentages from every purchase really add up, and could make a BIG difference to the extra funding we're able to provide all the children in the school.

PLUS, as a special opening offer, easyfundraising will give us £1 for everyone who signs up over the next TWO WEEKS (18 Oct - 1 Nov). So this is a perfect time to sign up. Please do consider it.

You can find our easyfundraising page at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/windmillschoolpta/>

Thank you so much!

The PTA Team

### **Join the 100 Club!**

In our school, a chance awaits,  
A lottery of wondrous fates.  
For just a pound, a month's delight,  
Join the 100 Club tonight!

With every ticket, hope takes flight,  
£25, £15, prizes bright.  
Ten pounds, too, could come your way,  
Join us now, don't delay!

Funds we gather, a noble cause,  
To fill our shelves with books because  
Every page, a door to dreams,  
For classrooms filled with shining beams.

Support our projects, big and small,  
Together we can give our all.  
So reach out now, don't let it pass—  
Join the 100 Club, make it a blast!

/Poem by ChatGPT, contact me to join 100 Club: [mail@dariusz.tv](mailto:mail@dariusz.tv)/

## Lost Property

Lost Property- anything left on the last day of term (25th October) will be donated to charity

<https://www.icloud.com/photos/#096oUIRpUHPMmi6eHapn2srvq>

Please come before school (8:30-8:40) or after school (3:10-3:30) to claim, or email me on

[coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher

## **Vacancies**

### **Teaching Assistant**

**Actual annual salary £12,175 - £12,378**

We are looking for an enthusiastic, caring person to help support within the Key Stage 2 classrooms.

Hours of work are term time only 08.45am – 3.05pm Monday to Friday with a 1 hour unpaid lunch break.

Please email [office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk) to ask for an application form or visit our website [www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk) to see the full Job Description and to download an application form.

Completed forms need to be emailed back to [office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk) by **22 October 2024**.

## **Vacancies**

### **Inclusion Assistant**

**Actual annual salary £14,231 - £15,482**

We are looking for an enthusiastic, caring person to help support pupils with challenging behaviour that puts them at risk of exclusion. You will be taking a lead role to address the needs of pupils who need help to overcome barriers to learning.

We are looking for experienced people who have worked with primary children with additional needs.

We can offer:-

- A strong staff team and happy school
- A supportive environment in which to develop your skills
- A warm and welcoming school
- Local Government Pension Scheme and Sickness Pay

Hours of work are term time only 08.45am – 3.05pm Monday to Friday with a half hour unpaid lunch break.

Please email [office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk) to ask for an application form or visit our website [www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk) to see the full Job Description and to download an application form.

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## October Holiday Clubs St Nicholas' Primary School, Oxford

These clubs are open to children aged 3-11

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



**Cost:** £35 per day  
All childcare vouchers accepted

**Timings:** 8am-5pm

To find out more or to book visit  
[www.rattleandrollperformance.com](http://www.rattleandrollperformance.com)  
or call 07722 014301



## Do you want a play space in Oxford city centre?



We love Oxford but the city centre is tough with kids.

**OxPlay** is a campaign asking Oxford City and County Councils to make Oxford city centre more **family friendly**.



It will increase support for **local businesses**

Sign, share and remind <https://chng.it/g59mFjXRdG>

If you can't make the date or time  
all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

Monday  
25th Nov  
19:00 - 20:00  
FREE



## FREE SESSION

### Decreasing Depression

A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.

Thursday  
7th Nov  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
12th Nov  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Monday  
18th Nov  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!

What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?

Thursday  
21st Nov  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.





# OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date or time all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

**Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)**

<b>FREE SESSIONS</b> <b>Introduction to Facing Defiance</b> <b>Decreasing Depression</b>	<b>24 OCT</b> <b>25 NOV</b>
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	12 NOV
Anxiety Explained	14 NOV
Understanding Anger	18 NOV
Drug Awareness for Parents	19 NOV
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	21 NOV
What is ACT?	26 NOV
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV

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