

Windmill Weekly (02)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for September - unity

17 September 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Additional day school closure

You may be aware the government have put in an additional bank holiday on 3 June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As this falls in a school half break the DFE have announced that schools can close for an additional day at another point in the school year. The staff have therefore agreed that Windmill will be closed on Friday 18 March.

One Way System

This is a reminder that school, does have a one-way system that we ask all adults and children to follow at the start and end of the day. The entrance is by the church and the exit is the gate by the car park. The path by the Reception area is very narrow, and we are therefore trying to keep all families moving in the same direction down this path.

Dates List

With this letter you should also receive the dates list for the year. We have not set performance dates beyond December as we want to see how the school year pans out with regards to restrictions on school access. We very much hope to have a calendar which is back to normal.

Allergies

We have a few children in school with nut allergies so, if possible, please could you limit the amount of nut products your child brings in to eat.



Key Dates

15 th October	Class photos - individual
16 th October	Autumn Fayre
11 th November	Flu immunisations - whole school
18 th November	Vision Screening - Reception children only

Moving On - Year 6

Parents and carers of Year 6 children can now apply for transfer to Year 7 at secondary school. Applications can be submitted online at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is **31 October 2021**.

- People who apply on time will be contacted on 1 March 2022, National Offer Day, with the offer of a school place.
- People who miss the deadline are likely to be contacted later in the year and will have a much lower chance of securing a place at a preferred school.

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Instrumental Lessons

Most of the instrumental lessons started this week and it was great to see so many keen beginners. We have a record number of new flutes, so cannot take any more.

There are still spaces for brass beginners.

Recorders

I haven't been able to organise recorder lessons yet, as we are still waiting for the Music Service to arrange a teacher for us. Hopefully, this will happen in the next few weeks.

Choir

We had our first choir rehearsal on Monday after school. It would be lovely to have some more Y5 children in choir.

There should be space for Y4 children to join now, to prepare to sing at the Autumn Fayre. Please can you email me if you would like your child to come on Monday.

Orchestra

It was good to see so many of our musicians in orchestra today, and a new helper, Helena, who used to play in our orchestra.

Anyone who plays an instrument (not guitar) in or out of school is welcome to join orchestra as soon as they are ready.

I hope we will be performing live at Christmas.

Penny Dwyer - pdwyer@windmill.oxon.sch.uk

New Chess Club

Chess in Schools and Communities (CSC) is a UK charity whose mission is to improve children's educational outcomes and social development by introducing them to the game of chess. They will be providing us with a Chess tutor to run a new after school chess club on Tuesdays. We have a maximum of 20 places available. Beginners and experienced players welcome. Initially we will be offering these to children in Years 3 - 6 but do email us if a younger child is interested. Further details can be found on the club list on the extra-curricular activities section of the school website.

Want to join the 100 club?

What is the 100 Club?

Essentially it's a lottery draw for 12 months. Each ticket you buy is allocated a specific number to enter you into the draws that year with a chance to win prizes as well as supporting the school. Every month from September to July there will be a public draw (overseen by Mrs Knapp), with prizes currently at £25, £15 and £10 each month and a bonus draw at Christmas to make up for not having one in August.

How much are 100 Club tickets?

The cost is £12 per number for the 12 draws this school year and the first draw will be at the end of September. We have quite a few numbers which need filling as some parents of the old year 6 children left over the summer. So, if you'd like to buy more than one number, or you're already involved and would like a second number, now is the time! There is sometimes space to join later in the year, and you would just be charged for the remaining draws.

What has 100 Club money been spent on?

The 100 Club has been running for a number of years now. After prizes, the remainder of the money goes specifically to support the school library and also class book purchases - please help us to continue to do this by being part of the 100 club.

How can I join?

If you are interested in joining, please email wilkinson_h@hotmail.com or contact me via Claslist - Helen Baker. I can then give you details of how to pay.

Information for those who already have numbers

If you do not wish to continue, please let me know as soon as possible. Otherwise, your numbers will continue from the previous year.

Good luck!

School Uniform

At the last PTA meeting it was decided to add bottle green polo shirts to the uniform as the white ones lose their brightness. This has now been added to the My Clothing website - www.myclothing.com.

Autumn Fayre

With just 4 weeks to go until the Autumn Fayre you will be pleased to know that there is a lot going on behind the scenes and it is shaping up to be a fun-filled afternoon, with plenty of stalls and entertainment. Make sure that 16th October is firmly in your diary!

This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the PTA, and we are so excited to be back with a face to face event for the first time in a long while. We need some help from you to make it a success. Our theme is bring and share. We need LOTS of help to provide baked goodies to sell. Cakes, pastries, pies, sausage rolls, biscuits etc, anything at all that can be served cold. There will be a sign up sheet distributed soon but do start thinking about what you might be able to bake (or buy).

If you have been to the Autumn Fayre before you will know Meike's famous pumpkin soup. Meike is moving on next year, but the soup legacy must live on! If you think you can take on the challenge and would like to shadow Meike this year to see how it is done, then do get in touch windmillpta@gmail.com. We already have one soup apprentice, so you'll be in good company and many hands make light work.

More Fayre details coming next week...

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

(If any images below are missing please view the Newsletter on the School Website - www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk)

Key Dates 2021/ 22

Event	Date
Harvest whole school apart from foundation	Week 4th - 8th Oct . This will be shared online.
Full Governors	5 October / 7- December
Photographer for whole school	15 October
Parent Interviews for whole school	20 October
Autumn Fayre	16 October
House Cross County for whole school	22 October 9:00am – 9:30am.
End of Term 1 for whole school	22 October
School closed for whole school	25 to 29 October
Start of Term 2 for whole school	1 November at 8:45am
International/Art week for whole school	4- 7- November
Book Fair for whole school	To be confirmed
Flu vaccinations for whole school	11 November
11 Million Takeover Day for whole school	12 November
Vision screening for Reception	18 November
Big Xmas Sing for choir	27 November
Reception Xmas play for reception	3 December 9:15am - 10:00am.
Pantomime for whole school	6December – Beauty and the Beast
KS2 Xmas singing for 3 to 6	8 December at 9:00am
Year 1 Xmas / orchestra	10 December at 9:00am
Year 2 Xmas Play	14 December at 2:00pm / 15 December at 9:30am.
Xmas jumper day for whole school	17 December
House Xmas Quiz whole school	17 December
End of Term 2	17 December at 2:30pm.
Xmas Holiday	20 December to 4 January
Terms 3 and 4	
Start of Term 3	5 January
Full Gov	8 February / 29 March
Year 1 performance	Dates to be confirmed
End of Term 3 for whole school	18 February
Holiday for whole school	21 - 25 February
Start of Term 4 whole school	28February
Book week	28 February - 4 March
World Book Day for whole school	3March – Dress as your favourite book character.
Parent Interviews for whole school	16March
Sports Relief whole school	17 March
School closed	18 March
Year 4 performance	To be agreed later in the term
End of Term 4 for whole school	8 April at 2:30pm
Holiday for whole school	11 – 25April

Terms 5 and 6

Start of Term 5 for whole school	26 April
May Bank Holiday	2 May
Full Gov	17 May / 5 July
SATs week for year 6	Dates to be confirmed
Windmill Bake Off for whole school	Date to be confirmed
Year 5 Dorset Trip	12 – 15 May
Year 3 parent assembly	Dates to be confirmed
Photographer for whole school	19 May
End of Term 5 for whole school	27 May
Holiday for whole school	30 May - 3 June
Start of Term 6 for whole school	6 June
Inset day whole school	Friday 17 June
Years 5 parent assembly	Dates to be confirmed
Year 6 production	Dates to be confirmed
Sports Day for reception/ks1 morning	12 July KS1 at 9:15am - 10:30am
Sports Day for Key Stage 2	13 July 1:30pm - 3:00pm
Leavers Service for year 6	21 July
End of Term 6 for whole school	21 July
Start of Term 1 2020/21	5 September

Little Masters

...unique art education

BACK TO
SCHOOL
WITH
FEATHERY
FRIENDS
& A BARMY
BAT

PROJECTS INCLUDE
CLAY EAGLES & OWLS
PINECONE BIRDS
PAINT WITH WATERCOLOUR
UPCYCLE ART
SILHOUETTE ART
BUILD A FLYING BAT

EVERY MONDAY 3.05pm - 4.30pm
STARTS 20TH SEPTEMBER - 18TH OCTOBER 2021

REGISTRATION FORM TO JOIN LITTLE MASTERS ART CLUB

Child's Full Name Age:

Address:

Email:

Mobile:

£7 per session £35 course is payable in advance Transfer to Acc no:57177482 Sort code:09-01-56 Ref:child's name All staff hold DBS certificate and are fully insured, should you require any further information contact Gerri

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH A SNACK & WEAR SUITABLE CLOTHING WE DO GET MESSY

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