

Windmill Weekly (03)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for September - unity

24 September 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Covid-19

There is an increasing number of young people at Cheney testing positive for Covid-19 which means that siblings who are at our school are at greater risk of catching the virus. Thank you to all of you who have kept your children off while they are waiting for the results of PCR tests, Government guidance does say that siblings who are testing negative are able to attend school. However please can we ask that you do lateral flow tests on a daily basis if you think there is any risk of your child contracting the virus through having been in close contact with someone who is positive.

We will be letting you all know if we have a positive case in school and we won't hesitate in putting back in place discrete class groups (apparently the word bubbles is no longer applicable) and other restrictions to prevent further spread.

Autumn Fayre Dancers

It has been a pleasure to see the large number of children who have signed up to dance at the Autumn Fayre scheduled for 16 October. I will be sending permission letters home with your child next week.

Harvest

We will be holding our Harvest celebrations in the week beginning 4 October. We will be sharing the children's small performances with you via your year group online platform. We have decided to support Asylum Welcome again this year with the contributions of food that you are always so generous with. A representative for the charity has added details about specific foods that would be really helpful to them. We are also going to do an additional fund raiser to support refugees from Afghanistan.

Specific foods needed

1lt cooking oil
UHT milk
1kg sugar
Soap, shower gel, shampoo
Tinned fish in oil
Peanut butter & jam
Long life fruit juice
Dried fruit & nut
White rice
Coffee & tea
Tinned beans, tomatoes, fruit, sweetcorn
NO MEAT PRODUCTS PLEASE

One Way System

Please can I remind parents, particularly Reception parents and carers, that there is a one way system in and out of the school. Please enter the gates by the church and exit the school site via the gates at the bottom of the car park.

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Violin Lessons

Thank you for your patience while we have been arranging cover for Kate Adcock. We hope to have arranged lessons for all the existing pupils by next week.

Recorder Lessons

We are still trying to arrange these - it has been very difficult to find a teacher with time available.

Orchestra

It is really good to have so many children playing in orchestra at the moment. I am very grateful to Helena Beel, who has offered to help us. Helena played in Windmill Orchestra when she was a pupil here - she has just graduated in Music!

Choir

Choir is almost full now. Unfortunately, there is a limit on the numbers I can take to the Big Christmas Sing.

Penny Dwyer



Key Dates

15 th October	Class photos - individual
16 th October	Autumn Fayre
20 th October	Parent Interviews for whole school
22 nd October	House Cross Country - 9.00am - 9.30am
22 nd October	End of Term 1 @3.05pm
1 st November	Start of Term 2 @ 8.45am
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.

If you would like to know a little more about the PTA then...

The Windmill Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) welcomes you to Windmill!

Read more about us on <http://tinyurl.com/WindmillPTA>

Who? The PTA is everyone in the Windmill community- this includes you.

What? We organise social events and fundraisers, and we aim to connect our diverse community in fun ways.

When? We have a meeting every 2 months, cake sales & second-hand uniform sales every couple of weeks (when there is not a pandemic) and a big social activity every term - discos, quizzes, and the very popular Autumn Fayre every October.

How? Many hands make light work- the more, the merrier! Do join the next meeting and get involved.

Why? We typically raise £10,000 per school year to purchase nice extras for Windmill- sound system, picnic benches, new books...

Classlist is an online tool/app that connects parents. It is the main way we distribute information so please sign up. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/WindmillOX3> and choose your child's class (Explorers, Hedgehogs or Penguins for new Reception parents).

Who are your PTA Committee?

Your current PTA Committee are chaired by Ricarda Menke (Pixel in Year 4) & Kai Zolleis (Alice and Anna in Reception).

Your Treasurer is Mary Lacy (Holly in Year 6).

Your Secretaries are Flora Carnwath (Barnaby in Year 6, Toby & Anna in Year 4) and Martin Gillies (Jennifer in Year 4 and Dominic in Year 2).

Your Communications Secretary is Jen Skym (Jonah in Year 2).

Any questions? Contact us on Classlist, in the playground or at WindmillPTA@gmail.com

We now have a full set of Class Reps. Thank you to everyone for volunteering.

Who are your class reps 2021-22?

Penguins	Alexandra Almeida
Hedgehogs	William Davies, Flora Bagenal & Kai Zolleis
Explorers	Filipa Thompson & Jacob Stevens
Red Kites	Rebecca Craig
Ladybirds	Fliss Van Steenbergen
Squirrels	Jo Kimber
Honey	Laura Swift & Alberto Pena
Tangelo	Emily Gleave & Cate Dennes
Mandarin	Charlotte Jarvis
Sunflowers	Jo Cooley
Daffodils	Naomi Moir
Dandelions	Jade Johnson
Geckos	Jane Samuel & Charlotte Rush
Turtles	Ricarda Menke & Amelia Foster
Chameleons	Claire Kemper & Debbie Smith
Peacocks	Marie Hale & Philippa James
Blue Jay	Sadaff Younus
Kingfisher	Sarah Floris & Sarah Wordsworth
Violet	Catherine Hooton, Gaya Thanabalasingham & Jill Brown
Lavender	Cathy Oliveira & Mieke Tyrrell
Lilacs	Ellen Gersh

New Chess Club


We have just received a delivery of chess boards! The first meeting of the new chess club will be Tuesday 28th September, 3.15 pm - 4.15pm. We have a few spaces left in the chess club for children in years 3 to 6. Please see the club list on the school website for further details and contact Nicky at njohnson@windmill.oxon.sch.uk to book a place for your child.

Yours faithfully













Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

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



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FOOD BANK

ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

			
1LT COOKING OIL	UHT MILK	1KG SUGAR	SOAP, SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO
			
TINNED FISH IN OIL	PEANUT BUTTER & JAM	LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE	DRIED FRUIT & NUT
			
WHITE RICE	COFFEE TEA	TINNED BEANS, TOMATOES, FRUIT, SWEETCORN	NO MEAT PRODUCTS PLEASE

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



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OYSCA

Oxford Youth Strength & Conditioning Academy



HIGH PERFORMANCE ATHLETIC & RUGBY DEVELOPMENT CAMP

U9's - U15's.

**October: 25 & 26 @Abingdon RFC
OX14 5TJ**

**October: 27, 28, 29 @Oxford Quins
RFC & Horspath Athletics Track
OX4 2RR**

0830-1500

**1 day £60, 2 days £100, 3 days
£150**

All Camps will cover the following:

Rugby: Fundamental Skills & Game Play

**Movement: Sprinting, Agility, Brazilian Jujitsu & Core
Strength**

Nutrition: Making Smoothies & Juices

**Mindset: Goal Setting, Correct Breathing techniques
for helping with sport, physical & mental health**

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5% of profits donated
to CALM & 10% of
T-Shirt sales donated
to UMRIO



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