

Windmill Weekly (07)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for October - honesty

22 October 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you so much for all of your good wishes this week. It has been an absolute joy to be back in school this week! As we complete this term I wanted to say that it has been lovely to see our new children now so settled and active in their classes. I have really enjoyed getting to know them all. As always it has been a busy and productive term and the children have been really focussed on their learning. Well done to them all!

Colouring Competition

Scott Fraser are running a colouring competition for children in Reception Years 1, 2 and 3 and all of the children have been given a colouring sheet to complete if they would like to. Please send completed pictures back to school after half term.

Cross Country

Well done to all of the children who took part in our Cross Country Run this morning. It is always a great event. I hope that you enjoyed being able to be part of it.

FOCUS GROUP - TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 20:00-21:00

As a school we have been invited to ask parents to participate in a neutral focus group on both the positives and negatives of commuting to school by car - either regularly or occasionally.

This is separate from school streets and focus groups are being carried out with all types of schools across the county.

The research is being carried out on behalf of the Coalition for Healthy Streets and Active Travel to gain parent views on travel to school that will help contribute to better transport policies within Oxfordshire.

The recorded **online** focus groups will consist of 4 questions and be ran by Nadine Matough and Clare Dowling (Sustrans South Staff) on the **Tuesday 2nd November 20:00-21:00**.

An agreement to participate, further information on why the research is being carried out and the online Microsoft Teams meeting shall be sent to you directly once you have decided you would like to participate. You should not require a Microsoft Teams login to take part, and all focus group responses will be anonymised.

If you are interested please reply to this email and we shall provide your contact to Nadine or contact Nadine Matough at nadine.matough@sustrans.org.uk directly. Even if you cannot attend the date and time of the focus group please get in touch as Nadine will send out the questions in a written format after the focus group has been carried out to gain your views.

Communication with Teachers

We are very keen that you are able to communicate directly with your child's class teacher and you all have access to their email address. However, please can we ask that you only use this method of communication when you really need to. Some teachers are getting daily emails in the evening from the same parents which is impacting on their personal time. Please don't ever expect a teacher to

answer your emails after 5:30pm, although many may choose to. Staff wellbeing is very high on our agenda and too many emails can really impact on this.

It just remains for me to wish you a very happy half term. If you are going away I hope you have a fantastic time. I look forward to seeing you all 1 November at 8:45am.

Action Required - Flu Consent Form for all year groups

The yearly flu vaccination will be given to all children at Windmill this year. This will take place on **Thursday 11th November 2021**. A letter about the vaccination programme was sent electronically on the 19th of October and will be available on the Latest News page of the school website: <https://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1>. The letter includes a link to further information and a link to the consent form. The school code for Windmill is OX123047. **Please complete the online consent form by 5pm on Monday 8th November 2021**. It is important that you complete the consent form to accept or to decline the vaccination.



Key Dates

1 st November	Start of Term 2 @ 8.45am
11 th November	Flu immunisations - whole school
12 th November	11 Million Takeover Day
18 th November	Vision Screening - Reception children only
27 th November	Big Xmas Sing for choir
3 rd December	9.15am - 10.00 am Reception Xmas Play
6 th December	Whole School Pantomime

Moving On - Year 6

Final reminder that it is now time to apply for your child's secondary school place.

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.



Reporting a child absence

If your child is unwell and the absence is **not** to report a positive Covid test, please could you call our dedicated absence line on 01865 762509. These messages are picked up first thing in the morning. Please do not send the message to the office email address as the absences may not get picked up until much later in the day.

School Photos

If possible, please could you order your school photos online. If you are unable to do this and you wish to hand your orders into the school office, please note the deadline is Wednesday 3rd November.

Poppy Appeal

We have just received our usual boxes of treasures from the British Legion, and we will be selling these upon our return to school from 1st November. The items will be going round the classes and will be priced from 50p to £1.

Pre-loved uniform now available online

<https://tinyurl.com/WindmillOx>

Most items are £1.

In the spirit of sustainability/recycling, you will see non-logo cardigans/jumpers (75p each), as well as 'free with purchase' items - these items are not immaculate but still have lots of life in them.

All proceeds to Windmill PTA, all of which will be invested back into the school.

New Windmill Mugs and Canvas Bags also available- last seen at the 2019 Autumn Fayre, now making a reappearance to kick off the new website.

Do you have some good quality uniform at home you no longer need and can donate to the Pre-Loved Uniform Sale? Drop it off at the school office, or at my house (46 Margaret Road, just down the road from the school).

Any questions, please contact cathyolive@hotmail.com

Happy shopping!

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

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

Christ Church Cathedral School



Boys' Prep School, Mixed Nursery



Be a Chorister for a Day

Saturday 6th November, 2.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Tour of our School and Boarding House

Meet our Current Choristers

Tea in The Great Hall, Christ Church

Take Part in Evensong at Christ Church

Parking Available

01865 242561 registrar@cccs.org.uk www.cccs.org.uk



JUNIOR SATURDAY ART CLUB **FOR 8 - 11 YEAR OLDS**

Junior Saturday Art Club welcomes all young creative 8–11-year-olds to enjoy a mixture of art, design, and craft in our specialist art workshops!

You will have the opportunity to experience a range of fun, inspiring and challenging activities in our art studios

Our art studios and facilities are second to none and will provide an inspiring and creative environment for you to explore all sorts of creative disciplines. Come and have fun!

All abilities will be catered for. Activities are varied each series to accommodate returning students.

- ▶ Fee: £70 - all materials are included. Parents are very welcome to come along with their child, without extra costs.
- ▶ Timing: Series of 5 Saturday mornings 10am–12pm
- ▶ Date: See website for start date options
- ▶ Location: City of Oxford College, Oxford City Centre Campus, Oxpens Road, OX1 1SA

For full course information and to enrol visit:
adult.activatelearning.ac.uk/ox-jr-art-club

