

Windmill Weekly (22)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for March - Patience

04 March 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Covid Changes

In light of the reduction in covid cases in school we have decided to make some changes to restrictions with regards to Covid.

- From Monday we will no longer be asking you to wear a mask on the school site when you are outside the building.
- Children will now be able to mix inside the building.
- We will be reinstating our open mornings when you will be able to come into the classrooms on specified mornings to see the work your children have been doing.
- Performances will be live and you will be our audience.
- We will still be asking you to wear a mask in the building if the member of staff you are meeting with would prefer you to.

World Book Day

It was a real treat to see all of the amazing outfits that the children came to school in yesterday - they all looked brilliant!

School Closed

A reminder that the school is closed on Friday 18 March.

Comic Relief

We have realised that our additional holiday for the Queen's Jubilee on 18 March clashes with Comic Relief. We have therefore decided to raise money for Comic Relief on Thursday 17 March. Children will be able to dress in red / have red noses etc if they contribute £1. There will also be some additional activities at lunchtime that day that children can pay to do. Details of these activities will be sent out next week.

Fundraiser for Ukraine

On Friday 11 March we will be holding a special fund raising event for Ukraine, the money collected will go to the Disaster Emergency Committee so that we can ensure the money gets to where it's needed. We will be having a non-uniform day and a cake sale. We thought it might be nice if the children wore clothes in the colours that represent the flag of Ukraine (Blue and Yellow) and we are asking whether you could donate cakes that can be sold at the end of the afternoon. We are hoping that some of the year 6 children will be able to help with the cake sale.

Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews will be held in the week beginning 28 March. Sign up details will be sent to you in the next couple of weeks. Parent Interviews will remain online.

Adult Learning Opportunity

I have been approached by a tutor from Abingdon College who would like to deliver some adult learning classes which we would host at school. They would take place in the school day, probably a morning. The courses include:-

- Spontaneous storytelling

- Story writing with your child
- Reading with your young child
- Keeping up with the children in English
- Keeping up with the children in maths
- ESOL class (English for speakers of other languages)

There is more information about each course on the poster at the end of this letter. Please could you indicate on the slip at the end of this letter if you would be interested in attending one of these courses.



Key Dates

11 th March	Ukraine fundraiser - non uniform
17 th March	Comic Relief day in school
18th March	SCHOOL CLOSED
28 th March	Parent Interviews
4 th April	Year 4 performance 2pm - 3pm
6 th April	Year 4 performance 6pm
8 th April	Break up for Easter @ 2.30pm
26 th April	Start term 5 - 8.45am

Year 4 Production

We are now able to hold performances inside again and would like to make you aware of the dates for the Year 4 performance. More details will follow nearer the time via the children.

- 4th April Monday 9:10am Dress rehearsal for school
 5th April Tuesday 2-3pm Afternoon Performance to Parents
 6th April Wednesday 6:00pm Evening Performance to Parents

Book Fair

This year we have trialled a new system for the book fair and while there have been benefits of the cashless system, it has caused some teething problems for us. We are working hard to make sure all children receive the books they wanted from the fair on time but please bear with us as the system isn't working quite as we had hoped. If you have any questions or queries please email tfurniss@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

100 Club

The winning numbers are for the February draw are:

	1st - £25	2nd - £15	3rd - £10
January	52	23	64

Congratulations to the winners - you should have received an email this week about claiming your prizes. We now have a few numbers free for anyone who would like to join. Its £12 per year for one number to be in with the chance to win cash prizes and raise money for extra school items such as additional books for the library and classrooms. Please get in touch for more information via email: wilkinson_h@hotmail.com or Classlist: Helen Baker.

Tag Rugby for Reception Class

Gavin Allinson is starting a tag rugby group for Reception Class Students on Fridays 3.05 to 4.05 PM. Suitable for boys and girls. There are 5 sessions before Easter. Places are limited to 12 children

initially (3 spots already taken). Sessions will continue after the Easter Holidays. Please contact Gavin at sportgavin@gmail.com or 07403379977 to secure a place. The cost is £30 until Easter.

School Dinners / Packed Lunch

The cost of school dinners for term 4 (Mon 28 Feb - Fri 08 April) is **£63.80**. **Please note that school meals must be ordered and paid for in advance.**

If you pay weekly, payments (£11.00) must be paid by Monday morning for the week ahead. **Please use the School Gateway App to make lunch money payments.**

Download the free app. Search School Gateway in your app store and download.

Apple iPhone users <http://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload>

Android phone users <http://schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload>

A reminder that pupils must have either school meals all term or packed lunches all term, we cannot cater for children having meals on odd days.

IMPORTANT - If your child would like to switch their meal preference, please email Christine in the school office on cmeeson@windmill.oxon.sch.uk on or before the first day of term. If we are unaware that your child has switched from packed lunch to school dinner, a dinner will not have been ordered for them and if your child switches from school dinner to packed lunch and you have not informed the office, you will be charged for the meal that has been prepared.

We would like to remind you that all children in KS1 (Reception, Year 1, and Year 2) qualify for free school dinners under the Government Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme. If your child is not already having school dinners, you will also need to request them through the office.

Lost Property

Please can you make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

This week the following un-named items are in lost property:-

Green coat - aged 6 'Ready for Winter' logo

Blue zip up hooded fleece - age 5/6 pink heart and 'P' on the front.

1 woolly glove - red/black AFCB

Green plastic water bottle

White fluffy zip up fleece age 5/6

Blue/yellow bobble hat

White bobble hat

Bear hat with bear ears

Liverpool Hoodie

Purple wellies - size 13

1 Blue/black stripy welly

Pair of black shoes - size 5

1 black shoe size 13

Grey 'Polar Gear' lunch box

Green/blue 'Skip Hop' lunch box

Zara coat - reversible grey/blue

Blue 'Sandiago' fleece age 10/12

MUFC lightweight black jacket

Black 'Soul Cal' coat age 7/8

Green 'Rock Legends' Tee shirt

2 Blue water bottles

Blue/Yellow bobble hat

Size 2 'Muddy puddle' wellies

125,000 gloves
1 million school jumpers

Please email cmeeson@windmill.oxon.sch.uk to reclaim.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

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

Adult Learning Opportunity

I would be interested in the following courses

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spontaneous storytelling | <input type="checkbox"/> Keeping up with the children in English |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Story writing with your child | <input type="checkbox"/> Keeping up with the children in maths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading with your young child | <input type="checkbox"/> ESOL class (English for speakers of other languages) |

Name _____ Contact Numbr _____

Free Family learning courses for parents starting soon

**Oxfordshire
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PROVIDED BY ABINGDON & WITNEY COLLEGE

Eligibility criteria: that you have been resident in the UK or in a European Economic Area country for the past three years, are married to an EU citizen or have a parent, brother/sister or child who has been resident for three years.

All courses will be taught online on Microsoft Teams

Story writing with your child (three sessions) – **Tuesday 24th November, Tuesday 1st December, Tuesday 8th December** – **9.30am to 11.30am**

- Write picture books using rhyme and repetition
- Experience twenty creative writing activities to tell stories
- Learn to use characters, settings, problems and resolutions to make up stories with your children
- Identify SPaG (spelling, punctuation & grammar) opportunities to improve children's writing



Emotional Health: You and your family (three sessions) – **Thursday 26th November, Thursday 3rd November, Thursday 10th November** – **12.30pm to 2.00pm**

- Developing communication and relationship skills
- Enhancing self-esteem and empathy with our children
- Understanding and responding to difficult feelings – our own and our children's
- Taking care of our family's emotional health & nurturing ourselves



Reading with your young child (single session) – **Friday 27th November from 9.30am to 11.30am**

- Pre-reading skills and activities to get your child ready for reading
- How children learn to read at school
- All about phonics teaching



Emotional Health: You and your family (three sessions) – **Monday 30th November, Monday 7th November, Monday 14th November – 9.30am to 11.30am**

- Developing communication and relationship skills
- Enhancing self-esteem and empathy with our children
- Understanding and responding to difficult feelings – our own and our children's
- Taking care of our family's emotional health & nurturing ourselves



Inspiring Confidence (five sessions) – **Wednesday evenings: 2nd, 9th, 16th December & 6th, 13th January – 6.30pm to 8.00pm**

- Overcoming low expectations and challenging negative thoughts
- Exploring different learning styles
- Developing a positive attitude to learning in your child
- Encouraging your child to develop a growth mindset



Spontaneous storytelling (two sessions) – **Friday 4th December & Friday 11th December – 9.30am to 11.30am**

- The importance of storytelling in children's development
- Experience twenty spontaneous storytelling games and activities
- Make up and tell spontaneous stories to your own children



To sign up for these free family learning courses, please contact:

Tony Payne, Family Learning Lecturer

Email: tony.payne@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

KIDS BALLROOM AND LATIN CLASSES

TUESDAYS
5:30-6:15
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