

Windmill Weekly (10)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for November - Peace

18 November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Open Morning

Next Thursday (24th November) you are invited to come and see the work your child / children have been doing in our Open Morning. You can visit your child's classroom between 8:30am and 9:10am. We look forward to seeing you all.

Attendance and Punctuality

As I am sure you are all aware attendance at school is really important for your child as it prevents them from getting key gaps in their learning and maximises progress. I monitor attendance each week and track children whose attendance falls below 90%. This may of course be because your child has been ill, and this is completely understandable. However, if your child has irregular absence or is persistently absent, I will be in contact with you to see how we can support you in improving your child's attendance.

Being in the school ready to start learning at 8:45am is also very important. Did you know that if your child is just 10 minutes late a day it adds up to 1 hour of lost learning in a week. Over a year this is 1 week of schooling lost! So please can we have all children in school ready to start at 8:45am - it really does matter!

School Streets

I am meeting with Oxfordshire County Council on Monday to get final plans for the installation of cameras to manage our school streets. Why don't all of you who still insist on parking in the street outside school, start to plan for the cameras being in place, and find parking spaces outside of the immediate school area, it would be so much appreciated.



Key Dates

24 th November	8.30am - 9.10am Open morning for whole school
5 th December	Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk
7 th December	Year 6 Explorers Day
8 th December	Reception Christmas play 9.15am - 10.00am
12 th December	9.30am - 10.30am Year 2 Christmas Play
13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
14 th December	9.10am KS2 Christmas singing (Years 3 - 6)
15 th December	2.00pm - 3.00pm Year 2 Christmas Play (repeated)
16 th December	Year 1 Christmas singing with Orchestra
20 th December	House Christmas Quiz - whole school
20 th December	2.30pm School finishes
5 th January 2023	Start of Term 3

Y2 Christmas Play- change of date

Due to unforeseen circumstances Year 2 will **not** now be performing on Tuesday 13th December.

Performances will take place on Monday 12th December at 9.30am -10.30am and on Thursday 15th December at 2pm-3pm as planned. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Money for classes

Thanks to those who came to our last PTA meeting. Minutes and details of next meeting will be circulated in due course. Lots of planning and some decision making went on. The PTA has now transferred £6300 (£300 per class) to school for teachers to decide how best to spend it to benefit their classes. We hope that this will mean all children get to benefit from extras that might not otherwise be possible. This is all money that has been raised by PTA events, so thank you for your support.

Cake Sale Thurs 8th December

Cake sales are back! Year 1 and Year 6 are kicking off the season on Thursday 8th December after school (start saving your change). As well as cakes, there will be some added extras. More details to follow. We hope that by combining year groups we all get to enjoy a big cake sale every so often, rather than lots of small ones throughout the year.

Christmas Disco Friday 16th Dec

The disco is back! This year it will be taking place on Friday 16th December. Plans are well underway. This is always a popular event, with year 6 DJs, a tuck shop, chill out room and bar for the grownups too. Numbers are strictly limited (due to fire regulations). Tickets will be sold on Tuesday 29th November after school and Friday 2nd December before school. £2 for children and £3 for adults and we do ask that children are accompanied please. If you would like to secure your ticket earlier than that, then there will be a volunteer rota sign up sheet circulated on Classlist. Volunteers can reserve one adult and one child ticket by signing up for a slot to help on the night.

Art Project for Schools Xmas/Winter Card Project - Deadline Mon 21 Nov!

Your child should have brought home their amazing winter card artwork. The artwork will have a unique code on the back. You should also have received a small instruction leaflet. Please note artwork does not need to be returned to school.

Buying any items raises money for Windmill PTA. Please go to www.apfsorders.co.uk to order and pay for your cards etc. The deadline for on-time orders is midnight on 21/11/2022. On-time orders are expected back in school on 05/12/2022, they will then be sorted by PTA volunteers and will be sent home soon after. Any orders placed after the 21/11/2022 will be classified as late and an additional postage fee will apply. Late orders do not raise any money for the PTA so please get your orders in this weekend.

Junior Chess Tournament

Calling all junior chess players! The Oxfordshire Junior Chess tournament is taking place over the weekend of 7th and 8th January 2023, at Cumnor Primary School, OX2 9PQ. The Under 9s competition is on Saturday 7th January and the Under 11s is on Sunday 8th January. There is also an U13/15/18 competition running alongside on both days. The link to the online entry form + further information is: <https://forms.gle/ooXjLwUXVMeG8frA9>. Any questions re suitability are welcomed at Oxfordshirejuniorchess@gmail.com.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher

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Got a question or need some help? Email drew@williamshockeycoaching.com





Could you help a child to enjoy reading and change their life forever?



Volunteers needed in Oxfordshire primary schools

All it takes is one and a half hours twice a week during the school day as an ARCh volunteer.

Sandra Selby, ARCh Volunteer since 2012, says *"I always leave school with a smile on my face. ARCh is a very rewarding charity to work with and the ARCh back-up team supports volunteers so well."*

Full training, ongoing support and travel expenses are provided.

www.archoxfordshire.org.uk

Tel 01869 320380

The charity obtains enhanced DBS checks on all volunteers before placement
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SCIENCE BAZAAR SATURDAYS



Saturday 19 November 2022
11 am – 12 pm



Science Bazaar Saturdays presents Neuroscience: the science of your brain! Join Bright Sparks Science and Oxford Brookes researchers Dr Sanjay Kumar and Dr Alfred Veldhuis in exploring about the brain, mindset and proprioception! This virtual event is FREE and open to all. Fun for all the family and most suitable for 5 – 12 years.

Register at:

<https://brookes.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlocuGqD4oHdXwAh62XNj92L5YekKP48p2>

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Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2018** and **31 August 2019**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2023**.

Apply online at

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

– it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres – ask for details at your local facility.



Deadline for applications is 15 January 2023

For help and information:

Web: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Email: admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Tel: **0345 241 2487**



Kid's Day

Saturday 3rd December

INHS CHECK UPS!

New and existing children examinations.
By appointment only.

Call: 01865 771729

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