

Windmill Weekly (11)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for November - Peace

25 November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Open Morning

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Open Morning yesterday. I hope you enjoyed coming into your child /children's classes to see what they have been doing.

Christmas Performances

As we move into December the Christmas performances will be starting so please check when your child is going to be doing theirs. The key date list below should let you know dates and times.



Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal

Windmill PTA is supporting the Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal again this year. They distribute toys and other gifts to disadvantaged children who may not have much under the tree on Christmas morning. Please support the appeal by bringing donations of new, unwrapped toys to the school office any time next week (5th - 9th December). Toys for any age group (including teenagers) are welcome and gift vouchers for high street shops are also useful. The Salvation Army will sort and distribute to the Oxford area via social services during the following week.

WINDMILL LIGHTS 2022 - in collaboration with Fusion Arts

All the children in years 1-6 have been busy making willow sculptures for Windmill Lights 2022! Please come and admire their great work!

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER

4.00 - 5.00 PM

FRONT LAWN OF SCHOOL

REFRESHMENTS - please bring your own mug!

(non-alcoholic) mulled wine (£1)

hot chocolate (50p) for sale.

COLLECTION BUCKETS - please make a contribution!

Any money raised will be split between art projects in and out of Windmill School.



Key Dates

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
16 th December	Christmas Disco
20 th December	House Christmas Quiz - whole school
20 th December	2.30pm School finishes
5 th January 2023	Start of Term 3

Hello fellow parents,

My name is Jerome Arab, and I am Keoni's father (Keoni is in Ladybirds Year 1 at Windmill). I am planning on starting a non competitive cycling club in Headington, in the new year, and am inviting you all to get involved. I used to BMX race in Zimbabwe as a kid and love teaching kids to ride. The objectives of the club are to:

- Keep kids and adults active
- Make new friends
- Build skill and confidence in riding
- Encourage more time spent outdoors as a family
- Build social networks and a deeper sense of community
- Foster a supportive and friendly space for wellbeing

We will have various rides and events that we will run as a club, including but not limited to:

- Monthly family rides around the local area
- Mental Health Rides in Oxford and surrounding areas
- Quarterly or Bi-Annual Charity Rides
- Cycling Clinics and Workshops, including road safety and bike maintenance

Right now I am looking for parents who would be interested in being on the executive committee and help with the running of the club, taking up positions of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. I am also looking for volunteers, general membership interests and founding members who are willing to contribute financially to the set up process. Please get in touch with me if you have any questions or would like to get involved in any way shape or form. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Jerome

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Windmill Christmas Disco

The Christmas disco is back. It will be held on Friday 16th December 6.30pm - 8.30pm. There will be lots of Christmas fun including Year 6 DJs, a chill out area, a tuck shop and an adults only bar area selling alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks. You will need to get your tickets in advance. It is always a popular event and we expect it to sell out. Tickets are £2 for children and £3 for adults. Children attending the disco must be accompanied by an adult. Any children arriving by themselves will not be admitted. We would love

to allow as many Windmill children to attend as possible, so if you are able to limit the number of adult tickets you need by supervising multiple children, then it would be appreciated. Fire regulations limit the number of tickets to 350 and we cannot go above this number.

There are 3 opportunities to secure your tickets:

1) Sign up to help

We are currently looking for people to help set up after school and tidy up afterwards. Set up will start after school and will finish when it is done. There should be plenty of time once set up is finished to go home and come back in time for the start of the disco. Likewise, clearing up will begin at 8.30pm and will continue until it is tidy, but many hands make light work so we would anticipate being done by 9pm.

Signing up for one of these slots guarantees you 2 tickets (which will need to be paid for by Monday 5th December).

Once the set up and clear up helper slots have been filled, I will open up the rota for help during the event. We will need help to supervise and to run the bar and tuck shop. Each 30 minute slot guarantees you a ticket.

To volunteer to help, please email WindmillPTA@gmail.com stating your preference for set up or clear up (or either / both) I will add volunteers in the order I receive them, so please do not message via Classlist or WhatsApp.

We need a lot of volunteers to run this event and are very grateful for your help.

2) Ticket sales, Tuesday 29th November 3.05pm

We will be selling tickets in the middle playground after school (cash or card). There will also be the opportunity to buy tokens which can be used at the bar and tuck shop. We will be selling tokens on the night too, but you can save yourself time by getting them in advance.

3) Ticket sales Friday 2nd December 8.30am

We will keep 100 tickets to sell on Friday. We hope that this gives a fair opportunity to those who cannot make it on Tuesday.

We are really excited to run the disco again after a 3 year break and we hope that your children are too.

Windmill PTA

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

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