

Windmill Weekly (04)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for September - Unity

29 September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Harvest Exhibition

All of the children in the school have been thinking about Food and World Hunger in preparation for our Harvest Exhibition taking place on Thursday 5 October. The school will be open from 8:30am to 9:30am for you to come and see the work that the children have been doing. There will be children there too to talk to you about what they have learnt. Last entry to the school will be at 9:00am so that we can secure the school site. One gate will be left open for you to exit which will be manned by a member of staff. The exhibition is taking place throughout the school, with each Year group having their own area.

Year Group	Location of Exhibition
Reception	In classrooms. This will be looking at activities that children have been doing and less formal than in the rest of the school.
Year 1	Cherry and Strawberry Class
Year 2	In individual Year 2 classes
Year 3	Daffodil Class (The Year 3 class at the bottom of the stairs)
Year 4	The Sunbeam Room - Classroom at bottom of stairs in Year 4 area
Year 5	Individual Year 5 classes
Year 6	Individual Year 6 classes

Donations of Food

As a part of our Harvest celebrations, we always try to support Asylum Welcome by having a collection of food. The items that we donate need to be long life rather than fresh so that they can be kept for longer. Items that are particularly needed include:

- Cooking oil
- Sugar
- Rice
- Pasta
- Tuna
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned sweetcorn and other veg
- Tinned fruit
- Baked beans
- Chickpeas, lentils and other beans (tinned or dried)
- Instant coffee
- UHT milk
- Jam, honey

Children can bring a contribution, if they would like to, for our food donation from Monday 2 October until Friday 6 October.

E Safey Parent Meeting

We have arranged to hold a Parent Meeting to share up to date information with you about how we can keep our children safe online. The meeting will be in the school hall on Monday 6 November 3:30pm to 4:15pm. There will be some staff available for childcare.

Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews are being held in the week beginning 9 October. Signing up for a slot is done online and the link will go live next week. You will receive a notification from us to let you know. We will be doing a mix of online and face to face meetings.

Letters That Have Gone Out This Week

Letter	For	From	Response Needed
Autumn Fayre Dancing Permission	Children in Years 1 - 6 who have been practicing a dance for the Autumn Fayre.	Lynn Knapp	Yes

If your child hasn't brought their letter home, or they have been unwell this week, please ask them to get another one from Mrs Knapp.

Covid Rise

We have seen a real rise in Covid cases this week. The symptoms start as a heavy cold. If you think your child might have it, the guidance is for them to stay off school for 3 days. If one of our staff members goes down with it, they have to stay off 5 days and this is having a big impact on staff capacity at the moment.

Sickness / Diarrhea

A reminder that if your child is sick or have diarrhea, they should stay off school for 48 hours from the last time they were sick or went to the toilet. This is to protect the rest of the school community from getting the bug.

Parking

Please can you make sure that if you do have to bring your car for the school run, that you park sensibly and don't park across people's driveways. I have had a couple of complaints from local residents this week.

School Streets

I am very aware that the School Streets is currently not working as well as it should. We have seen a big increase in the number of cars driving past school since the cameras replaced barriers. I am in communication with the LA and local councilors to see what can be done to improve signage and make the school closure at school times clearer for drivers.

Tutoring

One of our Teaching Assistants is keen to offer her services as a tutor outside of school hours. If you are interested in your child having a tutor please email me your details, head.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk and I will pass on the information.



Key Dates

5 October	Harvest Exhibition
10 October	Flu Immunisation for ALL pupils - A RESPONSE IS NEEDED
11 October	Parent Interviews (w/c 9 October)
14 October 2023	Autumn Fayre - 1pm - 4pm
19 October 2023	Individual School Photos
20 October 2023	House Cross Country 9.00am - 9.30am
20 October 2023	Last day of term 1 - finish at 3.05pm
30 October 2023	First day of term 2
31 October 2023	Deadline for Year 6 to apply for Secondary School



Autumn Fayre

We can't wait to welcome the whole school to this year's Autumn Fayre! It's going to be a great community occasion and loads of fun!

There will be a fire engine, 2 bouncy castles, an inflatable nerf wall, performances, tombola, games, pampering, BBQ and more!

The raffle this year has some amazing prizes including: Blenheim Palace pass, tickets for Cotswold Wildlife Park, Jump Inc. and Heavenly Desserts. Tickets can only be bought on the day (it's a legal thing!), so make sure you're there to win!!

Tokens for the day will be available to purchase in advance (to avoid the queues!). Come and find us in the big playground at drop-off and pick-up from Monday to Friday, the week before the Fayre (9th-13th October).

If you're able to help on a stall and bring something for the refreshments stall that would be amazing too!

Come and meet staff from the Pastoral and SEND Team

We are organizing a coffee morning on Friday 6th October, 8.45 - 10.00am.

If you would like to drop by for an informal chat and to meet other parents and carers, then please message Sally Painter (Home School Link Worker) spainter@windmill.oxon.sch.uk We will notify you of the room when we have an idea of how many people may attend. We look forward to seeing you.

To Year 6 parents and carers

The deadline for Year 6 to apply for secondary school is 31st October 2023. If anyone would like some help completing the form, please contact Sally Painter (Home School Link Worker), who will be very happy to help. spainter@windmill.oxon.sch.uk

Coffee Morning

Just to remind you that next Friday 6th October, the Pastoral and SEND team are running a coffee morning from 8.45 until 10am. You will find us in the afterschool club room by the staff carpark at the front of the school. Please come through the side door directly into the room and not through the office. Please email spainter@windmill.oxon.sch.uk to let us know you would like to come, but if anyone wants to just drop by you will be very welcome. We look forward to seeing you!

Flu Vaccine

In case you missed it, the instructions on how to sign your child up for a flu vaccine is at the end of this newsletter.



Calling all Windmill Entertainers!



The Windmill Autumn Fayre needs you!

October 14th Busking Event 2.30-3.30pm

- ▶ Sign up to entertain the crowds at the Autumn Fayre- whatever your talent is: singing, playing a musical instrument, comedy, dancing, juggling, magic or teaming up with a friend or two to entertain, we would love you to join us for a 5min slot!
- ▶ All funds collected on the day at the busking event will go to the OUH Children's Hospital Charity
 - ▶ To sign up, ask your grown up to click on/ visit volunteersignup.org/Q88X8 and select your time slot



Thanks so much to everyone who has signed up to help at the Autumn Fayre. We do need a lot of volunteers to make it happen and to make sure all our stalls can run on the day. If you are able to help and have not signed up yet, please get in touch with your Class Rep. For many people we expect that children will need to accompany you to 'help' so please don't let this put you off signing up. The following stalls in particular have requested a few more sign ups:

Bouncy Castle <https://signup.com/go/qbUaUYz>

Pamper Parlour": <https://signup.com/go/zsbcvVq>

Games stalls <https://signup.com/go/yrZRNCg>

Hoopla <https://signup.com/go/KjwVfGu>

Last call for raffle prizes. Thanks to the generosity of parents and local businesses our raffle is looking great. We are still welcoming any last minute donations, please get in touch windmillpta@gmail.com

Christmas Cards! Thanks to Ori Cailah & Angie who are organising Christmas cards this year. Your children will be designing their cards in school over the next couple of weeks and you will be able to order cards and gifts directly through the company. designs do not necessarily need to be Christmas related. Keep an eye out for your children's' artwork and order information coming home soon.

Yours faithfully

Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Vacancies on our website:- www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk

- Morning (2 hours between 5.00am and 9.00am) or Evening (3.00pm - 5pm) Cleaner
- Intervention Teaching Assistant
- Early Years Teaching Assistant
- Intervention Provision Development Coordinator

If you are interested in any of these positions please complete the OCC Support Application Form (downloaded from our website) and return to office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

The Swan School - Open Events

Our open events for Year 7 2024 applications are now live on our website. We will be hosting the following open morning sessions from 9- 10.15am:

Tuesday 3rd October

Thursday 5th October

Tuesday 10th October

Wednesday 11th October

Thursday 12th October

There will also be an open evening event, on Wednesday 4th October, from 5-7pm. Please visit the [website](#) for more details and to book your place.



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Premier Tennis

Award-winning coaching provider Premier Tennis is offering a full programme of tennis camps throughout the holidays at various venues in Oxfordshire. This is a great chance for friends to get active and develop their skills on and off the court, with indoor and outdoor facilities available. Players from 5 years old are grouped according to age and ability for maximum learning and enjoyment, with technical drills, team games and personal challenges for everyone and prizes for a lucky few! Individual days can be booked online and the camp runs from 10am to 4pm (with early drop-off/late pick-up if needed).

Book tennis camps here: [Book tennis camps in Oxfordshire - Premier Tennis \(tennisoxfordshire.com\)](http://tennisoxfordshire.com)

You can also contact us to book at hello@premiertennis.co.uk or give us a call at 01865 689754.

This letter contains important information about your child's flu vaccination. Please submit the Consent Form promptly.



**STAY WELL
THIS WINTER**

Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Your child's annual flu vaccination is due
WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
10th October 2023**

The annual school aged Flu vaccination programme is, this year, being offered to all children in Reception – Year 6. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and sometimes causes serious complications. Children can catch and spread flu easily so vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable e.g babies and older people. This is particularly important as COVID-19 is still circulating and people at risk of flu are also vulnerable to the complications of COVID-19.

For most children, the vaccination is painless and given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. In some circumstances it is necessary to administer the vaccine by intramuscular injection, but this is always discussed with parents/carers beforehand. You may also choose for the vaccination to be administered by intramuscular injection if you object to the nasal vaccination on the grounds of its contents (eg Porcine Gelatine) or if the vaccine is otherwise unsuitable. The intramuscular injection, if required, will also be delivered in school on the date above.

How do I provide Consent for my child to receive the vaccine?

It is important that you first read the information in the Flu Leaflet [Child flu vaccine - NHS](#) which includes details about the programme and the small number of children who may not be able to have the nasal spray. Due to the checking process' required please follow the steps below at least one full school day before the session to ensure your child can be vaccinated at school. Community clinics will be available across the county if your child has not been vaccinated in the school session.

1. **Click** the link <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
2. **Enter** the Unique School Code **OX123047**
3. **Complete** the form (one per child). Please complete even if you are REFUSING the vaccination*.

Information regarding the Flu Vaccination and Asthma and what to do if you change your mind is available below. Further information is also available at www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/ including information about all our vaccination programmes.

If you need to contact us, please email immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk. If you require help to complete the Consent Form please call the Immunisation Team on 07920 254 400 and we will be happy to help you.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Mahoney and Helena Uddin
Immunisation County Team Leads

Further Information

Refusal of Vaccination- If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated, and you would prefer not to be contacted again by our service this academic year regarding the Flu Vaccine, please complete a consent form selecting NO consent.

Asthma or other illness – We may not be able to safely vaccinate your child on the arranged date if your child is asthmatic and in the 3 days (72hrs) before the vaccination session your child has any of the following ...

- They have increased wheezing
- and/or
- have increased the use of their Bronchodilator
- and/or
- they are currently taking or have been prescribed steroid tablets to control their asthma in the two weeks prior to the vaccination session in school

If the above occurs It is **very important** that you provide a written note with your child's name, dob, year group and the updating information to be given to the vaccination team on the day of vaccination. If your child is too young to be able to do this, please hand the letter to the school reception and ask that it is given to the vaccination team as they arrive and **mark it as urgent**. Please **also call** the Immunisation Team on 07920 254 400 before 08:45 on the day of vaccination.

Withdrawing Consent/Vaccination given at GP Practice after Consent Form submitted –

If you submit a Consent Form and then change your mind and no longer wish your child to be vaccinated

or

you submit a Consent Form and then your child has their vaccination at the GP Practice before the school session

Please email withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk at least one full school day before the session **and** on the day of the vaccination session provide a written note to your child's School Reception for the urgent attention of the Immunisation Team. Please state in the letter and in the email subject heading, your child's school, name, year group and date of birth.

Translated Flu Leaflet- The Flu leaflet is also available in the following languages

[Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Bulgarian](#), [Chinese \(simplified\)](#), [Chinese \(traditional](#), [Cantonese\)](#), [Estonian](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Greek](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hindi](#), [Latvian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Panjabi](#), [Pashto](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#), [Romany](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Turkish](#), [Twi](#), [Ukrainian](#), [Urdu](#) and [Yiddish](#).

**By providing a valid email address you will receive an automatic email confirming that you have completed the Consent Form. You will receive a further email following the vaccination session confirming and providing information regarding the vaccination that has been given or providing a reason why we may not have vaccinated your child eg if unwell or absent. These emails will be from school.immunisations@nhs.net and may go direct to your Junk folder.*