

# Windmill Weekly (05)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for October - Honesty

6 October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

## **Harvest**

I hope that you all enjoyed seeing the work that the children have done about food and food poverty across the world as part of our Harvest celebrations. It was lovely to see so many of you in school yesterday.

Also a huge thank you for the food donations that we have received. These will all be passed onto Asylum Welcome to support refugees and asylum seekers living in Oxford and ensuring that they have food to eat.

## **Parking**

It has been flagged to me that many people are parking on the corner of local roads which is making crossing the road incredibly dangerous. Please can you make sure that you are parking in areas designated for parking.

## **School One Way System**

If you and your children come into school via the gate by the Church, please could you exit the school via the carpark by walking around through the playgrounds please. The path leading to the back playground via the Reception classes is very narrow and if parents are pushing buggies it becomes a real bottle neck if other parents are trying to come out. I know that it takes more time, but it does make the route safer for everyone. Just think about the positive impact on your step count!

## **Autumn Fayre Dancing**

Thank you to everyone who has returned the slip confirming that your child is able to take part in the dancing on Saturday 14 October. If you haven't yet returned it, please could you do so at the start of next week. I am so thrilled to see how many children we have taking part!



## **Key Dates**

10 October	Flu Immunisation for ALL pupils - <b>A RESPONSE IS NEEDED</b>
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

## **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.

## Autumn Fayre

The Autumn Fayre is coming soon! 14th October 1 - 4pm

We can't wait to welcome the whole school to the biggest event of the Windmill School year! All the money we raise goes into the PTA fund to be spent on the school.

Time to buy your Fayre Tokens.

On the day, there will be the option to pay by cash or card on some stalls, including the BBQ, but most stalls will be token only. Tokens cost 50p each and will be on sale next week before and after school in the middle playground. Save yourself queuing on your way into the fayre and make sure you are first to be part of the action by buying your tokens in advance. Come and see us in the middle playground next week. (cash and card accepted).

We are conscious that many families are facing difficult times at the moment. The main purpose of our fayre is to bring our community together. We want to include all our families, especially those to whom cost is a barrier. If you, or any families you know would benefit from some free tokens, then please either talk to your class teacher who will be able to give you some or email [windmillpta@gmail.com](mailto:windmillpta@gmail.com).

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher

**Vacancies on our website:-** [www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk](http://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](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk).

**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  
10<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/) including information about all our vaccination programmes.

If you need to contact us, please email [immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto: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,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'Susan Mahoney' and the second is 'Helena Uddin'. The signatures are written in a cursive style.

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](mailto: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](mailto:school.immunisations@nhs.net) and may go direct to your Junk folder.*

## Footsteps

As Autumn progresses, the mornings and evenings are getting darker, meaning children walking to and from school need to be even more aware of the potential dangers for pedestrians and the importance of wearing bright clothing, making it easier for other road users to see them.

The good news for schools and families is that Oxfordshire County Council have a child pedestrian Road Safety scheme called **Footsteps**, aimed at parents and carers.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple for parents to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, parents are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely while in the company of a supporting adult will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

The link to the programme is [Walking with children | 365Alive](#) . All resources are free of charge to parents.

Be Bright Be Seen – it is import to make sure children wear something bright or reflective to help them stay safer on our roads during the winter months.



## October Holiday Clubs St Nicholas' Primary School, Oxford

These clubs are open to children aged 3-11

**Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October**

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



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### Arts and performance

**Jericho Comedy** at The North Wall (6 Oct),  
**Sonic Spider** at Bonn Square (7 Oct),  
**Answer Machine Tape** in St. John's  
(18 Oct), **Plastic Drastic Fantastic**  
at Pegasus (21 Oct), **Star Soup** at  
The North Wall (24 Oct),  
**Warning Notes** (27–28 Oct) and  
**Feedback Loops** at Oxford Playhouse (28 Oct)

### Interactive Festival zones

Packed with hands-on activities for families, teenagers  
and adults on weekends, evenings and during half term:

**Explorazone** (7 Oct)  
**Science Wonder evening** (10 Oct)  
**Tech Works** (14 Oct)  
**Science @ the Shops** (21–22 Oct)  
**BLAST!** (23 Oct) **Robots** (29 Oct)



### Talks and conversations

Can you **reclaim your  
life from tech?** (14 Oct)

Art and science of  
**communicating  
care** (16 Oct)

A **lullaby** of African  
Caribbean folklore and  
chant (28 Oct)

Join discussions on

**psychosis** (9 Oct)  
**pain & pleasure** (10 Oct)

**Pokémaths** (11 Oct)

**AI in healthcare** (12 Oct)

**friendships** (17 Oct)

**vaccines** (19 Oct)

**dark matter** (27 Oct)

and **irrational brains** (27 Oct)



### Why not start a new hobby?

Learn coding with **Glow**  
**Your Own** and share  
**postcards from home**  
throughout the Festival



Discover histories of  
**railways** (7 Oct)  
**geology** (20, 22 & 29 Oct)  
**science** (21 & 28 Oct)

Try out **experimental  
drawing** (11 & 28 Oct)  
**languages** (11 & 18 Oct)  
or **robotics** (29 Oct)

FREE events & features magazine: [www.if-oxford.com](http://www.if-oxford.com)

## IF science and ideas festival programme

There's an amazing range of events on offer - science, arts, performance, talks, experiments - both in person and on line

<https://if-oxford.com/events/>

Families can also download a PDF of the magazine (10 MB), from this link [https://if-oxford.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/IF-Oxford-2023-PROGRAMME\\_LOW\\_RES.pdf](https://if-oxford.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/IF-Oxford-2023-PROGRAMME_LOW_RES.pdf)



## THE | OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for those aged 7 - 13 who love to sing. Established in 2013, the Singing School provides the opportunity to experience great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop confidence in singing and performing.

This Christmas pupils will learn some beautiful seasonal music and at the same time learn about vocal technique, music theory and history. Children will also have a singing lesson in a small group with a dedicated vocal coach. Families are most welcome to come and listen to an informal concert at the end of the day.

To book or to join our mailing list, please go to [www.oxbridgesingingschool.com](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.com) or email [Samantha@oxbridgess.com](mailto:Samantha@oxbridgess.com)  
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**This camp is for all playing abilities and is suitable for both boys and girls.**

**Ages  
5-11**



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**Ages  
5-15**

## GIRLS ONLY! FOOTBALL

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Led by our female staff and supporting coaches, this camp is suitable for all levels and is fun and energetic!



**Ages  
4-12**

**Includes  
a daily craft  
activity**

## MULTISPORT

**Join us for non-stop  
sport and fun activities  
all day!**

Including curling, tennis, hockey, football, rounders, dodgeball, archery, yoga, tag rugby, athletics and much more!



**Ages  
7-14**

## ART SMASH!

Our mega popular Art Smash camp is packed with Autumn projects. Hurry, this books up fast!

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inspirational  
art teacher for  
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