

Windmill Weekly (12)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for December - Appreciation

01 December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

One Way System

We are concerned about how congested the pathway to the Reception classes / back playground gets when children are arriving and leaving school due to adults who are delivering and collecting children coming back on themselves to leave the premises. When families have buggies, this adds to the congestion. We have decided that we are going to enforce the one-way system so that you will need to leave the school via the car park gates to make it safer for everyone. I appreciate that this adds to the time it takes and is further to walk but we feel that this is worthwhile.

Dogs on Site

I have had a few parents share concerns about there being dogs in the school grounds at drop off and collection times. We have always had a policy of dogs not being allowed on site as not all children are comfortable with animals. I appreciate that I have been lax in allowing families to carry their dogs but following this feedback we will be saying from Monday that dogs will need to be left at the school gate. I am always happy to dog sit when I am at the gate!

Big Christmas Sing

It was a real pleasure to be at The Big Christmas Sing last night when the choir sang so beautifully. Well done to them all!

Christmas Festivities

The first of the Christmas Festivities start next week with the pantomime on Monday afternoon which all of the children will go to and on Thursday the Reception children will perform their Christmas dances to their friends and family.

PARENTS PROTEST: WEDNESDAY 6 DEC, 8-9AM, QUARRY HOLLOW

Local parents with children at Windmill and Quarry preschool are concerned about high traffic volume and dangerous driving during rush hour. Quarry Hollow is a narrow rat run with lots of cars and heavy duty vehicles mounting the pavement to get past one another - even whilst children are on the already narrow pavement. Many cars come down from the A-road and cut through to access Margaret Road or Quarry Road.

Complaints to police and local councillors have led to temporary cones which frustrated drivers simply move. We need a permanent traffic solution to keep our kids safe.

Please join us to make the point that we will not wait for a child to be seriously injured or killed before this clear risk to safety is addressed. Wear high-visibility clothing and bring a snappy sign (if you can). We are hoping for media presence, and for local councillors and community groups to be in attendance.

Feel free to contact organisers: Beth (07824368855) or Becky (07951297466). If you cannot make it but support us, write to Andrew Gant, the man with the say-so on the matter (andrew.gant@oxfordshire.gov.uk).



Key Dates

4 December	Pantomime - Jack and the Bean Stalk
7 December	9.15am - 10.00am Reception Christmas Play
12 December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert 9.15am - 9.45am
13 December	Year 2 Christmas Play 9.15am
14 December	Year 2 Christmas Play 2.00pm
15 December	Year 1 Christmas / Orchestra 9.15am
15 December	Christmas Disco
18 December	IRock Assembly 9.15am
20 December	House Christmas Quiz - whole school
20 December	Last day of term 2 - FINISH AT 2.30pm
9 January 2024	First day of term 3 8.45am
18 January	Winter Lights 4.30pm

School Disco

Thanks for a fantastic response; all disco tickets are now sold out. If you missed out but would still like to go, please email windmillpta@gmail.com to add your name to the wait list. If you have a ticket that you can no longer use, please email windmillpta@gmail.com so that your place can be passed on to someone else.

There will be a tuck shop and a bar available on the night. Payment will be by cash, card or disco token. If you would like to buy tokens in advance, they will be on sale at school the week of the disco. More details to follow.

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

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.



Christmas Fair

4.15pm to 7.30pm
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