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# WINDMILL PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

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## April 2018

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### Staffing

After half term Megan will be working three days a week at School but will still be here for two days, Monday and Tuesday.

Hannah Odell will be joining our bank staff.

Current Vacancy - Are you or anyone you know interested in working in Early Years? Please contact either Claire or Rebecca for more details.

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### September Sessions

Some of the sessions are filling up fast, please let us know if you would like to change or increase your child's session as soon as possible. If you or someone you know is thinking of sending a child to Pre-School in September please contact either Claire or Rebecca.

### Children's Questionnaire Results

Thank you for completing these with your child, we have taken their comments on board and will look at how we can make any changes they have suggested!

### Parent Partnership Questionnaire Results

Thank you for spending time completing these, we have looked at the feedback and are very pleased that we received a lot of positive comments about our setting and the staff!

Some highlighted areas to note are as follows:

**Next Steps** - Next Steps are recorded on your Child Focus Sheet, if you would like to find out more please speak to your child's key worker.

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### Term dates

Half term 28<sup>th</sup> May-1<sup>st</sup> June

Close for Summer break  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at **12 noon**

Return Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>  
September

Half term 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October

Close for Christmas break  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at **12 noon**

### Other important Dates

**AGM** - 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Strawberry Fayre** - Thursday  
14<sup>th</sup> June

**Sports Day** - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July

**Leavers Show** - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
July

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**Parent's Evening** - Our next Parent's Evening will be in July, dates to follow.

Please contact us at any time if you would like to discuss your child and their progress.

**Information Events** - We take on board all the different needs of our families and the timing of these events and endeavor to arrange times to suit the majority of people.

**Home School Diary** - We try to write in these once a week however, sometimes we are unable to meet this due to the number and needs of the children.

**Electronic Record Keeping** - we are currently looking into this.

**Frequency of fundraising events like Cake Sales** - We take into account that recently there were a number of similar events very close together and will plan better in the future. If any parents would like to help with fundraising please let us know. In previous years parents have run cake sales for Pre-School.

### **Safeguarding**

If you have concerns about a child you can contact First Response on the following numbers:

0845 4600 001 Out of hours : 0800 9997677 Local rate: 01296 383962

Email: [secure-cypfirsresponse@buckscc.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:secure-cypfirsresponse@buckscc.gcsx.gov.uk)

### **Sun cream and Hats**

Now the weather is better, please remember to send a hat and sun cream in for your child and if it is sunny and going to be warm it would be helpful if you applied sun protector before Pre-School and then we can re-apply it as necessary during the day.

### **Public Facebook Page**

Please leave us some feedback for potential new families

<https://www.facebook.com/Windmillpreschoolbrill/?ref=bookmarks>

### **Policy of the Month**

The policy this month is our Mobile Phone Policy, it is attached to this email for your information.

### **Fundraising**

We would like to raise money to invest in upgrading both gardens. We are aware that both the natural grass and astro turf becomes muddy and slippery and would like to resolve this. We would also like to gain the views of the children and parents on how they would like the garden to look in the future,

please look out for questionnaires in the children's trays. We have booked a visit from Cool Canvas who will design and build bespoke play areas using natural materials.

Below are a number of fundraising events to help make this happen! If you are able to offer your help for any of these events, please do let us know.

### **Cake Sale**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm. We bought a new camera for Class 1 from the proceeds of the last sale!

### **Strawberry Fayre**

This will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm!

### **Sponsored Walk**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, more details to follow.

### **Class News**

#### **Class 1**

We have introduced a new routine this term. The children now have access to a rolling snack and can choose when they want to access this with support from an adult. This is supporting their independence skills and the transition into Class 2 for the older children.

Patrick and Kevin, two lambs came to visit us and six chicks!

We created our own Pre-School Doctors following on from the children's interests.

#### **Class 2**

Class 2 have planted various seeds and we found out some grow faster than others.

We made cakes at the cake making station and wrote a letter asking Claire if we could make chocolate chip cookies, she said yes so we did!

Due to the children's interest in trains, we created a train station which has proved popular.