

WINDMILL PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

April 2019



Please support the Pre-School!

Pre-school is a charity and we rely on fundraising to help with the day to day running costs and to make improvements. On the 10th May we will be hosting a disco to raise money for much needed improvements to Class 1's garden. Please bring along friends, family and neighbours. Tickets can be brought from Pre-School for £10 and there will be a cash bar on the night. A prize will be awarded for the best dressed on the night!

On the 15th May we will have our AGM. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting and we are required to have a minimum amount of parents. If we do not meet the minimum number on the night, Pre-School will be at risk of **closure**.

Thomley Hall trip

We have booked a visit to Thomley Hall in Worminghall on Wednesday 26th June and the cost will be £8 per child, there is no charge for adults.

The Pre-School will be **closed** that day as the staff will be at Thomley Hall as well, but a responsible adult will need to attend with your child. Younger siblings are welcome.

For more information about Thomley Hall please click on this link www.thomley.org.uk

Staffing

We welcome Elaine Ricketts onto our team on bank staff. She has already covered some sessions and we look forward to her joining us for more! Over the Easter break, Danielle has moved from the area and will no longer be working at Pre-School, we wish her well for the future.

Term Dates

Closed for Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 6th May

Monday 27th May-
Friday 31st May closed
for half term

Closed for Summer
break Friday 19th July
at 12 noon

Other important dates

80's, 90's and 00's
Disco – Friday 10th May

Annual General
Meeting – Wednesday
15th May

Flower picking event –
Fundraiser - Monday
10th June

Pre-School **Closed** –
Wednesday 26th June
– Thomley Hall Trip

Class 2 Leavers'
Photos - Friday 28th
June

Sports Day – Monday
8th July

On Monday, Lindsay will be joining the team to help cover the lunch period and some time for the Key People to complete paperwork.

During the summer term, all of the staff will be working more to cover Tracey and Danielle's vacancies. The children remain our priority, please bear with us during this busy time.

Wish tree

Thank you for bringing in items from our wish tree, we have added some more items. We have also put up a wish list of items to make the gardens a more sensory experience for the children and a list of jobs that need doing in and around Pre-School. Please do let us know if you can help!

Clothing

Please bring back your child's wellies and bag of spare clothes, any lost property will be hung from the washing line.

Whatsapp group

If you would like to join the Whatsapp group, please sign the permission form at the front of the signing in book.

Blog

We now have a Pre-School blog! Please follow the link below for updates

<https://windmillpreschoolbrill.blogspot.com/?fbclid=IwAR2w50Io9CL9D6WJ6xjzWoFpfFIDBDm4ojfFZ8KeLiEhE1i-KkY7Nm9w72A>

Summer Playscheme

We have a few places left on the summer playscheme, please let us know if you would like to book a place.

Policy of the month

This month's policy is the 'Transition' policy and is attached to the covering email.

Recent Staff Training

The whole staff team attended managing behavior training. This helped us to review our current practice and to ensure that we maintain a consistent approach.

Aimee attended a Forest School network meeting at Blenheim Palace and has enrolled on the new level 3 SEN qualification.

Claire attended a two day training course with MIND and is now a qualified Mental Health First Aider.

Alina attended an introduction to Mental health course.

Claire and Caroline attended a workplace wellbeing workshop.

Forest School

Class 2 will be going to forest school on a Tuesday morning this term. We will be starting this from 7th May.

Class 1 will be going to forest school on a Friday morning this term.

Please ensure that children wear clothing to cover arms and legs, even on a warm day. The area is very shaded and can be cold, we also want to protect them from stinging nettles and brambles.

Visit from parents

We all enjoyed our visit from Ruby the therapy dog and looking at the photos of her puppies.

Heloise read a story in French to the children in Class 2.

If you would like to come into Pre-School, please do let us know.

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@buckscscc.gcsx.gov.uk

