

WINDMILL PRE-SCHOOL NEWS



December 2017

Photographs

Remember if you would like to order some photographs the final day is **Friday 8th December**.

Parent Information Evening

We will be holding a Parent Evening on Thursday 18th January from 7pm to discuss how your child learns and the teaching of phonics and numeracy. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

Teddy Bear Picnic

We raised £54 for Children in Need.

Communication

Please check all your emails and children's trays. We have had a number of parents telling us they don't know when the Christmas Show is or what their child should be wearing that day. All this information has been emailed out and a letter put in all children's trays!

Blue Diaries

Please ensure these are placed in the baskets for the staff to write in. We will return them to the trays when we have done so.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Just to let you know.....

Christmas Show – Thursday 7th December

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 9th December 11-2pm

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 13th December

Break up for Christmas –

Friday 15th December - (no lunch)

Pupils return to Pre-School Tuesday 9th January 2018 (different to Brill School)

Parent Consultations

Class 1 – Wednesday 10th January

Class 2 – Thursday 11th January (Tracey)

Monday 15th January

Parent Information Evening –

Thursday 18th January 7pm

Half term – 12th-16th February

Cake Sale

The last Cake Sale raised £115 and we are going to purchase new mats for Class 2's garden.

Class 2 Postcard Exchange

We have had another postcard from Canada, one from New Jersey and one from Hong Kong!

Warm Clothing and Wellies

Please make sure your child has spare clothes here and for outside a warm coat and as the weather gets colder, hat, scarf and gloves. Please make sure all outdoor clothing including wellies are **named!!** Lots of children have been coming in with no hat or gloves!

Forest School

We will continue going to Forest School throughout the winter, please ensure your children are wearing appropriate clothing for this. We can always take layers off when we are back at Pre-School. After Christmas **Class 2** will change from **Monday** to a **Thursday**. **Class 1** will remain with a **Tuesday** until February half term.

Lost Property

Related to the above we do get items of clothing and lunch pots etc left behind. Please check the Lost Property box which is by the front door in case something belongs to you. We still have containers from the last Cake sale.

Late Collection

Please ensure you collect your child on time at the end of their session we must maintain staff ratios and some of our staff are only here for the morning session.

Parent Helpers

You are very welcome to come and spend some time with us, please speak to a member of staff.

Easy fundraising

We have recently signed up to the above site which is really easy to use and will raise funds for the Pre-School while you are shopping. Use the link below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/windmillpre-schoolbrill/>

Tesco

We came second place in the Tesco bags for help and were awarded a grant of £2000 for Forest School equipment. Thank you for supporting us with the blue tokens.

Tesco at Bicester have agreed to donate fruit for the children's snack.

Staffing

Aimee is confirmed as Room Leader for Class 1. After Christmas Olivia Davis will be joining Class 1 on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Jess Hill

will be covering Hannah's maternity leave on a Monday and Alina will be covering on a Thursday.

Hannah has now completed her KIT days and will return on Friday 23rd February 2018.

Sessions

Class 1 is full on Monday to Thursday, lunches are completely full all week for both classes. Class 2 has two spaces on a Wednesday 9-12 and one space on a Thursday 9-12. We still have spaces on Fridays 9-1pm and would open all day if we have enough interest.

Keeping in Touch

If anyone wants or needs to talk to any of the staff at Pre-School, we are always happy to arrange a face to face meeting or a telephone appointment that will fit around your other commitments.

Policy of the month

Please find attached to this email our Safety Policy for your information.

Postbox

We have a postbox in the Cloakroom for the children are welcome to post Christmas cards here.

Wanted

Old DVD's or CD's
Cable reels, pallets
Baskets,
Metal bowls, jugs, teapots, kitchen utensils

CLASS NEWS

Class 1 have been going to Forest School. We have explored the great outdoors, dug holes, searched for bugs and played in the mud kitchen.

We have explored the colours yellow and blue this term and will revisit the prime colours during the next term.

The children have shown a particular interest in block play, creating houses and castles with pathways along them.

Class 2 have a Christmas themed home corner including decorations that they have made.

We have built wonderful creations with the wooden blocks, including a sleigh.

At Forest School we have made bird feeders, painted stones and decorated the trees!