

WINDMILL PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

December 2021



Welcome to this month's newsletter.

Food Allergies

Please can we remind you not to send any food stuffs containing nuts for your child's lunch and also no hummus, sesame or avocados as we have children with allergies to all of these items. No chocolate please.

End of term

Please note that we close for Christmas on Friday 17th December at midday. We will be sending home all belongings including wellies. We reopen on Wednesday 5th January.

Covid -19

If your child is displaying any of the three main symptoms of Covid-19 they will be required to take a PCR test or remain absent from Pre-School for 10 days after the onset of the symptoms. A LFD is not sufficient if your child is exhibiting any symptoms of Covid19 and although there maybe another reason for them displaying one of the three main symptoms, we will still ask you to collect them. LFD tests are used routinely by school staff and secondary school aged children to monitor asymptomatic cases (where no symptoms are evident). However, if your child is showing any of the symptoms listed below, **even if only mild**, they should isolate and go straight for a PCR test. A negative result using an LFD device is not enough to allow them to attend Pre-School after showing any of the Covid-19 symptoms.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).

Term Dates 2021/2022

Friday 17th December – close at midday

Inset day – Tuesday 4th January – Pupils return
Wednesday 5th January

Half term Monday 21st-25th February

Friday 1st April – close at midday – different to school

Easter break Monday 4th – Friday 22nd April

Inset day Monday 25th April – pupils return Tuesday 26th April

Half term Monday 30th May- Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June –
Wednesday 20th July – finish at midday

Other diary dates

Christmas Songs –
Thursday 16th December

- *a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).*
- *a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.*

Staffing

Aimee will not be returning to Pre-School this term but we will let you know her baby news!

Management Committee

Windmill Pre-School is a registered charity and we are run with a voluntary Management Committee.

Chair - Bryony Smith

Treasurer - Lisa Lambert

Secretary - Laura Craig

Clothes

Please ensure your child has warm clothing and is wearing layers, especially for Forest School days. The children spend a lot of time outdoors in all weathers so they need a warm coat, waterproofs, wellies and hat, scarf and gloves - named please!

Forest School

Class 2 will be changing Forest School days to Wednesdays and Fridays after Christmas. Class 1 will not be going to Forest School straightaway but will give their new children a chance to settle in first.

Christmas Trees!

Thank you to the Committee for their hard work over the weekend delivering and supplying Christmas trees. Also thanks to everyone who purchased one. Thanks also to Lizzy Smith who made some decorations.

Christmas Photographs

An email with the link for the photos has been sent out - please check your mail.

Christmas Songs

The Christmas Songs will be on **Thursday 16th December - Class 1 - 9.15am and Class 2 - 9.45am.** Please remember only one family member to attend and

no siblings. School have kindly allowed us to use the hall this year and we are following their rules re: restricting audience numbers. All adults attending are required to wear a face mask and we ask that you carry out a LFT before attending. Please come through our garden gates to access the school, and use the back entrance to the school hall. **Please do not try and enter via the main door.** If you are bringing your child in for the songs please come here for 9.00am.

You are allowed to take photos and videos of the performance but we ask that you do not post any images containing other children.

Parent Consultations

After the Christmas break we will be sending out information to book a short parent consultation with your child's key person.

Parent/carer Facebook page

If you would like to join our closed Facebook page, please send a request via the following link.

[Windmill Pre School parents and carers | Facebook](#)

Wanted

Can you donate any of the following items?

- Tissues
- Hand wash

Internet Safety

Please see the link below to help you with internet safety for younger children.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/#issues>

Safeguarding

[Report a concern](#)

If you are worried about a child it's important to raise your concerns.

If you think that a child you know is in immediate danger, **call the Police straight away 999.**

[First Response Team](#)

You can raise any concerns with the First Response Team. Buckinghamshire Children's Services have a team that are there to help you. You can also discuss any concerns by contacting First Response.

Telephone: 01296 383 962, Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5.30pm or Friday 9am to 5pm

For more information and advice please click on the link below.

<https://www.buckssafeguarding.org.uk/childrenpartnership/parent-and-carers/>