

# WINDMILL PRE-SCHOOL NEWS



## March 2019

### Clothing and lost property

Just to remind you that your child must have a suitable coat, wellies, and if possible, their own waterproofs to wear here. The children go out in all weathers and they need to be protected from the elements! They will also need a hat and gloves. Please ensure all the above are **named**.

Please check it if you think you have lost something as our normal policy is to donate lost property to charity at the end of half term. We now have a clothes line near the front door to display lost property on!

Please remember that we will go outside every day regardless of the weather. Being outside is very important for children's development, health and wellbeing.

We currently have a shortage of socks! Some of our spares have gone home but not returned. If you have any Pre-School socks please return them.

### Windmill Pre-School Disco!

Tickets are now on sale for this fundraising event. Please do support the Pre-School and join us on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, friends and family welcome. We are hoping to raise money to update Class 1's garden.

### Sessions in September 2019

A reminder from last month's newsletter, that sessions for September are already very limited, particularly Class 2 so if you want to change/increase any sessions please let us know **ASAP**. In order to offer more sessions we will be continuing with Friday afternoons in September.

### Term Dates

Closed for Easter break  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at **12 noon**

Return to Pre-School  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Closed for Bank  
Holiday Monday  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May-  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May closed  
for half term

Closed for Summer  
break Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
at 12 noon

### Other important dates

Red Nose Day – Friday  
15<sup>th</sup> March

Art on the Hill -  
Saturday & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
& 24<sup>th</sup> March

80's, 90's and 00's  
Disco – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Annual General  
Meeting - Wednesday  
15<sup>th</sup> May

### **Survey Monkey Questionnaire results**

We have had a total of 14 responses to our communication survey on survey monkey, the findings from this will be attached to this email. Some of the suggestions included; a blog, more face to face communication, add both parents to the email list, electronic learning journey's, WhatsApp groups, more coffee mornings, regular survey's, a suggestions board and telephone consultations. We are very grateful for all of the suggestions and will be implementing some over the coming weeks.

### **World book day**

Thank you for all the donations for world book day. We have raised £52 to put towards some new books for Pre-School.

### **Visit from the PCSO**

Class 2 had a visit from our local Police Community Support Officer this week and the children were able to go out and view the Police Car! The children really enjoyed this and we would like to hear from anyone else who could come in and meet the children to share skills, hobbies, pets, jobs or languages.

### **Staffing**

As you are all aware, Tracey will be leaving us at the end of this month. Tracey is a much loved and valued member of the team. We will be very sad to say goodbye to Tracey but wish her well for the future.

After Easter Stephanie will be moving from Class 2 into Class 1 and will take over Tracey's key children. Caroline and Claire will take on Stephanie's key children and continue in Class 2 with support from the rest of the staff team.

### **Recent Staff Training**

Over the last month the staff team have continued training. This included; Danielle and Jess completing an online safeguarding course and attending safeguarding for all training.

Claire, Aimee and Alina attended the book launch of 'A Sense of place'.

Aimee completed leading behavior management and is in the process of updating the behaviour policy. She also attended a Forest School session with Brill school and a course on Identifying Speech and Language Needs and Developing Targets

Claire completed the final part of the woodwork training with Pete Moorhouse.

Alina attended Loose parts for play and enabling environments training.

Caroline attended Developing Good Autism Practice

## **Annual General Meeting**

As a charitable organisation with a voluntary management committee, we have an AGM every year during May to receive the annual accounts and review the past year. This will be held on the evening of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May and we would really like you to attend. It's a good opportunity to meet with other parents and hear about future plans for the Pre-School. More information will be available nearer the time.

## **Class News**

### **Class 1**

The children have spent lots of time exploring the wooden blocks, they have created trains, aeroplanes and a robot and much more! They have been developing their imaginative skills by junk modelling with various resources. The playdough has been of continued interest and we have provided the ingredients for them to make their own playdough.

### **Class 2**

The children have been using the woodwork station to create master pieces. We have been making potions and the children have posted their own postcards home! Please remember to put your child's home school diary into the basket and we will put it back into your child's tray when we have written in it.

## **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)

## **Lunches**

Can we please remind you of our food and drink policy. We request that grapes, tomatoes and olives are cut in half to avoid choking. No nuts or peanut butter or chocolate or sweets.

## **Class 2 Garden**

Progress on the garden since the last newsletter include the addition of the new sandpit.

## **Summer Playscheme**

We will be operating a Summer Playscheme for two weeks from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August. If you would like some more information, we can add your name onto our Playscheme email list. The staff team are currently finalising plans!

**Policy of the month**

This month's policy is the new *Mental health and Wellbeing* policy and is attached to the covering email.