

# WINDMILL PRE-SCHOOL NEWS



## March 2018

### World Book Day

We raised over £35 and have already bought some new books for Pre-School including: The Highway Rat, The Family Book, Spring, Pip and Posy, The Little Puddle, I Could Be You, You Could Be PB, The Dot, Not A Stick, You Can't take an Elephant on the Bus and There is No Dragon in this Story!

Thank you so much for your generosity.

### Parent Information Evening

We are holding a Parent Information Evening on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 6.30pm. This is an opportunity for you to find out how your child learns and the teaching of phonics and numeracy. If you would like to attend please email us or let a member of staff now as it would be helpful to know numbers for this event.

### Visitors to Pre-School

So far we have had several visits this term - see Class 2 news. If you would like to visit either class you are very welcome, please speak to a member of staff or email us.

### Lost property

We seem to accumulate lost property every week especially clothing. Please check the green box by the front door if you have lost anything. Please ensure that you label clothing so that we can return it to you.

### Term dates

Break up for Easter on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at **12 noon**

Return from Easter break Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

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**

## **Fruit**

Tesco continue to donate the children's fruit for snack, on occasion we have surplus and will leave them by the front door for you to help yourselves.

## **Woodworking Bench**

Class 2 has a new woodwork station which the children have loved using and we are in need of donations of softwood and tools.

## **Policy of the Month**

The policy this month is Food and Drink, it is attached to this email for your information.

## **Cake Sale**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm

### **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.

## **Staffing**

We continue to need staff to cover training and/or sickness and lunch cover. Please let us know if you are interested in this.

## **Art on the Hill - Stay and Play**

In association with Art on the Hill we will be opening the Pre-School for one hour sessions between 10am and 3pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March. They will be available to children from 2-5 years. More information on the following link [www.brillart.org/booking.html](http://www.brillart.org/booking.html)

## **Fundraising**

We are currently planning a sponsored event in the Summer term. More details to follow.

## **Class 1**

Our "Family Display is up. Thank you to those families who have bought a photograph. If you have not brought one in yet we would ask if you can so it can be displayed.

We made "Flubber" which the children explored and this interest has continued. They have used scissors with flubber to develop their cutting skills, the texture allows for small snips which provides the children with an achievement in cutting.

We have introduced the children to "Bonjour" and "Hola" at circle time and are encouraging the children to have a go at greeting each other.

## **Class 2**

The children have been using the woodwork station using real tools. We have had a visit from the police and we went outside to see their truck. It was very loud when the siren was on. We've also had a visit from two therapy dogs, Harry and Lily and we had a go at brushing them.

We've also had a parent in to give us a taste of Spanish, including dancing! Another parent visited to talk about clay pigeon shooting.