

WINDMILL PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

October 2020



Welcome to this month's newsletter.

Covid-19

We continue to work within the guidelines required for Early Years settings and have adapted some of our usual procedures to comply with what is now required to ensure we can be open for all our pupils. We hope that you feel assured that your child is in a safe environment and we will do all that we can to maintain that situation.

Tapestry

The majority of parents are using Tapestry but if you haven't received your log in please let us know. You can download the app for ease of use. Please feel free to add comments to observations and also add your own observations. If there is a box that states "no refinement" this is not a cause for concern. The staff member has not added this to the observation and it does not relate to your child's abilities or progress. We will be adding more information to Tapestry over the coming weeks and aim for this to be our central point of information.

Sessions

We currently have availability for every afternoon session, please let Rebecca know if you would like to increase your child's sessions. We also have some limited space available for additional morning sessions, please contact Rebecca to discuss.

Staffing Update

We have recruited a new member of staff to join us shortly in Class 1.

Term Dates

Term dates for 2020/2021

Half term

Monday 26th October -
Friday 30th October

Close for Christmas

Friday 18th December 12
noon

*Open for Spring term

Wednesday 6th January

Half term

Monday 15th February -
Friday 19th February

Close for Easter

Thursday 1st April

*Closed for Inset day

Monday 19th April

*Open for Summer term

Tuesday 20th April

Half term

Monday 31st May - Friday
4th June

Close for Summer

Friday 16th July 12 noon

Clothing!

Please name your child's clothing, it will help us identify what belongs to who, so it will get back to you quickly! Also can we remind you to send a pair of named wellies and a set of waterproofs. If your child borrows a set of our waterproofs we will send them home to be washed. They also needs a named hat and gloves!

Forest School

Now that we are well and truly into Autumn, can you please make sure your child is dressed for being outside for the morning session. As well as a coat they need a hat and gloves!

Lunches

We are a no **nut** setting, we currently have a child with a nut allergy. Also please do not send **hummus** or anything containing **sesame seeds** as we also have a child who is allergic.

Fundraising

Please help us to raise much needed funds for the Pre-School.

We desperately need volunteers to form a fundraising Committee and we need ideas and support to help us raise money during a time when we cannot hold our usual events. Please consider helping us!

Below are some of the ways you can help:

- Easy fundraising: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/windmillpre-schoolbrill/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e2
- Amazon Smile
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/homepage?orig=Lw==>
- Buying items from our Amazon Wish list
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/igBJTAz?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_dp_oSELAWMIUslMM
- **Yellow Moon:** If you shop for arts, crafts and gifts with **Yellow Moon** you could earn Windmill Pre-school cash-back, for up to 20% of your purchases. Simply enter our unique source code: SWI1029 during checkout.
<http://www.yellowmoon.org.uk>
- Throughout the year by donating our "staple items" eg flour, wipes, pasta etc

Christmas Trees

A number of you will know that we would normally have a Christmas Fayre at the beginning of December when pre-ordered Trees can be collected. We can't hold the fayre this year but are still going to be selling Christmas trees which can be pre-ordered and selected on Saturday 5th December 2020. The link to order a tree is here: <https://forms.gle/zMxpJ6jiXDn6ZFBm6>

There will be three sizes, Small 5-6ft £35, Medium 6-7ft £45 and Large 7ft+ £50. You can also arrange for it to be delivered for an additional £5. Our trees have always been popular and are good quality.