

WINDMILL PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

February 2024

Welcome to this month's newsletter.

Please note that we close at **Midday** on Thursday 28th March for the Easter break.

The team

We are occasionally asked who is who in Pre-School. The information can be found in the cloakroom and on our website.

Claire - Manager and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Aimee - Deputy Manager and Class 1 room leader

Alina - Deputy Manager, Class 2 room leader and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Donna - Office Manager

Emma - SENCO

Chloe - Eco Committee chair and Breakfast Club lead

Jess, Janice, Julie, Caroline and Ella - Early Years Practitioners.

We also have a voluntary management committee

Bryony Smith - Chair and Designated Safeguarding lead

Mimi De Paiva-Kynch - Deputy Chair

Tom Dean - secretary

Suzanne Jones - Treasurer

Lizzy Smith and Adam Krol - Fundraising

Sarah Curtis, Mark Harnett and Caroline Woodman - Trustees

If you would like to join our management committee, please email Claire at manager@brillpreschool.co.uk



Term Dates 2023/2024

Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb
Half Term

Mon 19th Feb - Thurs 28th Mar
Spring Term - Midday Finish

Fri 29th Mar - Fri 12th April
Easter Holidays

Tues 16th April - Fri 24th May
Summer Term

Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May
Half Term

Mon 3rd June - Fri 19th July
Summer Term - Midday Finish

Communication week

Communication Week, will take place from Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March 2024, and will host various events across the county to promote the values of 'Engage with Chat: Explore with Play: Read together' with young children and babies.

Pre-School will participate in communication week, a programme of activities will be sent out soon.

World book day

7th March is world book day. Children can come to Pre-School dressed as their favourite character. We will be handing out book tokens

Safer internet day

This took place on 6th February. Please use the link below for information on the internet and how to ensure children use it safely.

https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers?dm_i=5438,YTRH,5L937U,3YWEU,1

Children's Mental health week

5th - 11th February. Here is a link to a collection of short films that explore feelings and emotions. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/pshe-early-years-foundation-stage-ks1-feeling-better/zm2st39>

Maths Champions

Claire and Chloe are currently working towards becoming maths champions. This programme will increase practitioner knowledge, awareness and confidence in supporting early mathematics in order to improve outcomes for children. The research linked to Maths Champions and the benefits for children can be found here <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/projects/maths-champions>

Reporting child's absence

Please do let us know if your child is not going to be in Pre-School. If you are emailing, please use office@brillpreschool.co.uk. The managers email can only be accessed by Claire and she is in the classroom every day.

2 year old funding

If you think you are eligible for the new 15 hour 2 year old funding, please contact Donna at office@brillpreschool.co.uk

September 2024

Some sessions are already proving very popular for next academic year. If you would like to increase your child's sessions for September 2024, please email Donna at office@brillpreschool.co.uk to request a space.

Food allergies/lunch

Please can we remind you not to send any food stuffs containing nuts for your child's lunch. We currently have a child with an allergy to eggs, **please do not include any eggs in your child's lunch**. No chocolate or sweets please.

Would you like to spend some time in the Pre-School?

We love to have visitors to the Pre-School. Maybe you or any family member would like to come in to read a story, share a skill, do some baking with the children or just come and spend an hour with us. Please do speak to the room leaders for more information.

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](#)

Wish tree and Amazon wish list

Thank you for all the kind donations from our wish tree by the front door and our Amazon list. We have added more items to the Amazon list

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2WEI95KG2RYI9?ref=wl_share

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/>