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**The Windmill Community Nursery**

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**Newsletter**

Wednesday 1st November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Although this is our longest term, it should also be an exciting term with lots planned. The Nursery enjoyed a ‘Spooky Tuesday’ yesterday. On Friday, the MLSA are holding their annual fireworks night so don’t forget to purchase your tickets. We will also have a range of festive activities to end the term. All events are included in the ‘dates for your diary’ at the end of this newsletter.

**Behaviour Management at Mill Lane**

At Mill Lane, we want to make it clear how we deal with different types of behaviour throughout the school, how we will support children and what the consequences are for different types of behaviour. I have attached the PowerPoint that we showed, and discussed, with the children during assemblies this week. As a staff we have put a lot of consideration into this, but we wanted to ensure that all staff, children and families were aware of our expectations regarding behaviour and the consequences for disrupting their own and others’ learning. As a school, we want to make it clear that we will not accept any physical violence aimed towards staff and children.

**Anti-Bullying Week**

There is a national anti-bullying week planned for the week beginning 13th November. The theme for the week is ‘Make a Noise’. During this week and throughout the term we will be focusing on highlighting to the children what constitutes bullying, what to do if you are being bullied and how the school will deal with bullying. In addition, there will also be a focus on cyber bullying and keeping cyber safe. We will also continue to send out the monthly guidance to parents on how they can keep children safe when they are online. This month’s one accompanies this newsletter. It is really important to monitor your child’s use of ICT and to be aware of what games they are playing and what they are watching. The advice is to always have children in a room with you whilst they are online or using the computer.

**Parent Consultations**

The first parents evening will be on Monday 13th November between 3.30pm to 5.30pm and also on Wednesday 15th November 5pm to 8pm. It is an opportunity to catch up on the progress your child / children are making as well as suggest ways you can support them at home. Each appointment is 10 minutes long and teachers do try to keep to their schedules as much as possible. If you have already met with the class teacher to review their pupil profile, then you do not need to make an appointment for Wednesday. Reception and Nursery appointments will start at 3pm as they finish earlier.

**Children in Need**

This year Children in Need is on Friday 17th November and we will be holding a mufti day where for a £1 donation the children can come in mufti. The children have to come in something ‘Spotacular’.

**School Photographs**

This year the school photographer will be in on Tuesday 21st November. On this day the photographer will be taking individual children’s photos as well as sibling groups. Due to very few people buying class photographs over the last few years, the photographer will only be taking class photos for F1 and Year 6. At 8.30am we start by taking photographs of sibling groups where there are very young children who do not come to Mill Lane or the Windmill Nursery. After this we take individual photographs and then sibling groups (which includes Nursery children).

**Choir**

This is a reminder that the KS2 choir is on a Thursday after school. Choir will take place in the music room in the outside huts. The children are preparing for their performance at the O2 on Tuesday 30th January. A letter has been sent regarding the cost of the coach. It is really important that you indicate as soon as possible the number of seats you require for the coach, even if you do not pay for those seats at this moment in time. The choir will also be singing at the Village Centre Xmas market at 11am on Saturday 25th November whilst the Year 3 & 4 children will be performing at the Thame Festival of Christmas music on Wednesday 6th December.

**Christmas at Mill Lane**

All classes will be putting on some form of Christmas entertainment for your enjoyment. The Nursery performance will be at 9.30am on Wednesday 13th December when they will also have their Christmas party. The Reception Class performance will be at 2pm on Tuesday 12th December. The KS1 performance will be on Wednesday 13th December at 2pm and the KS2 performance will be on Thursday 14th December at 2pm. We hope to see lots of you at these performances.

The MLSA will be holding their Christmas Bazaar on Friday 1st December. The school Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 19th December. Children can come in Christmas outfits on this day. On Friday 15th December the children from Reception to Year 6 will be visiting the pantomime. This year we have decided to go to the pantomime at Wycombe which is Beauty and the Beast. More information will come out shortly.

The last day of term is Wednesday 20th December. We will have a family assembly at 1pm which you are welcome to come along to. School will close at 1.30pm and there will be no after school club on this day.

**Dates for your diary:**

Friday 3rd November: 6pm Gates open for Fireworks night

Wednesday 8th November: 10am Year 6 online safety talk with police

Monday 13th November: Start of anti-bullying week

Monday 13th November: PC Ben talk with Year 1 & Year 3

Monday 13th November: 3.30pm – 5.30pm Parent consultations

Tuesday 14th November: Year 5 & 6 Ancient Greece workshops

Wednesday 15th November: 5pm - 8pm Parent consultations

Friday 17th November: Children in Need mufti day – wear something spotacular

Tuesday 21st November: School photos

Saturday 25th November: 11am choir singing at Village Centre

Friday 1st December: 6pm MLSA Christmas Bazaar

Sunday 3rd December: Year 3 & 4 rehearsal for Thame Festival of Christmas Music

Wednesday 6th December: 7pm Year 3 & 4 perform at Thame Festival of Christmas Music

Monday 11th December: 10am Reception Christmas performance dress rehearsal

Monday 11th December: 11am choir singing at Forget Me Knot club

Tuesday 12th December: 10am KS1 dress rehearsal

Tuesday 12th December: 2pm Reception Class performance

Wednesday 13th December: Christingle workshops

Wednesday 13th December: 9.30am Nursery Xmas performance

Wednesday 13th December: 2pm KS1 performance

Tuesday 14th December: 2pm KS2 performance

Friday 15th December: 12pm Visit to Panto

Tuesday 19th December: School Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day

Wednesday 20th December: Last day of term. Family Christmas celebration 1pm. School closes 1.30pm. No after school club.

More information about each of the events will be sent nearer the time but we look forward to seeing you during the term.

**Term Dates 2024 to 2025**

**Term 1:** Wednesday 4th September 2024 to Friday 25th October 2024

INSET Day Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September, Friday 4th October

**Term 2:** Monday 4th November 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024 (1.30pm finish)

**Term 3:** Tuesday 7th January 2025 to Friday 14th February 2025

 INSET Day Monday 6th January

**Term 4:** Monday 24th February 2024 to Friday 4th April (1.30pm finish)

**Term 5:** Tuesday 22nd April 2025 to Friday 23rd May 2025

Bank Holiday 5th May 2025

**Term 6:** Tuesday 3rd June 2025 to Tuesday 22nd July 2025 (1.30pm finish)

INSET Day Monday 2nd June

Yours sincerely,

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