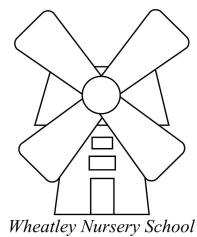


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Autumn Term November 2019



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## Dates for diary:

Parents Evening: Tuesday 3rd December 3.30-6.00pm

Christmas plays:

Thursday 12th December @10.30am

Friday 13th December @1.30pm

Thursday 19th December Nursery Christmas party.

Everyone welcome. More information to follow.

End of Term: Thursday 19th December @12pm No afternoon session

Start of term: Tuesday 7th January

## Tombola

We are holding a Tombola on Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December at pick up times. 3 tickets for £1.00. To make it a great success we are asking for donations of small gifts and stocking fillers. Please see the nursery staff for donations and tickets.

## Pick up times

Please ensure that you are prompt at 12pm and 3pm. If you are unavoidably delayed please go to reception as the gate is shut at 12.05 and 3.10pm for security reasons. Please ensure children are collected by a named adult.

**Home Learning Environment:** The Dept for Education has launched a #HungryLittleMinds campaign on social media to share ideas and raise parents' awareness of the importance of their role in supporting their children's early learning.

**Singing and using rhymes** are great ways for parents and carers to share and explore language with their babies and young children. Research shows that from birth babies are ready and able to communicate with and mimic other people. Singing together supports this. Becoming familiar with the sounds and rhymes in songs' words and phrases is an important part of language development and (later) of learning to read.

Research shows that where parents/carers use sustained voice- play or the measured structure of a song or rhythmic chant, the baby will often be attentive and engaged, listening with more alert concentration than to the spoken word. Singing and chanting songs and rhymes can draw people together as well as encouraging them to be expressive, autonomous individuals. Letting children choose songs to sing helps to build positive self-esteem.

Music underpins all of the Learning Together Programme strands and is embedded throughout. The Learning Together Programme suggests using songs repeatedly as well as

## Little Windmills News



We have enjoyed playing 'What's in the box?' We clap our hands and ask "what's in the box?" look what we have discovered inside...'conkers, a pine cone, a leaf, a fox and a squirrel'



We used tweezers to pick up conkers, then rolled the in paint to create patterns. It was great fun and very messy!!



We enjoyed making salt dough hedgehogs. We have been developing our fine motor skills by snapping and picking up small lengths of spaghetti to use as hedgehog spikes. We talked about how hedgehogs roll themselves into a spikey ball to protect themselves.



introducing new ones. Please follow Wheatley Nursery School on Facebook for regular ideas of activities!

**School Funds**

We ask parents for a **donation of £5 per term**. Thank you to those who have donated so far. The donations help towards activities such as cooking and sensory resources to enhance your child's learning. We will ask for donations via ParentMail.

**Snack Time Donations:** Please could we ask you to bring in healthy snacks for all to share. We love homemade items, or your child's favourite snack. We are eating our own harvest at the moment.

Ideas below

- Seasonal fruit or vegetables
- Rice cakes, bread sticks, cheese straws
- Regional or family favourites



Young children can develop a nut allergy at any time, so please ensure you do not send in anything containing nuts into school

**Windmills Wraparound Care:**

Joanne runs Windmills wraparound, so please do contact her via [windmillswraparound@johnwatsonschool.org](mailto:windmillswraparound@johnwatsonschool.org) if you want any more information or to book sessions. Our current offer is

- Breakfast Club
- Afterschool Club and
- Holiday Club.

Sessions are very relaxed and friendly, with different activities.



This term the children will be making decorations, dressing up as our favourite characters, role play, baking foods to keep us warm and getting into a festive mood with our christmas songs and dancing.

**Windmills Wraparound:**

Provision	Session Times	Cost
Nursery School 3-5 yr olds	9:00 - 12:00, 12:00 - 15:00	£14.00
Little Windmills 2 Yr olds	9:00 - 12:00, 12:00 - 15:00	£15.00
Breakfast Club 2-5 yr olds	8:00 - 9:00	£5.00
After School Club	15:00 - 18:00	£11.00

**Wheatley Nursery News**

The children have been busy tidying up the leaves in the garden.



They have been using rakes to sweep the leaves and wheelbarrows to transport them to the compost heap. We have also had lots of fun playing in the leaves.





3-5 yr old		
After School Club 2 yr olds	15:00 - 18:00	£13.00
<b>Extra Ad Hoc sessions</b>	<b>As above</b>	<b>As above +£2.00</b>

Children can regular extra sessions or occasionally attend ad hoc sessions, with an admin fee of an extra £2.00 per session. If you would like your child to attend an ad hoc session please speak to Anna or Emma in the office, who will check availability. We ask for payment in advance for these sessions.

#### Themes

The themes this term are:

Seasonal Changes

Winter

Christmas

#### Clothing :

Now the weather has turned colder please remember to bring in a named coat, hat and gloves. If children come into the nursery with wellies they need a pair of indoor shoes to wear as well as boots can get very muddy in the garden.

**No Mobile Phones Policy:** Please could we remind all parents and visitors that mobile phones must not be used while on school premises. This is a statutory regulation which we are legally obliged to enforce.



**Sickness reminder:** To prevent the spread of illness children should not come back to Nursery/School until 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. More information can also be found on the NHS Choices website and on the Oxfordshire County Council website

#### Meet the Staff at Wheatley Nursery School

**Head Teacher** - Stephen Passey

#### Co Deputy Head Teachers

Debbie Ball

Suzanne Woodward

**Teacher** - Judy Whittingham

#### Early Years Support Workers

Laura Ashmore

Beth Ind

Louise Noble (Little Windmills)

Anna Brand (Little Windmills)

#### Teaching Assistants

Sharon Butterfield

Lisa Matthews

Moya Brook

Joanne Nelms (Little Windmills)

**Music Teacher** - Rachel Cave

**Administrator** - Anna Harries

We have been working on our counting skills, carefully using 1-1 correspondence to count accurately. The children have enjoyed counting cheerios into Numicon shapes to find out which number each Numicon shape represents.



**Wheatley Nursery School Website:** For parents who wish to visit our website it is [www.wheatleynurseryschool.org](http://www.wheatleynurseryschool.org) Please take a look at our updated photo gallery which is under the *News and Events* tab.

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