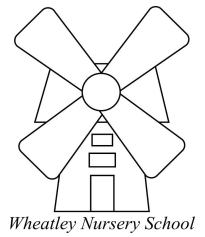


Wheatley Nursery School

Spring Term January 2018



Upcoming Dates:

February: 8th Nursery Cake Sale at 2.30pm
 9th End of Term
 20th Start of Term

March: 1st World Book Day

Interesting and Unusual: Our environment is looking much better it is more flexible and responsive allowing children to maintain their learning in different places. There are also more nooks for small groups to have quiet spaces for sustained concentration. We would like to further improve by developing a collection of "Interesting and Unusual" objects. This collection can be anything that stimulates interest and conversations. A pretty collection of spoons, an old item that looks very different today, anything metal, something unusual in size such as a very small pan. If you or members of your family (grandparents can be a really rich source here!) have anything that is safe that you could donate for our collection, please send it in for the attention of Sue or Debbie. Items that can add interest to the sand and water would be particularly good. We hope to build on this and incorporate these items into our planning next term.

We say No to Nuts: Please can we remind parents/carers that we operate a *No Nuts Policy* at our schools. Please could you help us by making sure that children do not come in with products containing nuts or nut oils.



Extra Sessions: Children can attend ad hoc extra morning or afternoon sessions for a fee of £16 per session for Nursery School or £17 for Little Windmills. Breakfast Club is also available at £6 per session.

If you would like your child to attend an ad hoc session please speak to the office, who will check availability. We ask for payment in advance for these sessions.

Late arrivals: We understand sometimes arriving late is unavoidable. Once the green gates have been locked, please go to reception.

Medicines: If your child needs medicine, please discuss this with nursery staff so we can advise you of our requirements. Please do not send any medication into nursery in your child's bag.

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.



Drinks and Cutlery in Lunch Boxes: Please could all pupils, with food needing cutlery (eg yoghurt, jelly,

Our Theme this Term is *Out and About*

We are exploring Wheatley and our immediate environment. We will be visiting some shops in Wheatley over the next few weeks.

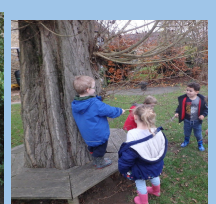
The children will be learning about road safety and people who help us.

Nursery News: Nursery has benefited from a grand scale declutter and make over! We have got some wonderful new furniture and resources that the children are enjoying using. We made the furniture boxes into a cardboard kingdom castle which the children have loved playing inside.

Contractors: The children have watched the contractors with lots of interest and their play has been greatly enhanced by all the action. They enjoyed dressing up in the high vis jackets and hard hats and playing with the small world diggers and sand in the tuff spot. Some children developed these ideas in the sandpit, pretending to be builders, mixing cement, digging holes and constructing walls. We noticed that the men all had high visibility jackets and the children were keen to wear these too.



Welly Wednesdays: The children have been having lots of fun on our welly wednesday afternoons and we have been busy painting with mud, going on winter treasure hunts and enjoying some extreme weather.



pasta) bring it with them in their packed lunch. Could they also be provided with a drink to have with their lunch.

Snack Time Donations: Please could we ask you to bring in healthy snacks for all to share. Some suggestions below:

Fruit and Dried Fruit

Breadsticks / Crackers

Vegetables - Carrots/cucumber/tomatoes

Malt Loaf / Fruit Bread

Bread and Cereals



Do you have an interesting occupation? We are looking for ways to enrich our curriculum. We welcome people with different careers into school to talk to the children. Please get in touch if you think you could help.

Parking Reminder: Due to the lack of onsite parking please could we ask that parents do not enter the pick up/drop off areas at the beginning and end of the day unless you have a blue badge. We also ask that at lunch times you do not park behind staff cars or park on the yellow hatched area.

Wheatley Nursery School Website: For parents who wish to visit our website it is www.wheatleynurseryschool.org. Please take a look at our policies under the *Governance* tab.

Nursery Cake Sale: We are having a cake sale on Thursday 8th February at 2.30pm. Please help us by making or bringing in cakes for the children to sell. All parents and carers are welcome to come from 2.30pm.

World Book Day: Staff, Children and Parents/Carers are welcome to wear pyjamas and join us in nursery for story's at 9-9.30am or 2.30-3pm on Thursday 1st March.

Nursery Activity Funds: We are asking all Parent/carers for a donation of £5 per term. This will help towards the costs of activities such as cooking and sensory resources to enhance your Child's learning. Please could you pass your donations onto a member of staff. Thank you to those who have already donated.

Have you seen our new workshop trolley? We are collecting a selection of bits and pieces to keep it topped up and inviting! We would really appreciate your help with this...

We are looking for:

Boxes e.g. tissue, cereal, toothpaste, eggs, chocolates etc.

Little Boxes e.g. raisins, herbs, stock cubes, soap etc

Lids e.g. milk, margarine, jam jars etc

Tubes e.g. kitchen roll, crisps, breadsticks etc (No toilet rolls please)

Trays e.g. fruit and veg, inside packaging from boxes of chocolate biscuit selections etc

Sweet wrappers

Fabric scraps

Plastic bottles

Foil pie cases

Other interesting bits and pieces

Please could all donations be cleaned before they are brought in to us. Many Thanks

Little Windmills News: We enjoyed reading the story of 'The Gingerbread man'. We remembered parts of the story "run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man". We made our own gingerbread men, they were yummy!



We have enjoyed the story of 'whatever next'. We decided to have our own teddy bears picnic on the moon! We invited our special teddies from home to join us for cakes which we made ourselves.



Naps: If your child needs a nap during their day, could you please supply an under sheet for their sleep mattress and a light blanket to be left in a bag on their peg.

Meet the Staff at Wheatley Nursery School

Head Teacher - Stephen Passey

Deputy Head Teachers

Debbie Ball

Suzanne Woodward

Teacher - Judy Whittingham

Teaching Role - Sharon Bond

Early Years Support Workers

Laura Ashmore

Emily Allen

Louise Noble (Little Windmills)

Anna Brand (Little Windmills)

Teaching Assistants

Sharon Butterfield

Lisa Matthews

Joanne Nelms (Little Windmills)

Music Teacher - Rachel Cave

Administrator - Melanie Scully

Caretaker - Martin Scully

Wheatley Nursery School Provisions

Nursery School: 3-5 year olds

Little Windmills: 2-3 yr olds

Windmills Wraparound: Breakfast Club / Ad hoc sessions

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