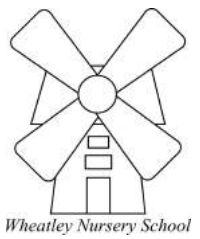


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# Wheatley Nursery School Newsletter

## September 2022



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### **Dates for diary**

Half term 24th - 28th October 2022

INSET DAY Monday 31st October 2022

### **Welcome**

It has been so lovely to welcome/ welcome you back to nursery school. Wheatley Nursery is a stand alone maintained nursery school. There are only 7 maintained nursery schools in Oxfordshire and we are very proud to be one of them. Being maintained means we have a headteacher, an early years teacher and we are led by a governing body. It is similar to being a Primary School but just for early years. All of the staff are experts in teaching early years children.

We have lots of exciting plans for the year ahead, with trips into the local area and community events. We would really love to get a group of parents together to come up with some fundraising ideas for the school. If you would be interested in getting involved or if you have some ideas then please let me know. You can either catch me on the gate on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday or email on [WNShead@johnwatsonschool.org](mailto:WNShead@johnwatsonschool.org).

We are aware that not being able to offer an after school provision at the moment is causing problems for some families. Last year the numbers in after school care made it financially unviable. We also had trouble recruiting for the posts. However, the governors and I are looking into ways that we could get it started again. If you know of anyone who would be interested in a post after school then please let us know.

We currently have spaces in the 3 and 4 year old provision. If you know anyone who is looking for a nursery place, do ask them to get in touch. Please spread the word.

I am really looking forward to working with you all this year.

Natalie  
Headteacher

### **Windmills Breakfast Club**

Breakfast care opens from 8am until nursery starts at 9am. The children have breakfast and then can play in the nursery. If you want any more information or to book sessions please email [wheatlynurseryschool@johnwatsonschool.org](mailto:wheatlynurseryschool@johnwatsonschool.org)

### **Nursery Update**

It is lovely to be back at Nursery after the long summer holiday and the children are having lots of fun exploring the environment and making new friends. Welcome to all our new starters too.



## Windmills Wraparound

| Provision                     | Session Times                  | Cost   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Nursery School<br>3-5 yr olds | 9:00 - 12:00,<br>12:00 - 15:00 | £16.00 |
| Little Windmills<br>2 Yr olds | 9:00 - 12:00,<br>12:00 - 15:00 | £17.00 |
| Breakfast Club<br>2-5 yr olds | 8:00 - 9:00                    | £5.00  |
| Extra session                 | Add £2.00                      |        |

## Snack Time

### Healthy snacks are the best!

This year we will be having a shared snack, we are asking parents and carers to bring in donations of fruit, vegetables, crackers etc to share with their key group, each week. The children will be helping to prepare the snack and will be pouring their own water and milk. This all helps with fine motor development, self regulation and independence. We ask parents to avoid sending in any foods containing **nuts or sesame seeds** in order to maintain a safe environment for children with allergies.

Please remember that small fruits such as grapes need cutting in order to avoid choking.

## Class Dojo and Tapestry

We use the class dojo app to communicate about the experiences your child/ren have had during the week. We also use it to give quick messages. Important information will be communicated through parentmail.

Tapestry is an online learning journey. Throughout your child's time at Wheatley Nursery School, your child's key person will be recording their wow moments, key shifts in their learning and any other relevant observations. These will be shared with you regularly and we really appreciate it if you could share any experiences they have had at home to form their learning journey. These observations will be the key ones as we expect the staff to be interacting with the children and scaffolding their learning not to be behind an iPad.

## Sickness reminder:

Children with sickness and diarrhoea should not come back to Nursery until 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. We have had a few cases of chickenpox recently - please ensure your child only returns to Nursery once all the spots have scabbed over, this takes at least 5 days.

We have been thinking about ourselves and our families this week and the children have been looking in the mirror before painting their self portraits. We looked carefully at the different colours we needed for our hair, eyes and skin.



It was very exciting to find that the sweetcorn we planted last term had grown tall with cobs of corn. The children were keen to try the sweetcorn- it tasted delicious. We will be digging for potatoes over the next few weeks too.



**Themes for this term are:**

- **Me, Myself and I**
- **My Family**
- **Vegetables are good to eat**
- **Harvest**
- **My body and looking after my teeth**
- **Seasonal changes**

**Staff at Wheatley Nursery School**

**Head Teacher** - Natalie Wilson

**School Business Manager:** Amy Wilkinson

**Teacher** - Judy Whittingham

**Special Educational Needs Coordinator-** Natalie Wilson

**Early Years Support Workers**

Laura Ashmore

Beth Ind

Anna Brand

Louise Noble (Little Windmills)

Joanne Nelms (Little Windmills)

**Teaching Assistants**

Sharon Butterfield

Lucy Sheldon -Moncur

Sharon Slatter

**Music Teacher** - Rachel Cave

**Administrator** - Anna Harries

**Wheatley Nursery School Website:**

[www.wheatleynurseryschool.org](http://www.wheatleynurseryschool.org).

Our Facebook Page is working well, please like us by searching Wheatley Nursery School.



**Little Windmills update**

Welcome back everyone, and a warm welcome to all our new starters!

We have been focusing on our special interests and our families.

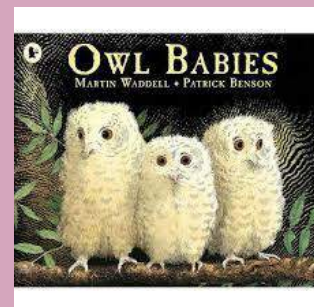
We have enjoyed sharing the book 'You choose a Fairytale' where the children have chosen their favourite things to create our own story.

We have introduced the story of 'The Gingerbread man' . The children have enjoyed helping to retell the story by rolling out the dough, and have taken turns to place the Gingerbread man onto the fox's nose before he eats him all up...snap, yum yum yum!!

We have also been busy cooking with apples and the children have enjoyed making and eating apple crumble and apple cake this week.



Our focus story is Owl Babies by Martin Waddell. We have used the story to talk about how it feels to say goodbye to our families as we come to nursery in the morning, but they always come back.. The characters are on the story shelf so that the children can engage in reenacting the story together.





We have even made our own Gingerbread men...the fox didn't gobble them up this time...we did!! They were delicious!





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