

# Windmill Pre-School Newsletter



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## SPRING TERM 2018

Happy New Year! The staff would like to thank parents for their generous Christmas gifts and cards. We hope that Santa brought you and yours all that you wished for! We would also like to offer a warm welcome to all our new starters joining us for the first time this term. We are so glad to have you with us at Windmill and we look forward to getting to know you all this year.

### WEATHER RHYMES FOR THIS HALF TERM:

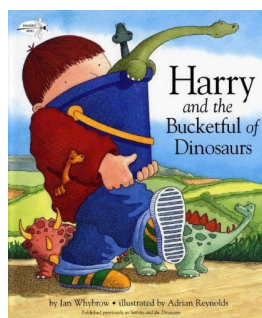
*January brings the snow, makes our feet & fingers glow.*

*February brings the rain, melts the frozen pond again.*

*March brings winds to blow your kite & rattle windows in  
the night*

### THEMES

Our theme for the first half of Spring term is **Exploring with Harry and the Dinosaurs**, based around the popular series of books. We will be getting messy exploring colour, shape and size and finding out about pre-historic worlds. The second half of term we will be learning about **Our Bodies**, using our senses and finding out how to keep fit and healthy.



We will also be taking time to celebrate Chinese New Year - the year of the dog, Shrove Tuesday, Valentine's Day, St Patrick's Day, Mothers Day and will end the term hopping about as Easter bunnies!

Our topics cover all areas of the EYFS curriculum with particular emphasis this term on Early Learning Goals for shape, space and measures; exploring media and materials and learning about people and communities.

Learning objectives are given in more detail on our weekly plans displayed in the playroom. If you would like any further information please do speak to your child's key person.



### PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE

If you are interested in joining our committee or for further information please contact our chair Ria Chisholm on:

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or contact us via our Facebook page

### TERM DATES

Spring term starts: Weds 3rd Jan 2018.

February half term is the week beginning Mon 12th Feb -Fri 16th

Return from half term: Mon 19th February

Term ends: Thurs 29th March

Summer term starts: Mon 16th April

## WEEKLY TOPICS THIS HALF TERM

**Week 1:** 03/01 orange/oval

**Week 4** 22/01 purple/square

**Week 2:** 08/01 yellow/circle

**Week 5** 29/01 blue/triangle

**Week 3** 15/01 red/diamond

**Week 6** 05/02 green/ rectangle

### CLOTHING

We aim to play outside on a daily basis whatever the weather so please send your child with appropriate outerwear. **Please ensure that your child's coat, hat, gloves and scarf are clearly named.**

If your child comes to pre-school in wellies or other boots, please send a change of shoes - this is for comfort, hygiene and safety.



### FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Last term was a very busy one for fundraising! After our success with Stripes for Stanley in October, we ran a **Sponsored Bounce** at the start of last half term which raised an incredible **£1074.30!** Thanks so much to all our wonderful Windmill families for supporting this event so generously, and to all our brilliant little bouncers for giving it so much welly!



Then, at the end of November we ran a **Coffee Morning at Flitwick Village Hall.** We were so impressed with all the donations of beautiful cakes and biscuits and all the items donated for our stall. We had a lot of fun serving tea and coffee with the help of our team of junior waitresses and we raised a brilliant **£222.55!** All funds raised go to support preschool events and resources, thanks again for all your support in 2017.

#### REGISTERING FOR SCHOOL PLACES

If your little one is due to start lower school in September 2018 you need to apply for a school place by **Monday 15th January.** This includes all children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014.

All the information about how to apply can be found online on the Central Bedfordshire Council website:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school/admissions/2018/starting-school/overview.aspx>

#### EASYFUNDRAISING

Do you shop online? Do it through **easyfundraising.org.uk** and raise a free donation for Windmill Pre School every time you shop!

Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/windmillpresch/> (there is also a link on our website and our Facebook page) to register. It's such an easy way to help us raise money and it costs you nothing!



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