

Windmill Pre-School Newsletter



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Welcome to the first addition of our Spring term Newsletter 2017

Christmas Thanks

The staff would like to thank parents for their Christmas gifts and cards and hope that Santa brought you and your family all that you wished for!

We would also like to welcome all the new children and their families starting this term.

Themes

Our theme for the first half of Spring term is based around the popular book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.

As the children learn the story and join in with repeated refrains they will be working towards early learning goals for communication and language and also for literacy.

The content of the story gives many opportunities for exploring other areas of learning e.g. personal, social and emotional development as we learn about the feelings the Bear evokes and also understanding the world as we explore the natural environment the story takes place in.

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.

For the second half of term our focus will be Nursery Rhymes. We will also be taking time to celebrate Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday, St Patrick's Day and Mothers Day and will end the term hopping about as Easter bunnies!

Topics:

Wk 1	4/1/17	Grass/Countryside	Green
Wk 2	9/1/17	Rivers/Water	Blue
Wk 3	16/1/17	Mud/Farms	Brown
Wk 4	23/1/17	Forest/Wildlife	Red
Wk 5	30/1/17	Snow/Cold	White
Wk 6	6/2/17	Caves	Grey



COMMITTEE

Anyone who is interested in joining our committee or for further information please contact Nataile Humphrey on

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Spring Term begins on Wednesday 4th January and ends on Tuesday 4th April 2017.

Pre school closes for the half term break on Friday 10th February and reopens on Monday 20th February 2017.

Please visit the Central Bedfordshire website for more information on term dates.

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Weather rhymes

January brings the snow, makes our feet and fingers glow.

February brings the rain, melts the frozen pond again.

March brings winds to blow your kite and rattle windows in the night.

Learning at Home

Wondering where to start? These websites give lots of ideas:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-site/fun-ideas/age-3-4--2>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

School Admissions

If your child is due to start school in September 2017, please don't forget to apply for a school place online. Forms need to be completed by the **15th of January**.

Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 should apply for a Reception Year place. Go to the Central Bedfordshire website for all the information you need:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school/admissions/landing.aspx>

Clothing

We aim to play outside on a daily basis, even when it's cold so please send your child with appropriate outerwear.

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.

Please ensure that your child's coat, hat, gloves and scarf are clearly named.



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