

Windmill Pre-School Newsletter



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Welcome to the first addition of our Summer term Newsletter—April 2017

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. The staff and committee would like to welcome all the new children and their families starting this term.

Themes

Our theme for the first half of Summer term is **Mr Men** – based around the popular series of books. We will be using these to explore shape and colour and also to raise awareness and understanding of a range of emotions.

The second half of term, our theme will be, **All Creatures Great and Small**. We will be learning about all sorts of creatures, ranging from mini-beasts to wild animals.

Our topics cover all areas of the EYFS curriculum with particular emphasis this term on learning about shape, space and measure; managing feelings and behaviour; learning about the natural world and exploring and using media and materials.

Learning objectives are shown in more detail on our weekly plans displayed in the hall. If you would like further information please do speak to your child's keyperson.

Topics:

Colour and shape of the week:

Wk 1	19/4	Welcome to preschool with Mr Happy	Yellow	Circle
Wk 2	24/4	[As above]		
Wk 3	Tu 2/5	Mr Strong	Red	Square
Wk 4	8/5	Mr Rush	Purple	Triangle
Wk 5	15/5	Mr Sneeze	Dark Blue	Star
		Mr Grumpy	Light Blue	Rectangle
Wk 6	22/5	Mr Tickle	Orange	Oval

Annual General Meeting:

Our AGM is coming up in May, date to be confirmed. A separate letter to follow.



COMMITTEE

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

hnatalie51@yahoo.com

Summer school term dates and school holidays:

Term starts on Wed 19 April

Monday 1st May is a bank holiday.

Half term break—school closes on Friday 26th May and reopens on Tuesday 6th June.

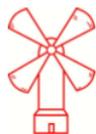
NB. Monday 5th June is a teacher training day.

Summer term ends on 21 July.

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Learning at home

Try these simple games to help with shape recognition:

<https://www.babytv.com/missing-shape.aspx>

http://www.themisternen.co.uk/videos/more_games.html

http://www.hellokids.com/r_1743/free-online-games/kids-puzzles-games

Weather rhymes:

April brings both sun and showers, to wet your feet and grow the flowers.

May is the month of new green leaves and birds are nesting under eaves.

June contains the longest day, with hours of sun for all your play.

Although **July** is very warm it sometimes brings a thunderstorm.

Sun Protection

Here comes summer [we hope!] and lots more opportunities to play outside.

When the sun does appear, please send your child in clothing that will protect them from it. A short sleeved tee shirt and a floppy, wide brimmed hat or legionnaire style cap would be appropriate. **Please name all hats.**

Sun Lotion

Please ensure that this is applied before your child comes to pre-school.

If your child attends all day and lotion needs to be reapplied, staff will supervise children in doing this. Applying the lotion themselves encourages the children to become more independent in self-care and also helps to educate them about safe behaviour in the sun.

Please provide the lotion in a named container and hand it personally to a member of staff. You will also need to complete an authorisation form available from pre-school.

Summer Carnival

This year's carnival is on Saturday 10th June and preparations are now underway for our **Wizard of Oz** float and stall. The carnival sub-committee would really appreciate your help to run the stall in half an hour or hour slots. If you can spare some time on the day please speak to a member of staff. We are also in need of unwanted soft toys, gift sets, bottles or anything we could use for our tombola. A box labelled 'carnival' will be located on the pre-school ramp but if you'd prefer for the items to be collected from you, please leave your details with a member of staff. Thank you in advance for your support.



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