



The Windmill Pre-school Committee Newsletter October 2017



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We are already organising and planning the following events for your children...

Hello and welcome to this academic years first newsletter from the Pre-school Committee.

Who are we?

Kath Shanks - Chair

Kendall Pavely - Treasurer

Charlotte Gudmanz, Cally Thorpe, Veronika Vitu-Smith, Sophie Oldhamstead, Emma Handley and Maria Durrant

*Secretary position - vacant

A note from Kath...

After attending an AGM, I realised the huge impact a good committee has on the Pre-School and what it does to support the staff and how hard the members have to work to organise the many fundraising events. My eyes were most certainly opened!

As a primary school teacher, I am passionate about quality first teaching for children which begins in the Early Years. My son had a fabulous start at The Windmill and benefitted from personalised learning and being cared and supported by experienced staff who knew where he was and where he needed to progress to. We really are lucky to have such a wonderful Pre-school on our door step. Spread the word!

What does the committee do?

We are all on the committee as volunteers.

We meet approximately twice per half term and discuss a variety of aspects of the Pre-school including staff employment and pensions, advertising the Pre-school, finances and of course fundraising for equipment, sponsorship for snacks, visiting educational experiences and trips out!

Fundraising

Last year the committee raised approx. **£2245** from two cake stalls, the Christmas Bazaar, Christmas cards, Photographs commission, Crazy Ceramics commission, tea-towels, St. George's Day treasure hunt, coffee afternoon, car boot sale and a donation from the Open Farm. A fantastic amount!

In order to run as a Pre-school, there has to be a committee who supports the work they do. If you have any comments or would like to join us, please email us via the address:

windmillcommittee@gmail.com

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DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd 2pm - 4pm Christmas Bazaar

Top raffle prizes to give away as well as a chance to meet Father Christmas! There will be tombola's, lots of children's fun games and activities and cakes and refreshments to treat yourself to.

FEBRUARY

Date and time TBC A Bedtime Story Evening

Come back to Pre-school in your pyjamas with your teddy bears for an evening of stories, games, activities and of course delicious hot chocolate.

MARCH

Tuesday 20th Committee Annual General

Meeting Bolford Street Hall - All welcome.

Saturday 24th Morning Easter Treasure Hunt

Fun for all the family! Come and hunt for the clues around the town and try to solve the hidden secret word... Refreshments will be available.

JUNE

Date TBC Audley End House

Summer Outing! A trip out for children with parents and staff to share a wonderful experience together exploring the wonderful house and grounds.

JULY

Sunday 8th Car Boot Sale

Have a good Summer clear out and book your pitch to sell, sell, sell! Bouncy castle fun, BBQ and refreshments available.

