

Windmill News

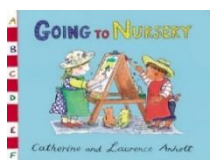
Term 1 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year!

Each term, this newsletter tells you a bit more about Nursery - it includes our topic, special events, reminders and ways you can help. We hope you find it useful. More information can also be found on our website www.windmillnurserychinnor.co.uk and on our notice board outside the classroom.

Firstly, what a fantastic start to the year! The children are happy, busy, following routines and making friends - they're doing brilliantly!



Each term, we have a focus story as well as following the children's interests. This term, our story is 'Going to Nursery' by Catherine and Lawrence Anholt. We will be getting to know each other, making friends, exploring the classroom, garden and getting to know routines.

We will also find out more about Harvest and Autumn time and visit the School's nature area 'Gruffland'. It's going to be a very busy term!

Dates for your Diaries

- It will soon be time to **apply for a place at primary school**. This can be done online. Please see our website for more information. (Closing date 15th January 2024). If you would like to visit Mill Lane School, please get in touch with the School Office to arrange a time. They will be delighted to show you around.
- **Chinnor Scarecrow Trail, 30th September-1st October**. Look out for our scarecrow!
- **Harvest Festival on Wednesday 11th October** - Please bring donations of canned or dried foods, cleaning materials and toiletries for our community on Wednesday 11th October. Thank you.
- **INSET Day on Friday 6th October** - Nursery and School **CLOSED**
- **School Photographer on Friday 3rd November**. If your child does not come to Nursery that day, you are welcome to come to the main School after 8.30am for a photo.

Our Partnership with Parents

- **Your Child's learning and Tapestry** At Nursery, we use an online learning journal to celebrate your child's learning and development with photos, videos, and

diary entries. You are able to view your child's progress whilst also uploading your own comments and media. Look out for an email coming soon with your Tapestry login.

- **Our Website** Have you seen 'Crow's Home Learning' page on our website www.windmillnurserychinnor.co.uk. It has some of our favourite songs (days of the week etc) + stories and links to other helpful websites.
- **Early Years Pupil Premium** Did you know that we may be able to claim extra funding to support your child's learning and development? If you receive Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit, please come and see us. Thank you.
- **Nursery Sessions** Following the changes to the times of classes at Mill Lane, we'd appreciate your thoughts about Nursery's start and finish times. Please let us or Miss Van der Ploeg know by the end of September. Many thanks for any feedback.

Can you help? We are always very grateful for free resources!

- writing area - old office paper, rolls of lining paper, card, envelopes
- sticking area - small boxes, yoghurt pots, kitchen tubes (sorry, no toilet rolls or egg cartons), milk carton tops, tile spacers, ribbons, stickers, corks etc
- home area - old keys, necklaces, bracelets, watches, cameras, phones

Nursery Reminders (Thank you in advance)

- Mill Lane is a **NUT FREE** School. Please do not include nut items eg Nutella in packed lunches.
- Always **CLOSE THE GATE** using the **RED BAR** at the top, especially if you are last to leave the garden in the morning.
- Make a £2 donation to our class fund. This donation helps us to provide a sensory rich environment eg cooking ingredients, bubble mixture, bird seed, topic books and other small 'extras'. We also ask for one box of tissues for the year. Many thanks for your contributions in advance.
- Please name your child's water bottle.

And finally...

We really want both your child and you to feel happy at Windmill Nursery.

Remember, if you have any questions, concerns or anxieties (however small they may seem), do please come and see us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Hardstaff, Mrs. Rockall and Mrs. Maxwell