

Autumn Newsletter 2023



COMMUNICATION

We need parents to maintain communication with us at all times but especially in the following situations:

- Other than when your child is ill, please ensure your child attends regularly. Regular attendance is important for the children to get the best possible experience to support their learning. Our curriculum is packed with learning opportunities and is fast paced to meet the demands of the EYFS. Please ensure your child attends all their sessions.
- If your child has an injury that was sustained outside of Pre-School, please make sure you inform us so that we can record it.
- Please note that we now require two weeks' notice if you want to cancel your child's hot meals.
- Please keep us up to date with your telephone number and email address.
- You must ensure that if you have a holiday booked during term time, you inform us by completing a Holiday Information Form (these can be found in the cloakroom) as soon as possible.
- If your child is in nappies/wipes please remember to keep them stocked up.

MEDICINES



If your child is taking prescribed medication, a staff member will be able to assist you with the forms we need you to complete - as it must be signed in and out. Medicines **must not** be left in the children's bags in the cloakroom.

CLOTHES/UNIFORM

Please remember to mark your children's clothes (especially their uniform) and shoes clearly with their name. This is particularly important in the winter months as there are lots of boots, hats etc. in the cloakroom area.



Can we please remind you to make sure your child brings a warm coat, hat, gloves and wellington boots when it is wet, as we like the children to be able to play outside and have some fresh air, in all weathers.

SICKNESS/ABSENCES

If your child is ill with a cold, cough or sore throat,



please ring as soon as possible on the first day, as we need to record their absence in our register. All children with sickness and diarrhoea must refrain from attending 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

Children of pre-school age spread germs between themselves more easily than older children so please keep them at home until they are well.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Christmas parties will be held on 12th and 13th December. These will take place over two sessions, where the children will be entertained by the Mr McWhitty and each child will receive a present from Santa.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Children moving onto school in September 2023 should receive an application pack through the post. Please ensure you complete this as soon as possible as this process must be followed for your child to gain a school place.

LUNCH BOXES

Please remember to clearly mark your child's lunch box with their name. We ask if you can make the food accessible for your child, so that they are able to open all their items independently. Please do not include chocolate items in the lunch box as this discourages children from eating their main course first. Thank you for your cooperation. Please ask for a leaflet for inspiration.



We provide water at all times throughout the day so please don't bring in water bottles unless this is for their lunch.



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OUR SERVICES

Are you aware that Pre-school is open from 7.30am to 6.00pm, all year round?

Stay and play sessions are now operating this half term. This is where parents can visit Pre-School on the day your children attend, participate in activities and chat with your child's keyworker.

CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT

We are now following the updated Early Years Foundation Stage framework, which means that there is less emphasis on paperwork and more time spent with your child getting to know them and having those quality interactions. Your child's Parental Views Forms and Pre-school's On-Entry Assessment Forms are part of the process of knowing what your child is capable of.

AMAZON WISHLIST

Just a reminder that we still have our 'Wishlist' of books on Amazon, so if you could add a book to your shopping basket this would be wonderful! Our book

Wishlist link is: -

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3GPF50MAOZ2AB?ref=wl_share

IDEAS TREE

As you will have seen, we have our ideas tree in the cloakroom. This supports our planning process by involving you and gathering your thoughts and ideas.

We like you to think of what activities your child enjoys or might like to try so that we can incorporate these into their daily play. Put your thinking caps on!



WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/LETTERS

Can we please remind you that the majority of our letters will be placed on the website, (which will be indicated by a text which includes a link) rather than printing out copies, in order to do our bit for the environment. Also, please continue to 'like' and 'share' our Facebook posts, as this will help to spread the word about us.

FRUIT BOWL

As part of our healthy eating strategy, we would like parents to bring some fresh fruit per day to put in our snack bowl which is in the cloakroom. We also welcome vegetables, breadsticks, dried fruit and crackers, but not crisps or chocolate please! We hope this will encourage the children to eat a variety of food – subject of course to any known allergies!



DIARY DATES

Thursday 26th and Friday 27th October

Halloween Dress up

Monday 6th November

Individual Photographs

Tuesday 7th November

Inset Day

8th & 9th November

Parents' Evenings

Saturday 11th November

Open Morning

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Parties

Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd December

Christmas Nativity

Further details to follow.

End of school term

Friday 22nd December and

re-open **Monday 8th January**

Friday 26th January

Inset Day