

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to preschool to those families returning and a very warm welcome to all our new families starting with us this term. We hope you had a good summer break. We are all excited to see you and are busy planning fun provocations of play for the children.

COMMUNICATION: Over the coming weeks, we will be sending information out to you about forthcoming events. This comes via an email, and on Tapestry, and on the preschool notice board which is beside the blue gate where you enter the premises. Do please check Tapestry, as this is where we communicate immediate messages, for instance if Forest School is cancelled that day. If you have not already got a Tapestry account, we will be sending a link out over the next few days. If in any doubt, please do not hesitate to contact Clare at the preschool office on 01284 752700.

FAMILY PHOTOS: In preschool we have a family tree, where we put the children's photos of their families. This supports their transition into preschool and they quite like to look at them throughout the day. Please drop a family photo into the preschool and we can pop it on the family tree.

PROCEDURES: We would like to remind new and returning families about pick up and drop off at preschool. We start our morning session at 9am and finish at 12pm or 3pm. Please arrive on time to help your child get the most out of the session and to minimise disruption to the other children. **The Early Years teachers have asked that you use the slope through their outdoor area, rather than the steps as this disturbs the children still learning in school.**
Thank you for your cooperation with this.

BREAKFAST & AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB: If you are a member of breakfast club, you can bring your child in any time from 8am on the days you have booked a place. If you are not a member of breakfast club, we are unable to take your child until 9am due to insurance restrictions. Children not attending after-school club must be collected at 3pm for the same reason.

FOREST SCHOOL: We are commencing our Forest School sessions every Monday morning **from Monday 11th September**. Remember to provide your child with WATERPROOF clothing for this (showerproof is not sufficient) and wellies. If the weather is sunny, please apply sun cream and supply a hat.

Please can we make a request that you bring some wellies into preschool for your child if you have not already done so. Children play outdoors in the mud, water and sand all year round and wellies are essential. If you have a spare pair that you can leave here, all the better.

SNACKS & DRINKS: These are supplied by us. **No water bottles please** as they are a source of cross infection in the preschool when children drink from each other's in error. We encourage children to drink from a cup in preparation for school and to develop muscles in their mouth and lips to support language development. We ask that you do not send your child in with snacks (other than their lunchbox if this applies) because we have children with allergies.

PUSHCHAIRS & SCOOTERS: We know some of you will walk to preschool and have pushchairs and scooters with you. Unfortunately, we have nowhere to store these as we use the outdoor classroom throughout the day. Apologies for the inconvenience.

In the meantime, please feel free to come and chat with your child's play partner, a member of the senior team or our administrator Clare Constant if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you and helping your child to grow and learn.

Best wishes,

Sharron and the Preschool Team