



TERM 1 NEWSLETTER



Welcome back

We hope that you all had a great summer and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.
We had some lovely weather and hope you all enjoyed it, as much as we did.

Birthdays in September and October

Rowan B
Elsie
Orla
Ophelia
Mrs Glanville

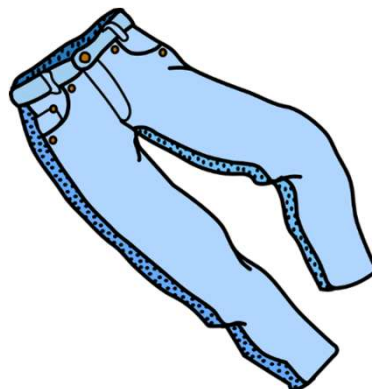




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Naming Items and Clothes



PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE can we encourage all parents to clearly name and label all children's clothing, drinks bottles and lunch boxes. We will no longer be taking any responsibility for any items or clothing that goes missing. We also strongly recommend you do not send your children into pre school with any special clothes; we try our very best to encourage the children to wear aprons, however unfortunately paint can attract to those clothes.

Can we also remind all parents for children to have spare clothes named inside their rucksacks that are brought to Pre-school each day.

Nappies and Nappy Book

If your child is in a nappy, you will receive a small book in your child's bag. This will record your child's nappies whilst at Pre-school.

Please can we ask that you keep the book in your child's bags at all times.

Please can we also ask that your child has plenty of nappies in their bags as well as wet wipes and NAMED spare clothes.

Welcoming new children.

Please be aware during this term we will be welcoming lots of new children to the Pre-School. The Pre-school may sound a lot louder and we may be longer responding to emails and questions- as we help to settle our new children into the Pre-School.

We are very much looking forward to our familiar faces returning to us in September and looking after them as they become our big children.



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Sandwich boxes and snack time

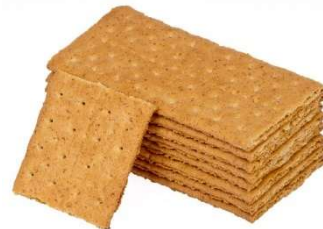
Please can we kindly ask that you bring in an item for snack for the children to share, this can be anything from a piece of fruit to bread, bagels, malt loaf, yoghurts, tin fruit etc.

We thank you for your kind support.

Please can we also kindly remind you for all children's food to be cut correctly in their lunch boxes due to chocking hazards. Advice letters will all be given out to you all on over the next few weeks, as we return back into our normal routine.

A gentle reminder please can we encourage all children to have water in their water bottles as this helps them to prepare for school.

Please also be aware that we are a **NUT FREE** pre school.



Toys from Home

Please can we also ask that your child does not bring in any toys or items that are important to them into pre-school unless it is their day for show and tell.

We do our very best to look after these things but unfortunately items do go missing or even get broken.



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30 Hour Code And Fees

Just a gentle reminder please can you ensure child's fees are paid on time. If your child uses a 30-hour code to attend pre-school please can we ask you update the code before their code expires. If your child is moving on to a code, please can you ensure you inform a member of staff.

Activities to Come

This Term we will be busy talking and developing those Personal, Social and Emotional skills.

We will be busy talking about friendships, and developing those friendships once again with our old friends as well as looking forward to welcoming our new friends into Pre-school- this will take place over the next few weeks.

We will be playing lots of small group games and reading lots of stories.

We will be talking about autumn and starting to talk about the colours of the leaves changing, as well as having lots of fun with creative activities.

We will also be talking about the importance of healthy eating and looking after our teeth.

We will be developing our new sensory area- This is something we really are hoping to improve this term.

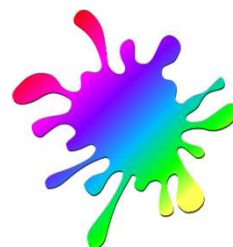
We will once again be sending home our show and tell bags so all children will have the chance to talk about their own items within a small group.

We will be introducing our letters and sounds programme

We will be introducing Makaton into the setting and using it as often as we can during the day, as well as using our visual timetable.

We will be welcoming Ballet and Sporting chance throughout the year.

We will also continue to welcome music melody on a weekly basis- This will take place on Wednesday afternoons.





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Training

Our Setting Support Officer and the early years team will continue to support us as we move into a new year.

Mrs Glanville and Mrs Halsall will continue to attend Cluster meetings. These meetings are an opportunity for us to meet with other settings in the area. These meetings take place roughly every 6 weeks and is a great way to share feedback and ideas with other settings.

All staff will continue to develop their training through online courses, safeguarding and any new training that may become available.

Dropping off/ Collecting child

Please can we remind you all that Pre-School opens at **9am** and closes at **3pm**.

Please can we ask that parents are outside 5 mins before your child's session ends. We understand that at times things happen but please can we ask that you call the Pre-School to let us know.

We recommend that if your child finishes at **12pm** you are outside at **11.55am** and if your child finishes at **3pm** you are outside at **2.55pm**.

If your child is not collected by **3.06pm** a £5 fee will be applied.

We thank you for your continued support.





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Healthy Eating and Living

As you all know we were one of the settings picked last year regarding the tooth brush programme. As a setting it is important we are providing the children with the best healthy options as much as possible. It has come to lots of people's attention how children's teeth are very important.

As a setting we will be continuing to support the public Health England to make changes to support all children to make right decisions.

We will only be allowing water into Children's water bottles- any juice or flavoured water will not be allowed and we will ask you to remove this before entering Pre-School.

We will also be asking for a healthy lunchbox which includes fruit or veg as well as prepared food such as sandwich, pasta etc. We ask that processed foods are not given to your child.

We will be working with the children to talk about teeth through playing games, using activities such as toothbrushes, shaving foam, changing our role play into a dentist- we will continue with this throughout the year.

As a Setting we support this guidance, so please can we ask all parents to follow this in order for the Pre-School to run smoothly.

We are not saying children will not have the opportunity to explore other food activities such as cooking, making biscuits etc, these opportunities will still be offered to them.

Any children who already have signed up for the programme will continue to brush their teeth when they are in Pre-school.

If your child is 3 years old you will receive a letter within the next few weeks to sign them up to the toothbrushing programme. . Please be aware this is optional and your child does not have to take part if you would prefer them not to.





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New things to come

Over the next year, we hope to develop the Pre-school going forward.

Our daily information board will continue to be outside the front door, this will include our daily routine, the snack the children have had that day, activities they have been taking part in and any other important information.

Our AGM will be coming up soon- More information to follow.

We hope to hold some fundraising activities.

All staff will be developing their Makaton training and using this daily in Pre-school.

Forest school will continue- This will take place from Term 2.

Lots more fun activities will take place throughout the year.

AGM
Annual General Meeting





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Term dates 26/27

Tuesday 1st September 26- Inset day- Pre-school closed to all children.

Term 1- Wednesday 2nd September 26- Friday 23rd Oct 26

Monday 26th October 26- Friday 30th October 26th- Half term-Pre School Closed.

Term 2- Monday 2nd Nov 26- Friday 18th December 26

Monday 21st December 26- Friday 1st January 27- Half Term- Pre- school closed.

Term 3- Monday 4th Jan 27- Friday 12th Feb 27.

Monday 15th February 27- Friday 19th February- Half term- Pre-school closed.

Term 4- Monday 22nd Feb 27 -Thursday 25th March 27

Friday 26th March 27- Friday 9th April- Half term- Pre-closed closed

Term 5- Monday 12th April 27- Friday 28th May 27

Monday 31st May 27- Friday 4th June 27th- Half Term- Pre School Closed.

Term 6- Monday 7th June 27- Wednesday 21st July 27

Please note there will be more inset days throughout the year. These will be used for Christmas, Easter, training and celebrations.

These inset days will be confirmed to you shortly.