

7th September 2020



Welcome

Welcome back to pre-school. We hope you all had a very enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the new term.

This term we welcome

Arthur F., Arthur K., Casey, Casper, Chloe, Leilani, Oskar, Phoebe, Reuben, Skye, Vittori and Willow and their families to pre-school.

Name Labels for Baskets, Pegs and 'Who is Here' Board

At the moment we are helping all the children make labels for their baskets, coat hooks and name board. For children who were here last year, the old labels will be put into your baskets to be taken home. You should also have been informed of your child's key person or change of key person - please talk to Carrie or Emma if you do not know.

Leaver's Gift

The leavers in the summer gave us a very generous donation to put towards resources for the children, and 2 cameras. Thank you! We are going to purchase another camera and then help redevelop the outside area at the back, now the work on the boundary is almost complete.

Parents Chats

We will arrange these with you individually this term over the next few weeks. This will allow us to maintain social distancing and clean down between meetings, where appropriate.

Book Bags

All of our children who will be preparing for school next year are given a book bag to take home. The first bags, along with the letter explaining about them, will go home next week.

Bags will go into quarantine for at least 72 hours on return, before being sent out again.

Invoices

Invoices will be emailed out this week. We have changed the invoicing period so you will receive one invoice for each term, i.e. one for Sept & October (Term 1) and a second invoice later on for Term 2 (November & December).

Please talk to Carrie if you have any queries.

Naming Items

Please, please remember to **name** rucksacs and bags and all items of clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles so that we know who they belong to!



Rugby Tots - Team-work, co-operation and co-ordination

Rugby Tots sessions have again been arranged for a Tuesday morning this term, starting on 29th September. If your child attends this session we will email a letter nearer the time.

We have liaised with Phil and Andy about offering a COVID safe session.

All resources are cleaned in between groups and we will only have the session outside.

This means Ruby Tots will only be offered during terms 1&2 and then again during terms 5&6. Previous years we have found the weather too cold during Jan and Feb and have run the sessions inside, which, in the current circumstances, will not be possible.

Training Day - Wednesday 22nd October

Pre-School is closed on Wed 22nd October as we have a staff development day updating First Aid qualifications.

Starting School in September 2021?

If your child is due to start school next September then you need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2021. The easiest way to do this is via the Wiltshire Council website: www.wiltshire.gov.uk and follow the link to schools.

In preparation for choosing a school it is sensible to visit several of the local primary schools if you can, to get a 'feel' for the schools and environment.

On the application form you will be able to make a first, second and third choice of schools. Please make sure you consider a second and third choice.

All children legally need to be in school the term after their 5th birthday. For those summer born children (1st April - 31st August) it may be possible to defer entry, please talk to your key person if you are considering this. You will need to check whether you still have to apply by the 15th Jan 20.

For further information visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk

30 hours Funding, Tax-free childcare and costs!

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HM Government

30 Hours Funding: If you qualify for the free entitlement from January, or if you are increasing hours in January, you can apply now for your code.

Tax-free Childcare: You are able to create an account with HMRC, where the government pays in £20 for every £80 you pay in, to pay your childcare fees. You cannot apply if either parent uses a salary sacrifice/childcare voucher scheme at work.

Diary Dates

Mon 14 th Sept - Fri 2 nd Oct	Parent chats
Tues 21 st October	End of Term 1
Wed 22 nd October	Training Day - pre-school closed
Mon 2 nd November	Start of Term 2
Friday 18 th December	End of Term 2

Best Wishes, Carrie, Emma, Laura, Danni & Wendy.