

5th October 2020



Outside area

The gap underneath the fencing at the back of pre-school has been filled in and we have been able to fill in our side and cover with new gravel.

An enormous thank you to Paula, Katie & Rory who pitched in one afternoon to unload a tonne of gravel and spread it, ahead of a rain storm!

Naming Items

Please, please remember to **name** rucksacks, bags, coats, wellies and items of clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles so that we know who they belong to! Without a name it is very difficult to get items back to you.

Coats and Waterproofs

Please can you make sure your child has a warm waterproof coat for the winter months, and ideally a set of waterproof trousers or all-in-one. This is particularly important on a Tuesday when we have Rugby Tots, as we are not able to move it indoors at the moment if it's raining.



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

An invoice will be sent separately.

Apologies for any confusion in dates, we started on 22nd Sept, not 29th September as stated in the last newsletter.

Covid-19 chart

Given the current increase in cases both nationally and locally, we have included a chart to help remind you of what to do in the situation of a suspected case in your child or in your wider household.

We are continuing to implement increased cleaning and hygiene routines and maintain social distance as recommended. Thank you for supporting these measures when dropping off and collecting.

Colds

Colds are very common at this time of year.

To help reduce infection we are supporting the children in the following ways:

- to use a tissue if at all possible to wipe noses, bin it and then wash hands (Catch It, Bin It, Kill It)
- if they cough or sneeze, to cough into an elbow or the top of their arm (whilst we recognise that a tissue is better, an elbow means it doesn't then get spread over the resources)

like it would on a hand. Of course, if we are aware we ensure a tissue is used and hands washed afterwards)

Please can you support this at home, by reminding children to use tissues rather than sleeves! Also handwashing after wiping noses or putting their fingers up their noses. We are hoping that if they have to wash their hands enough it might discourage the persistent offenders ;) !!!!!

Book Bags

The older children, those going to school next year, have book bags this term. Please can you make sure that they come back in on Tuesday or Wednesday - even if you haven't read all the books.

The logistics of quarantining 15 books bags each time, means we need to have all the bookbags back every week.

Training Day - Wednesday 22nd October

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

New Faces

We are pleased that Becky has returned to support the team on a Monday and Friday. She will work alongside the key people to support the children.

Looking Ahead to Christmas!

The children have just finished creating pictures that will be used to make Christmas cards, which you can order if you wish. There is no obligation.

The children have been able to choose what they have created, and they are all unique ☺

Given the current infection rates and uncertainty about restrictions that may, or may not, be in place at the time, we have decided that a Nativity, attended by parents and families will not be appropriate this year.

Diary Dates

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
15 th January	Application deadline for school applications

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