

23rd November 2020



Covid-19

Thank you for your continued support for the social distancing measures when dropping off and collecting.

We have noticed over the last couple of weeks, the number of toys coming to the door is increasing. Please make sure that your child leaves their toys in the car, or at home. If your child really needs a particular comforter or toy to support their well-being, please talk to your child's key person or Carrie.

Class Fundraising

Many thanks for all your orders and support for the cards, mugs, tea-towels etc.
You've raised £55.16 for pre-school funds. Thank you :)

Starting School in September 2021?

If your child is 4 between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021,
then they will be due to start school next September.

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.

Training

Just before the break most of the team updated their Paediatric First Aid qualifications, and Carrie, Emma, Laura and Wendy also completed the Emergency First Aid at Work (to cover adults as well).

While we were practising with a training defibrillator, someone from the village came to check the battery in the one outside the front door. So we got a good look at that one as well!

Carrie and Emma have also renewed their Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) training and Carrie the Safer Recruitment training. These need to be updated regularly to stay up to date with the latest advice and guidance, and review the lessons learnt from national and local case reviews.

Keeping your Child Safe and Well

With Christmas coming up, we thought we'd remind you all about **button batteries**.

They are extremely dangerous for children if swallowed as they can cause serious internal burns or even death within hours of being swallowed and are very dangerous if stuck in a child's nose or ear.

There are no obvious symptoms to show that your child has swallowed a button battery. They may appear to have a stomach upset or virus and may be tired or in pain, have a loss of appetite and nausea.

IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR CHILD HAS SWALLOWED A BUTTON BATTERY, TAKE THEM STRAIGHT TO A&E.

Go to www.capt.org.uk for more information and advice.

30 hours Funding, Tax-free childcare and costs!

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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.

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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.

Christmas Arrangements!

- At present we hope to have a party on Thursday 17th December. Usually we ask parents to provide a plate of food to share, however in the current situation, we will buy food in and cook here as necessary. Everyone is welcome - pick up at 12:30 if your child is not normally in, or if they usually go at 12.
- This year, please can we ask that you buy a small gift for your own child (up to £5) and bring in by Friday 11th December. Father Christmas will not be making an entrance but we will share out gifts from under the tree. Thank you
- Christmas cards to others at pre-school. Several of you have already asked about cards. We will put out a post box on Dec 1st. Please can all cards be posted by **Friday 11th Dec**. We can then leave them in the box in quarantine before giving them out on Thurs/Fri the following week.

Diary Dates

Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Party
Friday 18 th December	End of Term 2
Monday 4 th January	Start of term 3
15 th January	Application deadline for school applications
Friday 12 th February	End of term 3
Monday 22 nd February	Possible Training Day - to be confirmed
Monday 22 nd February	Start of Term 4
Thursday 1 st April	End of Term 4 (Friday 2 nd April - Good Friday)

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