

# Pre-School Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2025

### Welcome back!

It has been so nice to see so many familiar faces returning and to welcome new families joining us this term! We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are as excited as we are to start a new term!

### Book of the week

Each week we will have a dedicated book of the week. This will be shared each day with the children and we will extend this by using a discovery table with items associated with the book so that the children can re-live the text.

### Pre-School necessities

**Water bottles** -please make sure that every child's water bottle is clearly named.

**Lunchboxes**- A couple of reminders to make things easier (and safer) for everyone:

- **NO NUTS** of any kind, please as we have children with allergies.
- **GRAPES SHOULD BE CUT** lengthways to reduce any choking risks.

**Appropriate shoes and clothing** – our main aim as a Pre-School is to get the children as confident and independent as possible ahead of them starting their reception year. With this in mind, it is vital the children are wearing clothing and shoes that they are able to put on and take off independently. Shoe laces can be very troublesome. Please think carefully what the children are dressed in prior to attending Pre-School; can they pull down their trousers with ease to access the toilet, can they place their shoes on and do them up with ease?

**Weather**- As the weather can be very changeable at this time of the year, please make sure that your child comes to Pre-School prepared for the whole day. Some days we may need rain coats and others sun cream and a sun hat! Please be reminded on hot days we will only apply sun cream in the afternoons, so if required in the morning please apply at home.

### Little Wandle and Attention Bucket

This half term we will be continuing with the attention bucket during the session. This is a fun and engaging activity designed to capture the children's attention and help them focus together as a group.

The attention bucket will be an important stepping stone in preparing the children for Little Wandle (our phonics programme) which we plan to begin after the October half term.

### Staffing

As I am sure you have noticed Ellie has now begun her maternity leave (we wish her all the very best!) and Paula will be taking over as manager until Ellie returns. Here is when our lovely team members will be in:

Paula- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Laura-Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Stacie- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Becca -Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Kim- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

### Donations

We are always on the lookout for donations to extend the children's learning and we could really benefit from some non-perishable items for messy play and cooking, but please could these NOT contain wheat where possible. Some examples are oats, Rice Krispies, table salt and shaving cream.

Thank you in advance!

**Collection procedure**- To help keep the end of the day safe and smooth, we have introduced a new collection procedure. Please line up at the board that will be placed outside the hall (Monday to Thursday) and main gate (Friday). To collect your child please come forward and your child will be handed to you. Lunch boxes will be on the trolley for you to collect. If you need to speak to a member of staff please wait until ALL children have been collected.