

# Pre-School Newsletter

## Autumn term 2024

### Welcome back

We hope you had a lovely half term.

We are glad to have everyone back and would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new children.

### Observations and assessments

As part of our ethos here at Pre-School, we believe that the most valuable use of staff time is spent directly interacting with the children, following their interests, and enhancing their learning at every opportunity. We understand how lovely it is to receive observational updates on Tapestry, and we greatly appreciate your support in this area.

You may have noticed that these updates have become less frequent recently, and you might not be receiving as many notifications. Please be rest assured that this does not mean your child is accessing fewer opportunities for growth and learning. In fact, it simply reflects our commitment to providing quality, meaningful interactions with skilled staff members who are actively engaged with your child's development. We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we focus on nurturing your child's learning journey.

### Dates for your diary

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December – Parents update evening (info to follow)

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December morning – Pre-School Christmas party (info to follow)

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec & Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Present Room

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Nativity Performance (2-3pm)

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Nativity Performance (5.30-6.30pm)

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Winter Fair

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch (another opportunity to wear Christmas Jumpers)

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last Day of Term

### Self-registration:

Due to the growing numbers within Pre-School, we are finding the morning register is becoming a little lengthy. We would like to trail the children self-registering outside of a morning so we can turn the carpet time into a more productive session.

This will start from January. When the adults arrive to welcome the children in you will find a self-registration board just inside the gate, please do encourage your children to find their name and place it on the board. This is already part of our daily routine so the children are familiar with the process. Please can we ask that the children do this independently.

### Preschool necessities:

**Water bottles** - It is vital your children arrive with a water bottle daily. Although we do have spares for those emergency days we are finding increasing numbers of children regularly forgetting to bring one daily.

**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?

**Library books** - if your child is lucky enough to attend a Wednesday library session can we please ask that all library books are returned weekly, unfortunately if they are not bought in the books will not be able to be changed.

### Wish list:

With the variety of experiences we offer at Pre-School - such as cooking, messy play, and rolling snack - our resources can sometimes run low. To continue providing these enriching activities for your children, we've put together a wish list of items that would help us stay stocked up. We would greatly appreciate any of the following donations to keep our provision as engaging and enriching as possible.

Plain flour, self-raising flour, chocolate chips, food colouring, dried lentils, cornflour, dried pasta and rice, cocoa powder, spaghetti, shaving foam, porridge oats, jelly, dried beans, cream of tartar, digestive biscuits, rich tea biscuits, icing sugar, sprinkles, cooking chocolate, breadsticks, crackers, cream cheese and butter.

Your support makes a huge difference, and we are so grateful for anything you may be able to provide.