

# 2019

## Autumn Term Newsletter

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Welcome back and we trust you had an enjoyable summer. We would also like to welcome our new children and parents/ carers to our Pre-School and hope you have a fruitful and enjoyable time with us. If there is anything else you would like to know that was not covered on the registration day please do not hesitate to talk to Ruby, Iva or your child's Key Person.

### Term Dates

#### Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday 4th Sept 2019

Friday 20th Dec 2019

#### Half Term

Monday 21st Oct 2019

Friday 25th Oct 2019

#### Christmas Holidays

Friday 20th Dec 2019

Friday 3rd January 2019

#### Inset Days (closed)

Monday 2nd Sept 2019

#### Registration Day

Tuesday 3rd Sept 2019

### Topics for this term (for the full focussed activity list please see notice board outside the pre-school main door)

#### Personal Social and Emotional Development

Children will be learning how to share (turn taking) and building relationships with adults and peers.

#### Communication and Language

Children will be singing Nursery Rhymes using musical instruments.

#### Physical Development

Using one-handed tools to either snip paper or bake. Finger painting.

#### Literacy

A variety of books will be enjoyed. Children will be choosing a special book to take home to be read by their nearest and dearest.

#### Maths

Simple shapes and patterns will be noticed and discussed. Children will be counting random numbers and the older children will be supporting the little ones.

#### Understanding of the World

Getting to know you- Children will be exploring their new surroundings and making new friends. They will be enjoying a wide range of activities. Children will be drawing pictures of their family and friends and bringing family photographs from home. They will enjoy discussions at circle time and will begin to settle in their new environment.

#### Expressive Arts and Design

Children will enjoy the home corner and imaginative play, dressing up in their favourite characters. They will be experimenting with paint.

**Topics to come are:** What we do, Watch me move, All About Me, Our Pre-School, Talking together, Lets get counting, Understanding what is happening and creative mind.

Parents and Carer please note we have a...



NO  
Cameras



NO  
Mobile  
Phones



NO  
Food/  
Drink

### Dates for your diary

#### October

- Harvest - Last day Friday 4th October
- Breast Cancer Coffee Morning—Date TBC
- Photographer - Tuesday 15th October

#### November

- Trip - TBC
- Anti Bullying Week — Monday 11th - Friday 15th
- BBC Children in Need - Friday 15th
- Road Safety Week Monday 18th - Friday 22nd

#### December

- Christmas Carols TBC

### Harvest Festival

Please donate tinned or packet food for the Harvest festival by Friday 4th October 2019. Contributions will be greatly appreciated and all donations will be given to the Night Shelter. Please bring them in and place them in the box outside the pre-school. Thank you.

### Settling in/Toys

Unless it is your child's settling in period, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers that dressing up outfits/ toys and games are discouraged from being brought in from home. Although we encourage imaginative play, the pre-school provides dressing up outfits and toys for all children, and loss and breakage is always a possibility. If you would like to bring anything in from home for show and tell, please hand the item to a member of staff so this can be discussed during session.

### Fundraising

We will be hosting a Breast Cancer Awareness coffee morning in October —Wear pink and bring in a donation to help the Breast Cancer Campaign.

### Nut Allergy

We have children that have severe nut allergies. Please remain vigilant when sending your child into pre-school, that they do not have any nut products (all nuts) in their bags. We also ask parents not to bring in any **TREATS** (such as Birthday Cake) unless they have checked the ingredients carefully. Packaging must be checked **TO ENSURE THE PRODUCT IS SAFE FOR NUT ALLERGY SUFFERERS.**

Please note that our Policies and Procedures can be located on our website or can be found on the preschool notice board/foyer. A P&P booklet is also available on request for a cost of £5

Please note that the newsletter is also available to view on our website.

### Clothing

Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing for the Autumn Term, for example, jumpers, rain coats, hats, wellies etc. Please name your child's clothing for easy identification.



### Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn in preschool, in particular hooped earrings please. This is a health and safety requirement and we cannot be responsible for lost items.



### Updates

Please remember to inform us if any information changes for example:

- Your phone number
- Your home address
- Your email address
- Your child's allergies
- Your child's medication
- Your emergency contact details



### Stay and Play

These sessions are designed to encourage parents and carers to come into the Pre-School to support their child's play and education and to give you an idea into how the Pre-School runs. The purpose is also to offer high quality provision with a safe, informative and simulating environment which is welcoming and supportive to all. It should also give you ideas, activities and opportunities that can be replicated in the home environment, for example the use of treasure baskets, the making of play dough etc. These sessions are planned to stimulate and challenge your child. Also to promote their healthy lifestyles e.g healthy snacks. Please see a member of staff if you are unable to attend but would like to be involved.



### Letters and Newsletters

If you require any additional copies of any correspondence sent to you advise Ruby or Iva.



### Mobile Phones

These must not be used once inside the Pre-school.



### Spare Clothes

Please provide your child with spare clothes in case they need to be changed.



### Scooters

Please do not leave any scooters unattended, as the pre-school cannot be responsible if they break or disappear. They are also a health & safety risk.



### Photography Day

Tuesday 15th October.  
Starting at 9.15am  
Approx. Please bring siblings and children not attending, who wish to be photographed, at the start of the session.



### Fees

For any parents not receiving the Free Early Education Entitlement who are paying fees, could you please ensure that any money due is paid on or before your child's first session of the week. Fees are payable in termly, monthly or weekly in advance if you prefer. Special brown envelopes for snack money are available to make collection of monies easier or the little pink pig money box can be used for donations. Please note that fees need to be paid directly into the bank. (The bank details are on your child's invoice). Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



### Sickness, Holidays & other absences

Please ensure that you let us know as early as possible that day if your child will not be attending for any reason. This is an important requirement for all parents and carers.



### Follow up information

If we have any urgent or follow up notices we will email them. So ensure you give us an up to date email.



### Storing buggies.

Please can we ask all parents who bring in a buggy to store it in the garden and ensure nothing is left that may be harmful to the children, we also ask you not to leave it at the entrance of the pre-school. This is a fire hazard and a safety concern. If the garden door is locked when you arrive please ask one of the staff to open it. Please also make sure that you do not leave any food on the buggy.



### Holidays

Please be aware that the Local Authority will not grant holiday during term time as this could affect your child's Free Early Education Entitlement. As a setting we can only sanction 2 weeks holiday (during which fees are still payable). Parent/carers who have arranged for their child to be taken out during term for a longer period of time will forfeit their child's space. You may re-apply when you return and if there are any vacancies we may be able to offer one to your child.



### Information sharing

We would love to hear if your child has done anything during the Summer break. You may wish to include photos which then can be added to our parent/carer notice board.



### Children's in tray

Please remember to empty your child's in tray regularly. This will give you an opportunity to discuss what they have made and what they did at the pre-school.



### Recycling

We need your newspaper, plastic pots, empty cereal boxes and cartons for our junk modelling. No plastic bottles or toilet roll tubes please.

