

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. The Staff and Committee wish to thank all parent/carers and children for your cooperation during these challenging times.

## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2020

Wednesday 2nd Sept 2020  
 Friday 18th December 2020  
 Half term—26th Oct - 30th October 2020  
 Christmas Holidays  
 Monday 21st Dec 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021  
**Inset Days (Closed)**  
 Wednesday 2nd Sept 2020 -Staff training  
 Thursday 3rd Sept 2020-Registration



## Topic's for this term



(for the full focussed activity list you will receive an email)

**PSED**—Settling in for new children/What's in the bucket/Memory games  
**CL**—Instructional music (e.g sleeping bunnies)/Treasure hunt  
**PB**— Hygiene awareness regarding COVID-19/Car wheel painting/Dance freeze  
**UW**— Harvest collection & discussions/Nursery rhymes with props/Making D.I.Y phones  
**EAD**—Dressing up games  
**MATHS**— Prepositional language discussions  
**LITERACY**— Stories with props (Dear Zoo, Whatever Next) Nursery rhymes with props

### Planning/Activities

All the activities and planning that are selected will be carried out in accordance with the 'COVID-19' guidance of keeping safe. The setting will follow all the government guidelines in ensuring our activities are safe for children and adults who interact with them. All the necessary precautions are undertaken constantly, for e.g Sessional risk assessments/thorough cleaning throughout the day/deep cleaning at the end of the day

## Collecting/Dropping Children Off

Until further notice children are asked to be dropped off and collected via the car park entrance.

## Settling in

These are unusual times and as we continue to follow the government guidelines we are minimising contact. Therefore, our settling in process will be staggered and new children will be given time slots. Parents will be allowed to sit in the foyer provided they have a mask. Please bear with us.

## Sickness, Holidays & other absences

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

### Common Cold or Covid-19 when to test children



Please read the guidance on this website:-  
<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/covid-19-talking-children-families-about-returning-school-guiding-principles>  
 Check if you have at least one or more of the following symptoms  
 High temperature (Feels hot to touch on chest or back)  
 New continuous cough (coughing for more than hour or 3 or more episodes in 24hrs  
 A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste  
<https://nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms>

## Harvest Festival

Please donate tinned or packet food for the Harvest festival by Friday 9th October 2020. 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 preschool. Thank you.

## 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 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.

## Clothing



Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing for the Autumn Term, for example, cardigan/jumper socks etc. Please name your child's clothing for easy identification.

## 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

## 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 cakes) unless they have checked the ingredients carefully. Packaging must be checked TO ENSURE THE PRODUCT IS SAFE FOR NUT ALLERGY SUFFERERS.

## Parents' guide—back to preschool after COVID -19

If you require hard copies of the parents' guide please let Ruby know.