

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
2021



Wednesday 1st Sept 2021
Friday 17th December 2021
Half term—25th Oct - 29th October 2021
Christmas Holidays
Monday 20th Dec 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022

Inset Days (Closed)
Wednesday 1st Sept 2021 - Staff training
Thursday 3rd Sept 2021 - Registration
Friday 17th Dec 2021—Cleaning day

Topic is All About Me



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 themselves and their family and friends. 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.

Dates for your diary


September
Recycle week—20th September

October
Black History Month
Harvest - Last day Friday 4th October
Photographer - Tuesday 19th October

November
Diwali—Hindu Festival 3rd November
Anti Bullying Week — 15th November
BBC Children in Need - Friday 19th November
Road Safety Week—15th November

December
Christmas Carols TBC
Christmas Jumper day 10th December

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

Collecting/Dropping Children Off
Until further notice children are asked to be dropped off and collected via the car park entrance.


No unauthorised parking. Please make sure your child is with you at all times as the car park is still in use.

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.

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.

HEALTHY EATING



We encourage children to eat healthy. Children who stay for lunch are not permitted sweets/bars of chocolate or fizzy drinks in their lunch boxes. We ask that children do not have grapes or cherry tomatoes in their lunch boxes unless they have been cut in half, as they are a choke hazard. Please provide your child with a toothbrush as we will be encouraging them to brush their teeth after lunch and teaching them about the importance of good oral health and how to keep teeth clean and healthy.

New EYFS Reforms:

Parent and Carer Information Sheet The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) has been reformed and there is a new EYFS framework that all early years settings will have to follow from September 2021. These national changes have been made to better support all young children's learning and development. It is also the aim that the new framework will better prepare children for the transition.

There are some elements of the EYFS that have not significantly changed and some that have. Below are some of the key points from the new EYFS reforms that include relevant changes which parents, carers and children may notice or experience.

- Staff will be spending less time on large amounts of written observations and assessments for evidence collection. This means they can spend more time supporting and engaging with the children and their learning and development needs.
- Children will no longer be assessed against statements from an age band category. Instead, staff will use their experience and knowledge to monitor if a child's learning and development is on track for their age.
- The early learning goals at the end of reception have been changed to become more clear and easier to understand. Staff will use their judgements to assess if the children have met these goals at the end of the EYFS and inform parents and carers.
- There is an emphasis on improving children's language and vocabulary through increasing opportunities for conversations, reading of a wide range of books and holding discussions around activities in other areas of learning.
- Literacy and numeracy skills focused on in the EYFS have been adapted to better match up with the national curriculum that starts in year 1.
- There is no longer an exceeding judgement at the end of reception. Children will instead be challenged to have a greater depth and understanding of ideas.
- Safeguarding and welfare of children is still a priority, with the added mention of teaching children about the importance of good oral health and how to keep teeth clean and healthy.

Remember: We will continue to monitor your child's development, with a focus on professional judgement combined with knowing your child and working in partnership with each family, so staff can meet children's individual learning needs.

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.

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 1st October 2021**. 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.

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.

