

Autumn Term Newsletter 2023

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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 2023
Monday 4th Sept 2023
Thursday 21st Dec 2023
Half Term
Monday 23rd Oct 2023
Friday 27th Oct 2023
Christmas Holidays
Friday 22nd Dec 2023
Friday 5th January 2024
Inset Days (closed)
Monday 4th Sept 2023
Tuesday 5th Sept 2023
Registration Day
Monday 4th Sept 2023

Parents and Carer please



Topic is All About Me

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 do baking. 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.

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

Dates for your diary

October

Harvest - Last day Friday 6th October
Wear it PINK Breast Cancer fundraising
TBC
Photographer - Tuesday 17th October

November

Anti Bullying Week — Monday 13th - Friday 17th
BBC Children in Need fundraising- Friday 17th
Road Safety Week 16th -22nd November
Trip - TBC

December

Christmas Carols TBC

Harvest Festival

Please donate tinned or packet food for the Harvest festival by Friday 6th October 2023. 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.

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.

Donations

As a voluntary organisation we rely on the support from our parents/carers to help us cover the costs of snacks and craft materials. We ask for 50p per session towards this. Please make your voluntary donations either:

Daily: 50p Weekly: £2.50 Half Term: £15.00 Term: £32.50

You can pay your voluntary donations via bank transfer to: **TSB St Catherine's & St Pauls PCC Cornerstone U5s**

Sort Code: 30-95-03 Account Number: 00488229 please quote your child's name on all payments.

We thank you for your donations.

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.

Photography Day

Tuesday 17th October. Starting at 10.45am Approx. Please bring siblings and children not attending, who wish to be photographed, at the start of the session.



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.



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.



Spare Clothes

Please provide your child with spare clothes in case they need to be changed. Please make sure you have labelled them with your child's name.



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 quarters, 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.

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

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.



Collecting/Dropping Children Off

Until further notice children will be dropped off through the church at 9AM & 12.30PM, they will also be collected via the front entrance at 12.00PM. At 3:00pm & 3.30PM they will be collected via the car park entrance. Thanks you for your understanding.

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

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.



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.



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.



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. Thank you.

