

POPPY PRE-SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER TERMS 1 & 2 2019
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ALL THE PRE-SCHOOL TEAM WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME EVERYONE BACK AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK, WE WOULD ALL LIKE TO SAY A BIG HELLO TO THE NEW CHILDREN.
ALEXA, ALICE, ARCHIE, ARCHIE, ARI, ARLIYA, AUSTIN, CAELAN, DYLAN, ELLIOTT, EVA, FLORENCE, FRANCESCA, GRAHAM, HENRY, JACOB, LEO, MILLIE-JO, NOAH, OLIVER, PAISLEY, RILEY, RONNIE, RY, SEAN, TALIA, NIAMH

Our termly focus will be

Term 1

The children will be learning about sea creatures we will be looking at pirates, mermaids and shells, and the animals that live under the sea.

Term 2

We will be looking at Diwali, Halloween, bonfire night and then Christmas.

Christmas Concert & Activity Afternoon Wednesday 11th
December 12:45 – 2:45pm

Parents can attend along with their children to take part in Christmas themed activities, have an informal chat with your child's key person and the committee will also be holding a few fundraising stalls.

Details to follow

we have an "open door" policy, which means we are available for you to come and chat to us about your child and their progress at any time that suits you, or with prior arrangement with your child's key person.

TAPESTRY

You should all have received your tapestry password and pin, (new parents). Please access this and see what your child has been learning and playing at pre-school. You can put your own observations on tapestry to show us what your child has been doing at home. If you are having problems accessing it please pop in and see Gemma in the office.

Quick reminders

- ❖ please could you name all your children's clothes, EG; hats, coats, jumpers, changing bags and wellies thanks.
- ❖ Could you please make sure that if your child goes home in some of our clothes, that they are returned please as we only have a limited amount.
- ❖ If your child wears wellies to pre-school could you please make sure that they have a change of shoes in their bags, as to access some areas a change of shoes is necessary. THANKS

packed lunches

- ❖ healthy
- ❖ Easy for the children to open independently, no clingfilm
- ❖ please cut grapes/sausages in half lengthways (choking hazard) please can you make sure that if your child has oranges they are peeled please to promote independence at lunch time.
- ❖ NO NUTS – PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE A "NUT FREE ZONE" DUE TO NUT ALLERGIES.
- ❖ We have attached names to your child's lunch boxes this make it easier for the children and us to recognise the lunchboxes.

please see guidance for packed lunches:
WWW.healthylunch.org.uk/packedlunch/content

we will be having the photographer in again (date to follow) to take Christmas themed photos of your child, this is open to all children and you are welcome to bring siblings. We will send out an email with dates and times soon.



The photos are of our finished “sensory” reading area. We would like to say a massive thank you to the fundraising committee for their hard work in raising the money. Also, to other parents that have donated money for the flowers.

We have also just had a car wash installed on the bike area that the children are really enjoying using. This was made by Andrea’s dad. We would like to thank him for this.



Trip – Cobtree Manor – Tuesday 5th November
– 9:30-11:00 am

All those who want to meet at Cobtree Manor Park at 9.30am on the above date, for a winter story walk through the woods, and autumn nature craft activities, snack and outdoor play. This will be subject weather conditions.

ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/CARER

(Please note that the morning session at pre-school will be available for those who cannot make the trip, if this is your child’s normal session). Letters to follow with reply slips. - please let us know either way, so we know where to deploy staff that morning.

30 HOURS OF FREE CHILDCARE FOR 3 YEAR OLDS

Parents will be able to access the 30-hour entitlement if they (each in dual-parent families):

- Earn at least the equivalent of 16 hours per week at the national living wage – or national minimum wage for those aged under 25.
- Earn less than £100,000 per year.
- In cases where parents are separated, eligibility applies to the parent with whom the child “normally lives”.
- To see if you are eligible please see website
- Please remember to verify your email every three months, with the HMRC. When promoted otherwise you will lose your funding

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

if you have any queries regarding this please see Marian or Jackie

We would like to inform parents that we have a Facebook page that will have upcoming events and information on. Please have a look.

On your child's peg is a canvas bag. This is for your child to take a library book home for a week to share at home. Your child will have a selected day that they can their book. This is on the walkway.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – If you would like to join our fundraising committee please see a member of staff or committee member. We meet up throughout the year to arrange fund raising activities for our events at the pre-school and would appreciate any additional help and support for these as the money raised goes towards new resources for your children to enjoy.

We currently hold a small list of childminders in the area that we work in partnership with, in delivering the FEE funding and 30 hours childcare. If you are a registered childminder and would like to add your name to our list to be distributed to parents that require additional childcare, please contact Jackie in the office.

SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA

Please note that it is our policy, (and is also in our admission pack), that if your child suffers from sickness or diarrhoea, they cannot return to pre-school until 48hours after the last bout of sickness, please remember that these bugs are very contagious and we have had many children and members of staff absent with this bug.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS HAD A TEMPERATURE AND IS TAKING PRESCRIBED MEDICINE/CALPOL PLEASE SEEK ADVICE FROM A MEMBER OF STAFF BEFORE SENDING THEM TO PRE-SCHOOL.