

# NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term before the Summer and a big "hello" to our new friends who have started with us! We hope everyone enjoyed their Easter Break, it has been lovely to see and hear what you've all been up to!

We know that as we slowly return to a bit more normality following the roadmap out of lockdown that everyone will be feeling differently about it, that's ok! Please note that we are here for the whole family, so if you want to phone or email for a chat then please do so, we will be more than happy to help where we can!

I think now would be a great time to share with you a link to a short you tube clip which I was given when on a recent course, to remind you all of the fabulous job you all do as parents! Please, please have a little watch! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PB1Uo9nbIVU>

Over the coming half term we will be looking at The Queen's Birthday, St George's Day, Earth Week, Express yourself and lots of other super activities, whilst hopefully making the most of our outdoor space in the sunshine.

**Next week will be a very messy week so please can all children come dressed in old clothes that you don't mind getting even more messy than usual! 😊**

## Staff News

As most of you are already aware, Annie has recently moved house, out of Bratton Fleming! I am pleased to let you all know that although Annie has moved, she will still be with us at Pre School. Annie won't be in everyday but if you need to contact her regarding invoices etc then please email. The rest of the team will also be able to help you with any queries you may have.

As previously mentioned, we have 2 new members of staff joining us:



This is Leon. Leon is one of the new Early Years Practitioners at Pre School, starting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Leon will be here Monday to Friday each week and has lots of experience with working with children of all ages and has a little boy himself.



This is Chloe. Chloe is one of the new Early Years Practitioners at Pre School, starting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Chloe will be here Monday to Wednesday each week and has lots of experience with working with children of all ages, as well as having her own little girl and little boy.

Some of the team already know Leon and Chloe and everyone is looking forward to them joining the fabulous team at Pre School! Please bear with them whilst they get to know you all.

## Covid 19

A few reminders from the Risk Assessment include:

- **Face Coverings (unless exempt or staff) are mandatory for all adults entering the Pre School grounds, you are walking past other adults and children at a close distance and face coverings will help protect both you and other people.**
- **Please do not go past the 2metre sign on the door buzzer. This is 2 metres away from where the staff are. The children can bring their own things into Pre School and anything needing to go home will be bought out with the children at the end of their session. Please can everyone keep to the social distancing measures we have put out. For our non walkers, staff will come out and take your child and their belongings from you.**
- **No one is to enter the Pre School building unless permission has been given.**
- **No toys or items from home should be brought into Pre School, for those who use a comforter to sleep then they will remain in the child's bag until needed.**

You may already be aware but just to let you know that everyone (**not** primary aged and under children) can now be involved in lateral flow testing at home. You can order these online or collect them from Barnstaple. If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to ask. This is not mandatory, but everyone is encouraged to take part and register their results online.

Pre School has remained a Covid Free Zone since the beginning, we would like to thank all families for keeping to the rules to help this and a big well done to all staff for ensuring our environment is a safe place to be! We just need to keep going, please continue to stick to the rules and guidelines from the Government as we begin to ease back into 'normality.'

### Some Reminders

😊 Please can we ask that EVERYTHING is labelled with your child's name, we now have more children in Pre School and if everything is named it will make the children's and our lives a lot easier, thank you!

😊 Please can we ask that grapes are cut up in the children's lunchboxes, these should be cut at least in half length ways, this is stated in our policies and procedures to reduce the risk of choking.

😊 Please remember that we are a NUT FREE Setting. Please do not bring in anything that contains nuts. If there are nut items in your child's lunchbox, then it will be returned home.

😊 If your child is sent home with wet/dirty clothes, can we please ask you send in a clean set the next time they come to the setting. If you think your child may have outgrown what is left in their Pre School bag please ask a member of staff and they will ensure the bag comes home for you to go through and return. This also applies to any wellington boots that have been left here.

😊 Please ensure your child is coming to Pre School with the correct clothing, the doors are open all day and outside is always open so they will be out in all weathers!

😊 Please can everyone ensure you have bought in a named sun hat and named sun cream for your child, these are to then stay at Pre School and sun cream will be applied throughout the day as required. Please ensure (weather dependent) that you have already applied sun cream to your child before they arrive, staff will not apply sun cream first thing. There are still quite a few children who do not have sun hats at Pre School, we are unable to supply sun hats from Pre School due to Covid 19 and do not want children getting poorly.

😊 Please remember to just gently press the buzzer when you arrive, otherwise it does get stuck in and frightens the children or wakes those sleeping. When collecting your child, we would kindly ask that you do not allow them to press the buzzer as they leave.

### **Dates for your diaries**

Bank Holiday: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 - No Pre School

Non Pupil Day: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Half Term: Week Commencing Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021

End of Summer Term: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Many thanks

Leanne