

NEWSLETTER

September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone and hello to our new friends who are starting Pre School with us! It is so lovely to see you all and hear about all the Summer adventures everyone has had!

Over the next half term we are going to be looking at Autumn and the changes in the world around us. If you happen to go on a walk or adventure and see any Autumnal changes we'd love you to share them with us, please feel free to send us some photos on Tapestry and we can share them with all our friends. We are also looking at extending our loose parts play at Pre School, so if you happen to have anything lying around at home that you'd be happy to donate to us we'd really appreciate it! Things like old bangles, feathers, lolly pop sticks, corks, pine cones, small logs, sticks, old CDs, small pebbles, gems etc. Please bring them in and we will ensure they are quarantined or cleaned before use, Thank You! 😊

Staff News



We'd like to say a big "Welcome" to Georgie who had just started her Apprenticeship with us! Georgie will be working in the setting Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

On Friday 17th September we will be saying "Goodbye" to Chloe D and on Friday 1st October we will be saying "Goodbye" to Leon. They will both be missed by us all and we thank them for their hard work whilst at the setting and wish them both the best of luck for their futures.



On Monday 4th October we have a new member of staff starting with us called Britney (Brit). Britney will be working at Pre School full time Monday to Friday and is Level 3 qualified. Brit has been working in childcare for 5 years and also teaches children dance. We are looking forward to her joining our outstanding team.

And finally for staff news, I am really pleased to share some exciting news with you all that I am having another baby! Baby Taylor is due March 2022!!

Key Person Update

As we are settling into Pre School and having some changes in staffing we are allowing the children time to get to know staff before allocating Key People to Key Children. All staff will continue to take care of the children and updated Key lists will be published on your child's Tapestry account by Monday 4th October 2021. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

New Email

You may have noticed this newsletter has come through a different email address instead of leanne.wade. This is now the new email that will be used, so please make sure you add it to your contacts. preschoolbf@gmail.com is also still in use as before.

Coronavirus Update

Over the Summer I am sure you are all aware that the laws, rules and regulations that our Government set out for the Coronavirus Pandemic have significantly changed. I have now changed our Coronavirus Risk Assessment however, we are fully aware that there are still lots of cases both locally and nationally and we feel we still need to have some rules in place for our setting to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can. I am aware that other settings, schools and businesses will most probably have different rules and requests than we do but I urge you all to please respect ours as we work together to keep Covid 19 away from the setting.

A few requests from the Risk Assessment include:

- **Face Coverings are no longer mandatory however, we are requesting that if you can wear a face covering then you continue to do so. This is 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.**
- **If your child starts to display Coronavirus symptoms whilst at Pre School they will be sent home immediately and you will need to PCR test them and await a negative result before the return, or they must isolate if it is positive. Either way the result must be shared with the Pre School Manager.**

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!

2 Year Progress Reviews

The Health Visiting Team are now bringing back the Reviews for children aged 2years. This could be at anytime between their second and third birthday. If this applies to your child, please can you let us know when the appointment will be, we have a requirement to fill in our own 2year progress review and you are asked to bring it to the appointment with you. We will of course complete the review at Pre School and talk it through with you before the Health Visitor's appointment.

Informing Parents of the EYFS changes

It has been mentioned before that from September 2021 our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) has changed and everything that comes with that has changed. With this in mind it does mean that the way we operate at Pre School will be slightly changing. It is really tricky to explain on paper and much nicer to talk in person so we thought we would hold an open evening for all parents/carers to come in and listen

and talk about the changes to Pre School including our new Toothbrushing scheme. We really encourage communication between Pre School and Families so it would be really nice to see as many faces here as possible. We will ensure it is held in a Covid secure way along with tea and biscuits! Further information will follow but it will be held on Thursday 30th September 2021 at 6pm. If several parents are unable to make it but can do another time then we will put on another one, so please do let us know if you are able to make it or not.

Parent's Evening

We are going to be holding parent's evenings again! Hooray!! They are much nicer than parent consultations and gives everyone more time to come into the setting, have a look around at the environment (without children) and talk to your child's Key Person. These will also be held in a covid secure way, however, if any rules are put in place by the Government we may have to reschedule, but let's hope we can go ahead. Further information will follow closer to the time but it will be Wednesday 10th November 2021 6pm-7.30pm and we would politely ask that children do not attend the evening.

Some Reminders

😊 Please can we ask that EVERYTHING is labelled with your child's name, 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 regardless of your child's age.

😊 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, waterproofs etc.

😊 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! If you have spares to leave at Pre School that would be great.

Dates for your diaries

Inset Day: Friday 22nd October 2021.

Half Term: Monday 25th October 2021 - Friday 29th October 2021

End of Autumn Term: Friday 17th December 2021

Return to Pre School: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Attached is also a copy of the term dates for 2021-2022.

There is a lot of information in this newsletter, but as always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Many thanks

Leanne