



# NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024

## Keeping In Touch

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**In person-** We will always make time to speak to you at Pre-School



## WELCOME

We hope you have all had a fantastic summer in the sunshine and we are looking forward to welcoming all of the children to Pre-School. We have been very busy working hard to get Pre School looking fantastic ready for September!

First Day back Wednesday 4th September!

Please Click here for Term Dates.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 27th September

Everyone is welcome, even if your child does not usually attend on a Friday, they are more than welcome to join us in the setting whilst you are having a tea or coffee. We do ask that you remain on the premises if your child does not normally attend on this day. Coffee Mornings will continue to take place on alternating days of the week, once every half term, throughout the academic year.

## LUNCH CLUB

We are very excited to be able to offer lunch club 12.10-13.10 from the start of term in September. If you would like to sign up please let Miss Wilkins know. It is a great opportunity for children to sit round a table and engage with their peers. The cost of lunch club is £10 for the hour.

## REGISTRATION PACK

If you have not done so already please make sure you return your completed Registration pack to Pre-School ASAP.

These forms provide staff with important information about your child that support a smooth transition process and are crucial to our understanding of your child's individual needs.

## FOREST SCHOOL

Please note Forest School starts Tuesday 10th September.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for Forest School and arrives wearing their Forest School clothes.

Please speak to Miss Wilkins if you would like to borrow some all-in-ones/wellies as we have spares.

We are very lucky Mrs Smith is Level 3 Forest School qualified and has an action planned session for us!

[Click here for Forest School manual.](#)

## EARLY DROP OFF'S

Just a reminder we have 'early drop off' every day starting in September. 8.30am drop off. Please let Miss Wilkins know if you would like to sign up

# LIBRARY

We continue to have the library box of books available for you to borrow and share with your child at home. Please remember to mark in the 'Library Log' when you take and return a book. We hope you enjoy and make use of this resource.

# SHOW AND TELL

PLEASE label any items your child brings from home to show at the beginning of the session and avoid bringing anything valuable or precious. We try to encourage a link to the topic or colour of the week. However, if a particular item will support your child coming to Pre-School confidently, then that is absolutely fine.

# TOPICS FOR THIS HALF TERM

Please be aware that we always encourage child initiated play and learning and follow the children's ideas or interests. Therefore, this may take us away from the planned topics or activities.

This half term our main topics will be Me, Myself and My Family

W/C 2nd September -Topic - Settling into Pre-School (Blue)

W/C 9th September - All about me (Red)

W/C 16th September - My Family (Pink)

W/C 23rd September - Sight (Yellow)

W/C 30th September - Touch (Green)

W/C 7th October - Hearing (Orange)

W/C 14th October - Smell (Purple)

W/C 21st October - Taste (Brown)

Each day we will offer a craft activity, generally linked to the topic of the week, but children are also encouraged to investigate the wide selection of resources available.

Therefore, items made on the craft table will often vary and reflect the children's interests, preferences, and exploration of the available resources.

Craft activities can get messy and whilst we do encourage the children to wear aprons, we cannot guarantee that items of clothing will remain clean. Please encourage your child to wear clothing that is not too special and allows them freedom of movement.

We have Pre-School T-shirts available to buy for £5.

# LABELLING

PLEASE remember to label your child's bag, coat, sun hat and anything else they may want to bring in. A clear label on the strap or a tag of their bag makes things much easier for us when a child's nappy or clothing needs to be changed.

Thank you.

# FAMILY PHOTOS

PLEASE EMAIL MISS WILKINS OR BRING IN A RANGE OF PHOTOS AROUND 10 OR SO OF YOUR CHILD'S FAMILY AND INTERESTS AS WE ARE CREATING A PHOTO JOURNAL WITH YOUR CHILD. This is a lovely opportunity for your children to talk to us about their home life and interests outside of Pre-School.

# HOME TIME PROCEDURE

Please remember to inform a member of staff if someone we have not met before is picking up your child. They will need your family password and some form of Identification. Just a gentle reminder to be respectful when parking near the Church and turn engines off whilst waiting.

# CONTACT WITH COMMUNITY

If you have an interest, hobby, skill or event of cultural significance that you could, and would like to, share with the Pre-School children then please mention it to a member of staff. We welcome any input and thoroughly enjoy having visitors. Over the years we have regularly hosted parents, grand-parents and older siblings who were musicians, historians, artists, nurses, authors or firemen. We would love to extend our repertoire so if you, or anyone you know, would like to join us for all or part of a session then please do.

# ILLNESS/ABSENCE

Please notify us in advance, or on the day, if your child is going to be absent from one or more Pre-School sessions. In the case of sickness please keep your child at home for 48 hours after their last bout of illness. Sickness and diarrhoea can spread very quickly so we would appreciate everyone following these procedures.

# WELLCOMM

At Pre-School we use a screening tool called WELLCOMM, which assess children's speech and language and their understanding. This allows us to support your child whilst at Fusion and if needed offer a support plan to aid their development. We will share this with you towards the end of Half Term.

# INVOICING

You should have received September and October Invoices. Please check the days on the invoice are correct. If your child is eligible for the 15 hours Government funding, you will be sent a form early September that needs to be returned ASAP regarding information for Miss Wilkins to apply. Thank you.

# EXISTING INJURIES

Please be aware that as part of the Pre-School's safeguarding obligations it has been recommended to us that we ask all parents / carers to inform us of any pre-existing injuries. If your child arrives at Pre-School with an injury that has occurred outside of the setting we would be grateful if you could record this injury and how it occurred on a 'Pre-existing Injury Form' which are located in the reception area.

Please follow us on facebook - Fusion Pre-School

# AND FINALLY...

We always try to make ourselves available to talk to you but this is not always possible first thing in the morning as settling the children is our main priority. If you need to tell us something urgently then we will always make time for you but otherwise, it is more convenient for members of staff to talk at the end of the session when we have more time. If the subject is personal or requires confidentiality, please let us know and we will make the Pre-School office available for conversation. If you have any concerns, please share them with us. We are here to help and to make this a positive experience for everyone.