

PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - TERM 1

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 5th September - Pre-School returns

Saturday 10th September - Woodcote Village Fete

Monday 19th September - CLOSED - Queen's Funeral - Bank Holiday

Wednesday 28th September - Photographer morning

Thursday 29th September - Inset Day

Tuesday 4th October - Harvest Festival

Friday 21st October - Last day of term - normal finish

Friday 21st October - Quiz Night

We all hope you had a fantastic summer and are excited to welcome you all back. A big thank you from us all for our very thoughtful cards and gifts at the end of last term, they were very much appreciated.

We have a busy term ahead planned - we have introduced a book of the week into our plans this year which is very exciting. This term's topic is "Getting to know us" - learning about each other, our families and ourselves.

WOODCOTE FETE - SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - 12PM-5PM

We held a Jolly Jar / Bottle Tombola, Facepainting and Glitter Tattoos stall at Woodcote Fete - The children will be entered some of their produce from the allotment into some of the competitions, as well as some of their artwork, baking and creations. It was a fantastic success and we raised £674 which will use to buy some new toys for Pre-School.

CLOSED - MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

We are closed for a bank holiday due to the Queen's Funeral.

PHOTOGRAPHER - WEDNESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

Our fantastic photographer, Ian Taylor, will be visiting Pre-School to take photographs throughout the morning from 9am. He will be offering posed sibling photographs between 8am-9am. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to book a slot for posed photographs. We will be asking you all individually if you would like to book your child in for the morning if they aren't already booked in.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER - 10:15AM

We will be celebrating Harvest at St. Lenard's church with The Cabin Pre-School. We would like all children and families to join us. The plan is to meet at Pre-School at 10am then to walk over to the church together or alternatively you can meet us at the church.

Please can we ask for any donations of food for the children to take over - anything canned, long-life or packets - Thank you.

QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER - 7:30-LATE

Fundraising is a huge part of Pre-School and is what helps to keep us going. Quiz night will be our second fundraising event of the new school year! Please come and join us to support our fantastic Pre-School for a great evening, bring friends and family - the more the merrier 😊 We thank you all for your continued support and look forward to seeing you all there.

£6 per person - Teams of up to 6 - Licensed Bar - Small Raffle - Nibbles - Lots of fun

DROP OFF + PICK UP

We are going to be trialling a new drop off and pick up system. From Monday 12th September you will be able to enter Pre-School through the green door, the first door just as you come around the corner from the car park. You will be able to hang your child's coat and bag on their named peg and then wait in the corridor until we open the main door inside to let your children in and out.

COATS AND WELLIES

As we move into Autumn and the weather changes, please can all children bring a coat and named pair of wellies to Pre-School that can be left at Pre-School.

TAPESTRY

Please can we ask all parents to complete the "All about me" section on Tapestry. Instead of us sending out paper copies, we feel this is the best way for you to complete and for us to store this information. If anyone needs help finding it or any more information, please don't hesitate to ask.

SCARLET FEVER

We have been advised of a national increase in notifications of Scarlet Fever to the UK Health Security Agency and have been asked to make everyone aware of this and what to look out for.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Scarlet Fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or a group of *A Streptococcus (GAS)*. The early symptoms of Scarlet Fever include:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- Nausea
- Vomiting

After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a

sandpaper-like texture. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of skin can occur.

Children or adults with suspected Scarlet Fever should avoid school for 48 hours after the commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment, but please contact your GP for more information.

CORONAVIRUS

Unfortunately, Coronavirus is still around. Please continue to be aware of the possible symptoms.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) - a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 they will need to isolate for 3 days before being able to return to Pre-School.