

Term 1 newsletter 2019.



Term dates:

Term 1: 9th September - 25th October

Term 2: 4th November - 20th December (Finish time 1215 for all children)

Term 3: 6th January - 14th February

Term 4: 24th February - 3rd April (26th Feb closed as church using the premises)

Term 5: 20th April - 22nd May (FRIDAY 8th May closed for bank holiday)

Term 6: 1st June - 21st July (Finish time 1215 for all children)

We hope that the start of the new school year is going well for you and as always please do not hesitate to speak to us regarding any concerns or queries. If for any reason we cannot talk there and then, maybe because we need to seek the answer from a particular person or the children in our care need us at that point, rest assured we will get back to you. All the new children have and are settling really well so thank you to all parents for helping us with that!

If your child is in nappies please can they be in pull ups as we sit ALL children (that will,) on the toilet and normal nappies make this very hard.
Thank you!

Changing bags: Ingredients for the perfect changing bags!

3-4 nappies

A packet of wipes

A packet of nappy sacks.

A carrier bag for soiled clothes.

A change of clothes and shoes.

All in a **clearly named changing bag** and put into the changing bag box!



There will a list later this term for those wishing to add their child's names to the extended hours lunch club in term 2 but please note if your child is receiving funding no changes re: funding can now be made till term 3. If you wish access more hours you will be billed.



Drink bottles:

Just to remind families that all drink bottles need to be brought in each day.

They need to be **clearly named** and should contain just WATER! No squash, milk or juice etc.....

01323 - 504659 this is the number to ring on the morning of your child being absent for Pre-school and we will then log this as our registers are audited. Please do not email this info or pass a message on through someone else as it may not get to us. Thank you.



Pack lunches: please ensure if your child has either tomatoes, olives or grapes that they are cut in half. This is because those are the few foods that might not be dislodged if your child is choking. **Large blue ice packs** are to be used all year round please.

Thank you for your support with this health and Safety matter.



****Reminder**** Any queries re: finances are to go to our treasurer, via the email address

treasurerchalkhill@hotmail.co.uk as staff do not deal with the finances.....

If paying fees by cheque **PLEASE** ensure that it is in a sealed envelope and that it has on the front whom it is from and the contents ie: fees from..... so we can pass it on to the correct person and nothing is lost! Thank you for your support in this matter. **Ideally paying via BACs is the best option if possible!**

Wednesday the 18th is the payment due date for fees.

Safeguarding children: on the main table will be a safeguarding form for everyone to fill in **IF** your child comes in on their next session having sustained any bruising or scratches, bites, bangs etc..... If we discover any marks we have another form to fill in and get you to add your information and signature to at the end of the session.

Please do not be afraid of these forms. We all know children fall, bump, squabble.... This is just a statutory requirement we must fulfil.

We record your child's observations and photos on a system called Tapestry. An activation email will be sent to you this week so that you can access **your** child's journal. Rest assured that **ONLY** you will be able to view your child's journal and no one else. Please look out for the activation email which will be sent from tapestry so please check your junk mail box as well.

This system is for parents to also use for children's achievements outside of pre-school which all help to update your child's development. We look forward to seeing these items from you.

Visitors & trips:

We are going to be planning our Butterfly trips for the year. We need a 1:2 ratio on outings; therefore we rely on parent/family helpers.

Therefore to help us plan these days we shall put a list on the butterfly table so helpers can let us know the best days they can help on a trip! (Unfortunately we cannot take any siblings on these trips so please take this into consideration when offering your support.) Thank you for your support in advance.



Our website has is available for all information regarding the pre-school such as welcome pack, full set of policies, term times, calendar of eventsat some point we may update the children's photos and will be using only those children whose parents have signed their admission forms consenting to this. If you have changed your mind then please put this in writing.

Thank you.



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We have a suggestions box on our table if you would like to communicate your ideas, suggestions or have any comments about pre-school - all ideas are welcomed.

Most information can be accessed/shared with staff and any information re: absence or collections on our land line/answer service 01323 504659

However if you should need to contact myself directly about anything else I can be emailed at chalkhillmanager@hotmail.co.uk please note, I will access these emails **up to 6pm Mon-Fri only of term time.**



FUN- RAISERS!!!!!!!!!!!!

The committee will be in contact by email and posters so please keep an eye out! (....said the one eyed pirate!)

The first committee meeting will be held to welcome all new families and set all the dates and requirements for raising money etc.. This will be held in the parents room on the morning of **Friday 20th of September at 0930**. Children are welcome to attend the meeting too! The meeting will be led by Vicki, our Chairperson and mum to Angus in the butterfly group.

The Christmas concert and Fayre has already been booked for Saturday Dec 14th!!! So please put the date in the diary. Hopefully a cake sale will be on the last week of term so have your change at the ready! (I love the cake sale.....yummy!)

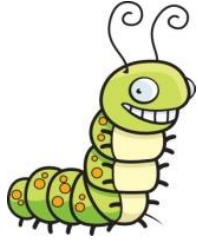
PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID FOR PARENTS

WILLINGDON Library are hosting a first aid course for families on Monday the 23rd of September 1000-1300 for just £20 per person which includes a manual and certificate at the end.

Covers all the important things to know about first aid with children
such as scalds, choking, head injuries.....

Please contact the library if interested.

Activity ideas to support your child at home.



Welcome to our group! (September 9th - October 11th)

For this theme we are settling the children in to our routine and building friendships.

The children will be learning other children's names through a greeting song so maybe you could talk to your child about the children they have met.

To give them a sense of belonging to their "caterpillar group" the children will be making caterpillar pictures. It would be nice if maybe they could also do this at home and bring it in to show us. They could use paints or glue with shapes. We will display their work in the pre-school to show we value their achievements.

Reading your child a story about starting a playgroup or a caterpillar (such as the hungry caterpillar) would further support them at home and how about a visit to the library or even our book tower in the entrance room.

Don't forget to collect your child's polo top from the table if starting with us this term.

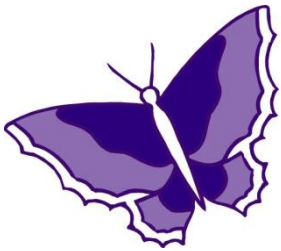
Autumn. (Week of October 14th - 25th)

These weeks we will be talking about the changes in the environment from summer to autumn.

You can support your child by going for walks in the park and looking at the colour of the leaves. You can collect leaves and make a collage by gluing them onto paper or card or you and your child can even make a leaf crown.

If it is windy why not fly a kite if you have one or throw leaves in the air.

We read the children poems and autumn songs maybe you can find some at the library or on line.



All about me! (September 9th - October 11th)

The children will be discussing their new roles as butterflies! And along with that all about who they are as individuals.

Maybe you could send in a few photos of your child with their family/friends. What makes your child unique? Talk about their hair colour and length. The colour of their eyes. If they have a

sibling who is taller, shorter?

You could take turns drawing a picture of each other (we would love to see them!) this will also help the colours along with hand-eye co-ordination

How about hand/foot prints if you are feeling adventurous!!!!

Can your child name their parts of the body? You can support this with a game of "Simon says"

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Leaf rubbing gives a lovely effect and introduces a different creative technique! Don't forget to use autumnal colour crayons. Also leaf printing!

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The butterflies will be looking at some nocturnal and hibernating animals.

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We are sure you can think of a lot more ideas. Just remember anything you do at home to include the theme will be sharing experiences and keeping learning fun. We would love to see anything your child has made at home just remember to name it so we can give it back.

Don't forget to share your outside of pre-school experiences on your child's TAPESTRY.

There will be a paper version of this newsletter on the table also for your reference at anytime.