

Term 2 newsletter 2019.



Term dates:

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)

The clocks have gone back and children do like to get up early!!! Between breakfast and snack time they burn off **alot** of energy. Can we please ask that, if possible, you give them a little snack around 0830 to help them cope physically and emotionally.....thank you!



The proof Christmas card your child has made will be sent home this term. Can we please ask that all orders are in **by 18th of Nov** in order to receive your packs for sending to friends and relatives! (plus the pre-school will also receive commission.) A date to confirm return will be emailed out to you. On the completed order there will be a festive message printed inside.



Friday the 15th of November is children in need day. We know you will be doing something to support this charity so we will NOT be collecting money but we do like to celebrate this day with the children as it has become part of our culture.

Therefore on this day can the children wear something spotty or yellow!!! (Don't worry if you have not got anything, something colourful would be lovely) we will be having a fun day and the children will be bringing things home they have done on this day.



Parents/ Keyperson meetings: This is the opportunity to have a 1:1 chat with your child's keyperson and to see how your child has settled in and TAPESTRY and next steps. There will be an appointment form for you to fill in on the parents table.

Caterpillars are week starting the week of the **2nd of Dec** and Butterflies are week commencing **9th of Dec**

Red health records book: the 27-30 month progress check is a new practice being shared with health visitors and all early years settings. If you have not had an appointment through by 28 months can you please contact your health visitor but can we ask all Caterpillar parents to bring in their child's book for staff to check areas are complete at the above parent meetings or before if you have had a visit by the health Visitor. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Dressing up days!

To get into the festive fun and raise a little more for the funds (which we put towards the Christmas activities)

We are having a Christmas jumper/T-shirt week commencing Monday the 2nd of Dec!

We ask a kind suggested donation of £1 per child and if every child brings in just £1 we can raise £33



Saturday December 14th Church concert arrive at **9.15am** to start at 9.30am followed by the Christmas Fair. All welcome!

Children will sing with a nativity story to their families in church first and then we proceed to the hall for the fair and to meet Father Christmas.....We ask that the **caterpillar group** come as **farm animals** and the butterfly group will have details of their roles on the table very soon!!

Watch out for further details.

To support the Pre-school fair we call upon families to donate for the tombolas and purchase raffle tickets. The committee will put up posters and be in touch for donations needed nearer the time.



Children's last day of Term 2 = **Friday December 20th**.

This will be a party for the children, details to go on notice board and all children of the pre-school are welcome with the sessions 3 hour charge for those children who would not normally attend. (£16.80) Father Christmas, entertainer, party food.....On this day the session will end for **ALL at 12.15!!**



IF YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY WORK FOR BARCLAYS OR HSBC THEY COULD ACCESS MATCH FUNDING WHICH WOULD INCREASE AN EVENT BY A FURTHER £300 OR MORE!! MAYBE YOU EVEN WORK FOR A COMPANY WHO ALSO DOES THIS, IF SO PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMITTEE AT chalkhillpreschool@live.co.uk

THE QUIZ NIGHT! Wow a great fundraiser. I thoroughly enjoyed it and can't wait for another one!

Keep an eye on the committee board for further events and information. The grand total raised, including the raffle, was £335 so thank you all so very much!

The dressing up days made £31 and the cake sale took £38.50 (they were fab cakes! Thank you Linda, Stefans mummy!)

Just to let you know what some of this money is going towards.....Christmas art activities ,Christmas entertainer for the party, Drusillas for term 1, some tables to replace broken ones.....



A BIG THANK YOU to Megans parents for taking all our rubbish (after sorting the sheds in term 6) to the tip at the beginning of term 1. It was very much appreciated.



Colder weather!

It may seem still mild however it will now get cold outside, therefore, can we kindly ask that appropriate clothing, coats (**everything named**) and footwear be worn.

If it is raining by all means put wellies on your child to stop shoes getting wet but please, due to H&S (apparatus etc) change your childs footwear before the session. Thank you!



Butterfly parents, please support your child to be independent with putting on their socks, shoes and coats. We know, as mothers ourselves, this can be tricky all the time to achieve, but if you could at some times of the week allow a little extra time this would be fantastic for your childs development. (Caterpillars, if ready, could also start this process please)



We are going on a trip to the church with the Butterfly children that attend the Thursday session. This will take place on Thursday 12th of December.

We are going to have a look around, do some activities and see our Christmas tree!

On this day the Butterfly children will be meeting at the church at 0915 and NOT pre-school HOWEVER we still need helpers for the return trip and there will be a list on the table for support for this trip.

Further trips are in the pipeline for other occasions such as St Andrews wood, Willingdon Primary for pond dipping and nature trail etc....



Although the mild weather is fading..... **Please** still supply an ice pack for your childs lunch box We will be emailing you all, good healthy ideas for your childs lunch boxes. This supports the healthy eating programme we are going to be doing throughout the coming school year with children. A good diet helps support childrens immune system and general health, growth, teeth and helps prevent obesity and diabetes. Children who learn this now will be taking a healthy approach into adulthood.

LUNCH CLUB: if your child attends lunch club can you please ensure they can open most of the packaging in their boxes. Perhaps some of the packaging can be pre opened/started so they can just finish independently at lunch. Children can practice opening their lunch items when they have lunch at home, especially the Butterfly group as this will prepare them for school.



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.....**

Squash can be given in lunch box to be had with food to help lessen teeth decay.



Popper vests we realise these are great however in the preschool they can prove quite time consuming when toileting. Can we kindly ask that children just wear a normal vests rather than an all in one type to support self help skills for those toileting moments and quickness for staff. Thank you.

Can we please remind all families to report **any absences via the pre-school phone/answering service** and through no other means of communication. Thank you.



Activity ideas to support your child at home.



Safety. (November 4th -November 15th)

We will be discussing and learning about self help, strangers, roads, firework safety.....

When going out for a walk, discuss how you cross the road carefully. If coming to school by car why not park across the main road and cross at the pedestrian crossing!

Goldilocks and the three bears or little red riding hood are some stories for highlighting what the characters should or should not have done to keep safe.

Your child with your support could do some cutting out with scissors learning how to use them safely.



People who help us. (November 4th -November 15th)

We will be learning about the police, hospital and, fire brigade during these weeks. You could support this by playing with any toys your child may have at home that match these topics.

See when the fire station has an open day or just have a little look if passing by and the same with the hospital.

There are activity games on the cbeebies computer site to help with first ICT skills.

You can read bedtime stories to match the weeks theme and how about some songs like "5 little firemen standing in a row"

Maybe if you had a big cardboard box it could become an emergency vehicle!

December: Christmas!

Let children make their own cards to give.

Talk about how people will feel to receive their cards and how it will make the children feel to give.

Write letters to Father Christmas and encourage please and thank you.

Visit a church if you wish to see the nativity scene and colourful windows or even a child friendly service.

Make decorations for the tree. (a lovely creative activity that gives children a sense of pride in their achievements.)

Cooking some mince pies or cakes are great for maths (counting out spoonfuls and measuring) and for science (liquid to solid...) and exploring of the senses.

Paper chains are a great way to talk about colours with your children (and to see a great end result!)

Have a visit to Father Christmas and talk about how they feel about it. Maybe they could make a present/picture to give to Father Christmas.



We're sure you can think of a lot more things!!!!!!

Just remember anything you do to include *the theme* at home will be helping your child to build on their experience at Pre-School and will keep learning fun.

If your child makes anything at home for the theme we would love to show to the rest of the pre-school and if it is a picture we would like to put this on display, so please feel free to bring it in on the morning they come in.

Remember to add your child's work and other things they achieve onto their TAPESTRY online learning journal!