# NEWSLETTER Pre-School

#### **AUTUMN TERM 2024**

# A very Warm Welcome Back

We are so excited to welcome Toby, Isaiah, Nicholas, Micah and Oakley. I am sure you will all help make everyone feel welcome and part of our extended family.

Talk to Teddys Mum to join the what's app parents' group, or Jayne, this is for Cabin parents only, no staff. Use it to share information, sell or give things to each other, reminders for Cabin activities, ask questions about Cabin Life. Be kind and courteous.

## Autumn Term Activities

We are starting the term preparing for the Woodcote Festival, I am sure you will all come and support us and have a bounce on Bouncy castle, the children have been busy making woodland creatures for our tuff tray competition entry.

The children will be thinking about Who is who? Using the term to think about who is in their families, where they belong, Pets and other people important to them. Where they live, Woodcote and the community (does anyone have an ariel photo of the village we could borrow) and most important themselves looking at their hair colour, eyes, height. Such a great way to start the term and get to know our new littlies.

Then will celebrating Harvest, Autumn, reading Marvelous me, 3 little pigs, Goldilocks, Little red hen, Olivers vegetable, don't wake the bear hare and the Gruffalo as our focus books. With them we make displays with characters allowing the children to interrupt the stories into their imaginations, also setting up colour displays to reinforce colours and shapes.

We will be celebrating Harvest with the other Preschool at St Lennard's Church, on 2nd October, hope you will come along and join us.

Also, we will remember Armistice Day on the 11th November, where we will walk to the war memorial.

## Healthy Smile Accreditation

We have applied to be part of the Healthy smile's accreditation, which is something we have become very passionate about, looking at the criteria we already meet a lot of the conditions, so we will be asking parents to help and participate in this. We will make a brushing chart, use big teeth to practice tooth brushing, get a dentist to visit us, make a smiles poster- guessing who is who's smile.

We will restrict sugar consumption having different tasty snacks such as Fresh fruit • Vegetable sticks • Breadsticks • Pitta fingers • Tortilla wraps • Plain rice cakes • Crumpets with butter • Crackers • Cheese cut into strips rather than chunks • Soft cheese • Oatcakes. Please use these suggestions for donations for snacks, fruit and veg one piece per day and crackers, pittas once per term.

#### TERM 1 \_ September

## COMMITTEE

Our next meeting is:

#### Wed 11th September

All parents are welcome to come find out how we run Cabin

## **Diary Dates**

14th Sept Woodcote Village Fete

2nd Oct 10:30am Harvest Festival

25th Oct Inset Day—Closed

4th Nov Start of Term 2

11th Dec 10:30am Christingle

20th Dec Last day of Term- close at 1pm



# Bags, Water Bottles, Wipes and Nappy Sacks

These will be sent home each night, bags Please check, and refill as required, our recommended content is:

2x t-shirts 2x trousers\* 2x socks\* 2x pants\* Jumper\* Hat - weather appropriate,

Nappies<sup>^</sup> 1 packet of wipes & some nappy sacks<sup>\*</sup> Slippers or indoor shoes.

Water bottles – clean and refill each morning, please only with water. Juice or squashes may be included in their lunch bags. We will refresh and top up as required.

# Morning Drop off

If you are paying to start at 08:30 – please bring child to the side gate or main door. We open the doors at 08:45 to all, the primary school gates open from 08:35, however, the school will close their gates at promptly by 08:50.

You may find it easier to drop them off at the side gate to prevent yourself being trapped in the playground. We will collect all the children at 08:45 from either the playground or side gate.

If you are running late or have a later drop-off agreement, then please use the side gate.

# Early Years Funding

We are open 39 weeks a year minus 5 inset days, giving 38 weeks in total. Now there might be a chance depending on your attendance pattern and the days of the week the inset days fall on; that you will exceed your free entitlement and therefore you will be expected to pay the additional hours. Our termly invoices show the number of free hours given so you can keep track yourself.

		Торіс	Phonics	Colour	Story
1	4 Sept	Settling in	Environmental Sounds	blue	The Blue Balloon
2	9 Sept	Who is Who	Instrumental sounds	brown	Marvelous Me
3	16 Sept	Who is Who	Environmental Sounds	pink	3 Little Pigs
4	23 Sept	Who is Who	Instrumental sounds	gold	Goldilocks & 3 Bears
5	29 Sept	Harvest	Environmental Sounds	red	Little Red Hen
6	7 Oct	Harvest	Instrumental sounds	orange	Olivers Veg
7	14 Oct	Autumn	Environmental Sounds	yellow	The Leaf Thief
8	21 Oct	Autumn	Instrumental sounds	green	Gruffalo

### **Information Reminders**

<u>Absence</u> – You do not need permission to miss a session at Cabin, however we have a safeguarding policy to check a child welfare in instances of unexpected absence so please let us know if your child will be absent.

<u>Early Starts & Late Stays</u> – Please book 24 hours in advance to ensure we have staff and plans in place. Obviously, if you have an emergency we will try and help as much as possible.

<u>Shoes</u> – We like to children to feel Cabin is like home, so please provide a clean pair of shoes or slippers for your child to change into on arrival.

<u>Parking</u> – We only have pedestrian access through Langtree School carpark. Please find safe parking around the village hall, ensuring emergency access is maintained.

Allergies – Please no items with nuts or sesame seeds. Also if providing birthday treats please supply a list of ingredients

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