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Spring 2021 Term 1 Newsletter

Friday 15th January 2021

Term Dates:

Spring Term 2021	First day of term	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
	Half term	Friday 12 th February 2021
	First day back	Monday 22 nd February 2021
	Last day of term	Thursday 1 st April 2021

Tempest Photos	2 nd February	Mothers Day Photo – Please book in with Tracey if this is not your usual session.

Please be aware that these are subject to change.

Welcome back to preschool, we hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and new year, albeit a little odd for us all.

New Children

We would like to wish a warm welcome to the following new starters this term!

Daniel, Cory, Lillian, Joshua,
Charlie, Seren



We want you to know how proud we are of all the children here at preschool, and how well they continue to adjust to our new routines.

We know how hard we are all finding this new lockdown and we know how the news can get us down at times, but please remember we are here for all our families, we want to support you all through these tough times. We are always here.

Just some little things

We ask that you adhere to social distancing at all times during your time on the premises, please ensure that you arrive on time for your sessions as delays can be disruptive to our day. Staff are carrying out extra cleaning and late arrivals can make this difficult to maintain our high standards.

If you need to speak with your child's key person, please ensure that you either phone, email or use the class Dojo, if you need assistance with this please ask a member of staff and they will happily help. We do ask that your children continue to not bring toys from home into the pre-school.

Please ensure that you wear a mask when on the preschool site, this protects yourself and others.

Pre-School News

A huge thankyou to all the children who helped raise a huge £397.81 during our Santa Trike ride an amazing achievement. This will make a huge impact on preschool and allow us to purchase resources.

Our Santa float also did amazing this year, so thank you for all of you who came out to support preschool we raised a total of £240.

Book Look

We wanted to offer you all the opportunity to have a look at your child's individual learning journal.

When we return after the half term, we will be providing you the opportunity to have a look at your child's learning journal.

Please ensure that should you wish to look that you inform Tracey and Karen so that we can make sure that this is ready for you.

We will be making time after half term for each key person to call you to discuss your child's development. These will be appointment based calls for ten minutes, during the hours of 9am and 2pm. I will send details out after the half term. Should you require a specific time please get in touch.

Preschool Jobs

We would really like some budding gardeners to help us make the best of our outdoor space and extend our learning opportunities.

If you could spare a few hours, or could donate some plants or vegetables to get us started we would really appreciate it. If you think you could help please do speak to Tracey or Karen.

Resources from home!

It's so easy to collect some resources in your very own homes! Instead of putting cereal boxes, milk cartons, yoghurt pots etc. in the bin... why not bring them into pre-school so that we can add them to our junk modelling area! Some of these objects may seem like 'rubbish' but to 2, 3 or 4-year olds with HUGE imaginations, these objects can be transformed into double decker buses, rockets and spaceships!! We welcome all (clean) recycling at pre-school.





We also welcome any fruit/veg that you may be able to donate. We like to add real food to the home corner at pre-school, the children can explore textures, practice chopping and share ideas of how they could prepare a variety of foods.

Lunch boxes

We love to see all of the yummy and healthy lunches that your children bring into preschool! Can we just remind you that all grapes must be cut in half (long ways) to reduce the risk of choking and that you are not providing your children with any form of nuts in their lunches e.g. no peanut butter in sandwiches or cereal bars with nuts etc.



Weather and appropriate clothing

This is a little reminder that we encourage children to go out in all weathers so please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for all weathers. Welly boots, sun cream, coats and any waterproof trousers/suits are ideal for all types of play outside. Spare clothes in your children's bags would be greatly appreciated, just in case they become wet/dirty from having too much fun outside! **Please remember to label all clothes and especially wellies!**

Don't Forget Board

Please don't forget our 'DONT FORGET BOARD' – This board is a great way to keep you up to date with what is going on. Please take 2 minutes to look at it each day as we use it to remind you of events going on and forms that need to be handed in.

Invoices/Charges – 2020/2021

The revised fees are as follows:

3/4 year olds = £5.30 per hour

2 year olds = £5.70 per hour (this will reduce to £5.30 the half term after your Child turns 3)

Lunch Club 12pm-1pm = £5

Breakfast Club 8.15am-9am = £4

Please ensure that invoices are paid before the deadline which is stated on each invoice.

Payments can be made online using the following details.

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WE ARE TRYING TO BECOME A CASHLESS PRESCHOOL PLEASE MAKE PAYMENTS ONLINE WHERE POSSIBLE.

There are other ways in which you can support preschool, through donations.

We rely on your generous donations to be able to buy resource's for the children and to support the children's learning and development. Should you wish to make a donation please do so online referencing your child's name.

Thank you for supporting us.

Don't forget to use these services when shopping online, they raise much needed money for us to continue to provide amazing opportunities for the children.

Amazon Wish List

As some of you may have seen on our social media page we now have our very own Amazon Wish List. We will update the page regularly with resources that we believe the children at Pre-School would enjoy and benefit from developmentally. If any of our lovely families are feeling super kind and generous they will be able to log onto the page and make a purchase to bring into Pre-School. The list will consist of resources that range in price... anything from pencil sharpeners to outdoor climbing equipment!

As you know we are a charity run pre-school and rely heavily on donations and fundraising events to provide new exciting equipment for the children. Any help is so appreciated!



You can use this link below to view our wish list!

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3BB2XA78XJSNK/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist

You can also access this link by visiting our website and Facebook page. Thank you in advance for your purchases!

Easyfundraising.co.uk

Did you know that you can make money for the Pre-school when you do your internet shopping?

Simply visit Easyfundraising.co.uk and register for Marsh Gibbon Pre School – Oxon. You can then click through to all your usual sites like Amazon, Asda, John Lewis, M&S, Interflora, iTunes and lots more.

[Pre-School Website/ Facebook Page](#)

Please would you go into the Comments section of the website and leave a comment on what you think of our Pre-School as **your views** are very important to us and prospective parents.

Also, please remember to access our website to lookup useful information such as this newsletter, the parent helper rota, term dates and any important information such as short closures.

We also use our Facebook site lots for reminders etc so please log on to Facebook, find us and LIKE US!



<u>Your Pre-School Staff:</u>	<u>Your Pre-School Committee:</u>
Megan Brooks - Pre-School Leader – Maternity leave	Chair – Rachel Blane
Tracey Benton – Acting Pre-School Leader	Secretary – Ali Denny (Georgia’s Mummy)
Karen Maciejewski – Acting Preschool Deputy Leader Early Years Practitioner, SENDCO (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator) and Behaviour Management	Treasurer – Bev Hampson
Helen Pearson – Early Years Practitioner	Fundraiser – Nancy Morris (Phoebe Morris)
Julie Cronin – Early Years Practitioner - Phonics Lead	Village Hall Representative - Kelly Cheek
Balli Tiwana – Early Years Practitioner	
Amy Haslam – Early Years Practitioner	

Parent/Carer Contribution–

(Please feel free to make any comments regarding the Newsletter or any recommendations that you may have and return it to preschool in the comments box located in the foyer).