

Mini Newsletter - Start of Autumn Term 2021



Autumn Term Dates:

First day of term: Thursday 2nd September 2021

Break up for half term: Friday 22nd October 2021

Back to Preschool: Monday 1st November 2021

Break up for Christmas: Wednesday 15th December 2021- 12pm collection

Preschool **AGM** is on Wednesday 8th September - 8pm. @ the village hall, all parents are welcome to join.

Welcome back to Marsh Gibbon Preschool to all of our lovely children!

A big welcome to our new friends joining us this September:

Theo, Jude, Lola, George, Arthur, Jack, Archie, Valentino, Amelie and Alexandra!

We hope that you have all had a lovely summer with your families and are looking forward to the new Autumn term ahead.

Staff at Marsh Gibbon Preschool	Committee at Marsh Gibbon Preschool
Megan - Preschool Leader Tracey - Preschool Deputy Leader Karen - SENDCO and Behaviour Management Helen - Early Years Practitioner Julie - Early Years Practitioner Balli - Early Years Practitioner	Chair Person - Rachel Blane Secretary and Fundraiser - Ali Denny (Henry's Mummy) Treasurer - Bev Hampson Fundraiser - Nancy Morris (Amelie's Mummy)

End of year Questionnaire Results

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete our end of year questionnaire. Our results are displayed on the graphs below. We take your feedback very seriously as we want all of our families to be happy with the care that we provide. These results will be used for staff training and improvement. Although we only had 21 response out of a possible 49 we are delighted that a high percentage of our parents are happy with our practise, especially during the difficult year that we have had.

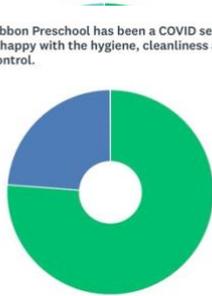
1. The staff at Marsh Gibbon Preschool provided my child with a high quality of care during the past year despite the COVID restrictions we have been faced with.



Answered: 21 Skipped: 0

Strongly agree	80.95%	17
Agree	19.05%	4
Neither agree nor disagree	0%	0
Disagree	0%	0
Strongly disagree	0%	0

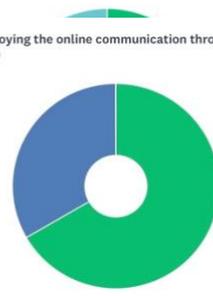
2. The staff at Marsh Gibbon Preschool are approachable, I feel I can discuss any concerns/ queries I have with ease.



Answered: 21 Skipped: 0

Strongly agree	76.19%	16
Agree	23.81%	5
Neither agree nor disagree	0%	0
Disagree	0%	0
Strongly disagree	0%	0

3. I am aware of what my child is learning/experiencing whilst at preschool and the impact that this has on their development.



Answered: 21 Skipped: 0

Strongly agree	66.67%	14
Agree	33.33%	7
Neither agree nor disagree	0%	0
Disagree	0%	0
Strongly disagree	0%	0

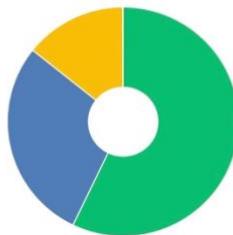
7. I would like to take part in a parent helper session next term when the Covid restrictions are dropped. (if applicable)



Answered: 20 Skipped: 1

Strongly agree	40%	8
Agree	25%	5
Neither agree nor disagree	25%	5
Disagree	10%	2
Strongly disagree	0%	0

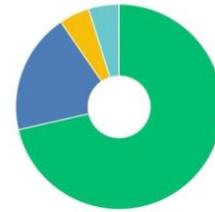
8. I feel my child has access to a wide range of opportunities at Marsh Gibbon Preschool.



Answered: 21 Skipped: 0

Strongly agree	57.14%	12
Agree	28.57%	6
Neither agree nor disagree	14.29%	3
Disagree	0%	0
Strongly disagree	0%	0

9. I know that my child has an individual learning journal which tracks their development and journey through the setting. I know that I can access this at any time.



Answered: 21 Skipped: 0

Strongly agree	71.43%	15
Agree	19.05%	4
Neither agree nor disagree	4.76%	1
Disagree	4.76%	1
Strongly disagree	0%	0

10. My child is happy and enjoys being a part of Marsh Gibbon Preschool.



Answered: 21 Skipped: 0

Strongly agree	66.67%	14
Agree	33.33%	7
Neither agree nor disagree	0%	0
Disagree	0%	0
Strongly disagree	0%	0

Thank you again for taking the time to complete our questionnaire, we will send out another one midway through the year and hope to see some improvements.

Covid Restrictions

Last year was certainly a different year for all of us, with lots of restrictions and procedures in place at our setting in line with the government recommendations for slowing/stopping the spread of Coronavirus. As a setting we had strict measures in place, we understand that these were difficult for everyone, particularly children who were joining our setting for the first time. However, we can fortunately say that these measures were effective as we did not have one case of covid in the setting and we did not have to shut our doors due to any cases what so ever - so thank you to everyone that remained vigilant and supported us with this.

Please ensure that you read our updated covid-19 procedure and keep up to date with all of government guidance in relation to isolation measures. We are going to remain as vigilant as possible to ensure that we can keep our doors open for you and your children this means that we will be continuing to operate in line with government advice, and where necessary we will be operating above recommended advice.

What will Marsh Gibbon Preschool look like this term as we continue to keep every safe from covid-19?

- Masks are now a personal choice and not a requirement when dropping off/collecting your child and/or visiting the setting.
- Parents will continue to drop children at the front door - this has proved beneficial to the settling of children at the beginning of each session. We have observed children settling much better this past year without their parent/carer entering the setting, therefore this has been decided to continue.
- Parents will be permitted to come into the building to collect their child at the end of the day once the hall has been cleared (**end of day** collections only). This has been decided so that parents have the opportunity to speak to staff/handover, we will keep collection time open between **2.45pm-3pm** for this reason and also to minimise

the amount of parents in the hall at one time. Please be aware that **3pm** is the end of the day and staff leave shortly after this time to collect their own children.

- Parent helper sessions will be back! Each parent will be given the opportunity to spend a morning or afternoon with us once every half term (6 weeks). This is not mandatory, you do not have to commit to a regular session, we just wish to give every parent the opportunity to spend some time within the setting (it has been so long!). During this session you will be able to play alongside your child and their friends, help with snack time, take part in group activities and also have a feedback with your child's keyperson and look through their learning journal together. Please note if your child is new to the setting, you will only be asked to join a parent helper session a term after they have joined (12 weeks) as we do not want to confuse their transition period. We are keen for parents to enter the setting, but do not want to get ahead of ourselves and undo the tight precautions that we have had in place previously. So we think by reintroducing our parent helper sessions, we are minimising the risk of having too many parents in the building at once.
 - Parents will receive their parent helper invitations w/c 6th Sept once we have settled back into preschool with the view of starting the sessions w/c 13th Sept.
- If a child has a comforter from home that they wish to bring in, this is now allowed. We do however stress that this is at your own risk, we have often had small items lost. Please remember we are a pack away setting so all toys are packed away in boxes and put away in our storage cupboard - so these small items are not always easily found at the end of the day. Please only bring an item from home if it is absolutely necessary e.g. a comfort blanket or soft toy that could help them settle if they become upset during the session. Toys are not necessary - we have lots to play with at preschool!
- We are welcoming back junk modelling! Please bring in any (clean) recycling that the children could use in our home corner or junk modelling area e.g. cereal boxes, egg boxes, milk cartons. Please do not bring in any plastic wrappers or sharp tin objects. We are a no nut setting so please refrain from bringing in packaging that have contained nuts and also please wash out any plastic bottles of juice/milk etc

End of term party!

Thank you to all of you who helped us raise money at the end of term with our party, cake sale and guess the pony fundraiser. It wasn't our usual end of term sports day, however given the circumstances we are pleased we were able to have some kind of celebration.

