



Marsh Gibbon Pre-School

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Spring 2022 Term 1 Newsletter

Tuesday 11th January 2022

Spring Term 2021	First day of term	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
	Last Day of term	Friday 18 th February 2022
	First day back	Monday 28 th February 2022
	Last day of term	Friday 8 th April 2022
	First day back	Monday 25 th May 2022
	Last Day of term	Friday 27 th May 2022
	Fist day of term	Monday 6 th June 2022
	Last day of term	TBC

Term Dates:

Book Look	TBC	TBC
Tempest Photo	Mother's Day	TBC
Easter Bonnet Parade	Friday 8 th April	Details to follow

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.

New Children

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

Theo, Max, Nancy, Oliver, Arthur, Alice,
Will, Ryan, Mia



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.

Please ensure that you wear a mask when on the preschool site, this protects yourself and others, we have face masks available if needed. Following on from recent Covid news we will continue with the latest Government advice and will update you of any new changes.

Please can we also take care not to park outside the front of preschool, it has been brought to my attention that some attending the setting are driving without due care when in the car park. **The area outside the front of preschool is no longer to be used as a car park, please use the parking available to the side of the building.**

Pre-School News

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 £395.

We have also received a lovely cheque from the manor farm of £700, this will go towards improving our garden space.

This term we welcome two new members of staff, Charlotte our early years practitioner and Carla our preschool assistant, please do say hello. We have also sadly said goodbye to our wonderful Balli, she has been here at Marsh Gibbon Preschool for 8 years, we wish her all the best.

Our Approach

We have been making some changes to preschool the last few weeks and developing a new way of delivering our curriculum, The Curiosity Approach aims to create 'thinkers & doers' by putting the child at the centre of their own development and education. Modern toys and technology are removed from the learning environment and replaced with everyday items to encourage children's natural curiosity and eagerness to explore and create.

By adopting The Curiosity Approach, it enables educators to bring joy and happiness to Early Childhood as children follow their own ideas and Schematic learning styles. Children's curious minds are open and flexible and their hearts trusting and generous ready to be filled with the continuous joy of learning

It's an intrinsic desire that sadly over time the Early Childhood system has become a race to prepare them for school. Instead of enjoying this precious moment in time, to play and be happy. Pre-schools have become just that! PRE school. Early Childhood Educators have a responsibility to support and reinforce this innate curiosity to give children the confidence to develop their own theories about our incredible world. To take our foot off the accelerator of learning and let children PLAY unhurried, un-rushed by tests, targets and formal next steps.

For us here to develop and embed this approach we need your support, in sourcing resources so we can develop and continue to make preschool a place for happy and creative learners.

Below are a few ideas of what we would like our setting to look like, and develop our approach.



If you would like more information on this approach please come and speak with me., or follow the following link below. I hope you all support this approach.

<https://www.thecuriosityapproach.com>

Snack, PE and Cha Cha chipms donations

Here at preschool the children are given a wide range of different experiences, we believe all children should have the same start.

Each week we have two companies attend, to deliver an educational session, this term we have decided to keep with PE George and Katy from Cha Chimps. If your child attends a Monday or a Wednesday PM, you will have received a donation request for these sessions.

Snack

We ask that parents make a contribution to our snack costs, this is so we can offer the children a wide range of foods, and cooking activities for all the children. We kindly ask for a

£10 donation. If you are able to donate towards snack, please pay online in the usual way referencing snack and your child's name.

Book Look

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

We will be providing you the opportunity to have a look at your child's learning journal, over the coming weeks. As we are not able to have parents in for stay and play this term, we will ensure that your child's key worker will arrange a time to discuss with you, your child developmental progress this will either be a telephone call or face to face.

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 is 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 – 2022/2023

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 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 resources 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!



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<u>Your Pre-School Staff:</u>	<u>Your Pre-School Committee:</u>
	Chair – Rachel Blane
Tracey Benton – Pre-School Leader	Secretary – Ali Denny (Georgia’s Mummy)
Karen Maciejewski – Preschool Deputy Leader SENDSCO	Treasurer – Bev Hampson
Helen Pearson – Early Years Practitioner	
Julie Cronin – Early Years Practitioner - Phonics Lead	Village Hall Representative - Dave Ellis
Charlotte Radcliffe – Early Years Practitioner	
Carla Cassidy – Early Years Assistant	

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).