

CHERITON BISHOP PRE-SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2nd HALF AUTUMN TERM



Our themes for this next half term will be celebrations, family occasions and festivals. The children will all be exploring crafts based around birthdays, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali, and Christmas. We will also be particularly focusing on teamwork activities throughout this half term.

SESSION TIME REMINDER

Morning 9:00-11:30 (Gate open 8.50am for drop-off.)

Morning plus Lunch 9:00-1:00

All day 9:00-3:30 (Gate open for pick up from 3.20pm.)

Drop-off and pick-up will be from the double glass doors at the beginning and end of each day. Lunchtime drop-off and pick-up from the road door. Friday drop-off & pick-up from class 1's enclosed play area.

Please also note that unfunded hours are currently £4.25 per hour but will be increasing to £4.50 after Christmas.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION - We have been asked by several parents if it is possible to swap around their child's session days. Unfortunately, this causes issues with staffing ratios, so from now on we will be asking that you notify us four weeks before the end of each term, this term being by 21st November. Please let us know of any changes to your child's attendance for the following term. This will then give us plenty of time to arrange staffing accordingly and is hopefully an acceptable compromise - some flexibility for parents but also termly stability for staffing.

However, if you find that you need one off childcare at any point and we have capacity without changing staffing, we will be happy to accommodate that, just give us a call or speak to a member of staff before the day.

SNACK DONATIONS - This is another request for snacks please for the next half term - unlike a lot of settings we do not charge a snack fee, so definitely a cheaper option for all! Therefore, cheesy crackers, crispbread, block of cheese, cheese spread, box of Cheerios or loaf of bread for toast would be great. Also, sweet biscuit options are ideal for the afternoon. Thank you for your support with this - if everyone can make one donation from the above list, we will then have plenty for the rest of the half term.

NATIVITY - Exciting that we can start planning this event again! Preschool will be joining the whole school performances in the church on 13th December. Public performances - 9.30am & 2.30pm. More information to follow.

CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY - afternoon of 15th Dec. Children usually in on a Thursday can be dropped off at the usual time in the morning. If not usually in, your child can be dropped off in the afternoon. The PTFA are kindly funding the hire of a bouncy castle. The school children will be able to come in and use it during the morning, with preschool having it for their party in the afternoon. We will be asking for a £1 donation nearer the time for staff to buy some party food for the children. We will also have a very important visitor who will give a gift of a book to each Preschool child, also funded by the PTFA!

TOY SACKS AVAILABLE TO BORROW! Toy sacks are available to book out now!

The options are as follows- 'Letters and sounds'

Throwing and catching, Dressing teddy, Numbers

Nursery rhymes, Shapes, 'Ringo the Flamingo' story sack, Mark making.

These sacks can be taken home on a weekly basis. Each sack includes an information sheet on different activity ideas and how that area of learning links with the Early Years curriculum. Any feedback on these would be very much appreciated and hopefully contents will be added to and improved on an ongoing basis.

CONTACT DETAILS - Pre-school landline - 24314 (Pre-school hours only)

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***Please speak to us if you have any suggestions, comments or concerns regarding Pre-school.**