

CHERITON BISHOP PRE-SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 1st HALF AUTUMN TERM 2025



Our planning alongside the reception class will continue in mainly two weekly blocks with some of the daily provision being based around the following topic books –

Week 1, 2 & 3 – ‘All about families’ by Usborne

Week 4 & 5 – ‘Rattle and Rap’ by Susan Steggall

Week 6 & 7 – ‘We’re going on a bear hunt’ by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury.

We will continue to encourage play based around the children’s interests too and all will be age/stage appropriate. Our focus at the beginning of term will of course be to settle the children into our daily sessions.

CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS – please ensure that your child’s details; contact numbers, address etc are kept up to date. Please speak to a member of staff to check and update. *Please also complete your child’s ‘All about me’ section on their Tapestry account if you haven’t already done so. If you are having problems accessing this, we can let you have a paper copy to complete.

PICK-UP/DROP-OFF TIMES – The road gate will be unlocked at 8.40am so that all can wait off the road under the canopy. The glass doors will be opened at 8.50, with drop-off ideally being between then and 9am. Pick-up before lunch is from the wooden road door at 12pm. Pick-up after lunch 1pm, again from wooden road door. End of session pick-up 3.15 – 3.30pm from glass doors. Please note the road gate will not be unlocked until 3.15pm.

SNACK DONATIONS. As before, we would very much appreciate any donations of crackers, sweet plain biscuits, cheese or dried fruit. If everyone could please donate one packet we should then have enough to see us through to the end of this half term.

OUR LENDING BOOKS & TOY SACKS CONTINUE! It’s been great to see how many children have been taking home our lending books and toy sacks and we very much hope this continues into the new term. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to take home a toy sack. Books will be sent home as soon as the previous one has been returned. Please let a staff member know that your child has a book in their bag to be returned. Here is a reminder of our available toy sacks.



‘WOW’ SLIPS– You are encouraged to fill in a slip and pass to a member of staff anytime your child has achieved something special, this may be sleeping through the night, using the toilet etc. Their achievement will then be shared with their friends and a ‘wow’ sticker given out and the slip added to our display. It’s always great to celebrate achievements no matter how small!

‘TAPESTRY’ Don’t forget to take a regular look at your child’s Tapestry account – you will be able to keep up to date with the things that your child has been up to during sessions. If you get the chance, this is also a great opportunity for you to share with us what your child has been doing at home, perhaps you might like to post a picture of a model that your child has made, or their favourite toy for discussion during circle time.

FAMILY PHOTOS. It would be great if you could please share a family photo. This would be used for discussion from the first week back & then added to the ‘family’ display in our back playroom. There is no need to send in another photo if you have already done so, but also fine to send one in if you would like it updated! Alternatively, you could upload a photo on to Tapestry where I can print off if you are happy for the photo to go up on to our display.

SHOW & TELL. Our show & tell sessions have become very popular with the children. It’s been great seeing the children confidently speaking in front of the whole group. Please remember that we need to restrict this to one item otherwise it could take up a significant chunk of time! Ideally something linked to the current text, but not essential.

SCHOOL DINNERS– Please note we are a nut free school! Please do not send your child in with anything containing nuts. We will continue to offer the option of ordering a cooked school dinner for your child. Orders need to be paid for online by the end of Wednesday evening for the following week. Also, please remember to cut all grapes in half.

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

Contact numbers - Pre-school landline – 01647 24314 (Pre-school hours only) School office – 01647 24817