

# **CHERITON BISHOP PRE-SCHOOL**

## **NEWSLETTER 1<sup>st</sup> HALF SUMMER TERM 2025**



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

Week 1 & 2 – ‘Dear Dinosaur’ By Chae Strathie & Nicola O’Byrne

Week 3 & 4 – ‘Bears Don’t Eat Egg Sandwiches’ By Julie Fulton & Rachel Suzanne.’

Week 5 – ‘Sam Plants a Sunflower’ By Kate Perry & Axel Scheffler.

We will of course continue to encourage play based around the children’s interests too.

**DEVELOPING INDEPENDENCE & SCHOOL READINESS.** Moving forward this term we will be focusing on practising pencil grips where necessary and when appropriate practising writing our names. If practising at home, please remember that capital letters are only used for the first letter in names. The children should be learning to write lower case letters in every other instance. Alongside this we will be encouraging independence in the toilet and supporting the children to practise putting on and off their shoes and coats/clothes etc.

**FAMILY PHOTOS.** It would be great if you could please share a family photo. This would be used for discussion in our ‘Jigsaw’ sessions during 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.

**SNACK DONATIONS.** 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 the first half of term.

**‘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. You might also like to add something that your child has experienced at home. The children always enjoy sharing photos with their friends.

**‘WOW’ SLIPS-** You may well find it awkward filling in a wow slip to be shared in Preschool. Another option would be to add a post on Tapestry. A staff member could then complete the wow slip for our display board. 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. Its’ always great to celebrate achievements no matter how small!

**PACKED LUNCHES** – Please consider the packed lunch containers that you send your child in with. Ideally these will be easy to open, encouraging your child’s independence. Staff always support the children at lunchtime, but it’s also good for the children to be able to manage their food independently. Please also make sure that everything is named.

**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.

**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. 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.

**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.**

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