

CHERITON BISHOP PRE-SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 1st HALF AUTUMN TERM 2022



Welcome back! - Hope you have all had a great summer holiday! Now back to reality!!

From now on we will be working more closely with the Reception class and our planning will reflect this. Our overall topic is 'My Home,' to include the themes of traditional tales, local area, all about me & minibeasts. However, our main focus for the first couple of weeks will be settling the children into the new Preschool routine, ensuring that they are both happy and confident when left with us. We will be following the pace of the children so watch out for the weekly parent information emails which will include the new style weekly session plan. We will probably leave the planning unchanged for the first two settling in weeks.

Session times reminder – Please note our new session times from September 2022 will be:

Morning 9:00-11:30

Morning plus Lunch 9:00-1:00

All day 9:00-3:30

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.

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 Thursday evening for the following week. School dinners are £2.50 per day. Don't worry if you are unable to access the online ordering system as we can place orders on the day at the beginning of term if necessary.

Child registration forms – please ensure that your child's details; contact numbers, address etc are kept up to date. Please see Christine to check and update. *Please also complete your child's 'All about me' section on their Tapestry account. If you are having problems accessing this, we can let you have a paper copy to complete.

'Forest school' type activities – We will be returning to Tuesday mornings for our visits to the scout field, weather permitting, starting from Tuesday 13th September. We will still go if showers are forecast, but not in heavy rain. We have a limited supply of waterproofs & wellies, but it would be helpful if your child could keep their own in their named bag.

What your child needs to bring each day – each child will ideally have a change of clothes in a named bag, which can be left hung on their named peg. If staying for lunch they will need their own named, healthy packed lunch with a named drinks bottle. Coats for each session or possibly hats/sun cream if hot – who knows what the weather might be like! Basically, everything that comes into Preschool needs to be named please!

Grapes – We ask that all grapes, small tomatoes & large blueberries are cut in half to avoid the hazard of choking.

'Show and tell' – We will be returning to 'show and tell' sessions during our morning circle times for all children. We ask that your child only brings in one item from home if they wish to do so. (This is not compulsory.) Alternatively, you could add a photo of your child's special item or achievement to share on Tapestry. Or better still, add a video of something that they would like to share with us. Last term we found that this worked really well, with the children really enjoying sharing their Tapestry posts. Items from home will be stored safely until the end of each session – they will not be played with.

School breakfast and after school clubs – Pre-school children are able to attend these school clubs. Please book your place & pay online; at the latest book the week before so that school can ensure the staffing ratio is correct. Please note you will no longer be able to use the government funding to pay for these extra sessions.

Snack donations – This is a request for snacks for the next half term – for those of you who aren't aware, we have fresh fruit & veg each day but would like to offer each child a cracker, dried fruit &/or cheese to go with it, especially important for the afternoon snacks when they need refuelling! Thanks for your support with this. One packet of crackers or piece of cheese from each family will see us through this half term, or a packet of plain sweet biscuits for the afternoon snack please

Family photo display – Please send in a photo of your family, home, pet or all for display on our 'Family' board. This is always really popular with the children and great for discussion. This being especially relevant for our topic this half term.

***If you have any suggestions, comments or concerns regarding Preschool please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.**

Contact - Pre-school landline – 24714 (From 8.15am - Pre-school hours only)

Email – christine.grist@thelink.academy

*If your child isn't coming in for whatever reason, please let us know before 9am. If we don't hear from you a member of staff will be making contact just so that our register can be completed correctly.