

# CHERITON BISHOP PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## 2<sup>nd</sup> HALF AUTUMN TERM 2024



Our theme for the next half term will be 'Celebrations', including family occasions and festivals. The children will all be exploring crafts and activities based around celebrations such as birthdays, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali, and Christmas, as well as following the children's interests along the way as usual.

**OPEN SESSIONS** - During the first week back after half term, week commencing 4th November, we will be holding open play sessions when you will be very welcome to join us at Preschool, have a play with your child and talk to your child's key worker. This will be from 9-9.15am each morning and 3-3.15pm, ideally Monday - Wednesday when three staff are working.

Please speak to a member of Preschool staff to book in your session visit time.

If your child doesn't always settle readily, it may be worth you considering coming in on an afternoon which would minimise disruption to their routine.

If you can't make any of those times, please let us know, as I'm sure we can sort an alternative time which would be convenient for all. We look forward to seeing you!

**WELLIES** - Please remember to send in your child with named wellies for every session, plus waterproofs if you have them for our wellie walk on Tuesdays.

**NATIVITY** - We will be joining the Key stage 1 children for the school's Nativity performance on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The performance will be held in the church, 2.30pm. All children welcome to join us for the performance, not just those normally in on a Thursday. Please note the Preschool children will only be involved in the afternoon performance, not in the school's 6.30pm performance. More information to follow so watch this space!

**CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY ADVANCE NOTICE!** 1 - 3pm, Monday 16th Dec. Children usually in on a Monday can be dropped off at the usual time in the morning. If not usually in, your child can be dropped off from 1pm. The PTFA are kindly funding the hire of a bouncy castle for the party in the afternoon. 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!

**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. School dinners are £2.60 per day. Please let us know if you have any issues logging in.

**CHILDREN'S LENDING LIBRARY** If you would like your child to borrow a book from Preschool on a weekly basis, please mention this at drop-off to a member of staff. During the session your child will then be encouraged to choose a book & a staff member will sign the book out. We certainly have a lovely selection of books to choose from!

### **REMINDER - TOY SACKS AVAILABLE TO BORROW!**

Toy sacks are available to book out now!

The options are as follows- 'Letters and sounds', mark making, throwing and catching, dressing teddy, numbers, nursery rhymes, shapes, 'Ringo the Flamingo' story sack.

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.



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