

CHERITON BISHOP PRE-SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 1st HALF SPRING TERM 2024



Hope you've all had a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year's break!!

Our topic for this next half term will be – 'Superheroes.' The children will all be encouraged to join in with role play whenever appropriate, focusing on a variety of learning opportunities along the way. Before Christmas the children had regularly been choosing to dress up and have superpowers, so we felt that this was a great choice of topic for the next half term; we will be covering superhero listening, looking, counting, caring for each other and the environment, as well as of course superhero role play.

UNOFFICIAL ONE-WAY ROAD SYSTEM I just wanted to double check that all are aware of our unofficial road system for drop-off and pick-up times at school. Basically, all are encouraged to drive up the hill and continue to drive around via the village hall, rather than turning around. This is for the benefit of all, avoiding traffic jams and is much safer for those on foot. Thank you for your support with this.

'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.

WELLIE WALKS – We will continue to visit the scout field on Tuesdays weather permitting – we will still go if showers are forecast, but not in heavy rain. We have a limited supply of waterproofs and wellies, but if your child could keep their own in their bag that would be really helpful. **Everyone also needs to bring a named coat for every session.** If coming in with hats, scarves & gloves please ensure that these are also named.

PACKED LUNCHES – Please consider the containers that you send your child's food in for their packed lunches. Ideally these will be easy to open, which encourages your child's independence. Staff are always with the children for lunch, but it's always good for the children to be able to manage their food independently. Please also make sure that all containers, bottles etc are named.

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 haven't already done so. If you are having problems accessing this, we can let you have a paper copy to complete.

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.

SESSION TIME REMINDER

Morning 9:00-12pm (drop-off from 8.50am).

Afternoon to include lunch 12 – 3pm

All day 9:00-3pm

Funding can be used for these sessions or charged at £4.75 per hour.

Additional 30 minutes – 3 – 3:30pm - £2 extra charge. (Funding can be used for this if available).

Drop-off and pick up will be from the double glass doors at the beginning and end of the day. Midday drop-off and pick up will be from the wooden road door.

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. If you haven't already received it, you will be given your online login details from the school office shortly.

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

Contact numbers - Pre-school landline – 24714 (Pre-school hours only)