

CHERITON BISHOP PRE-SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 1st HALF AUTUMN TERM 2023



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

Our overall topic is 'Ourselves,' to include the themes of our names, senses and emotions, clothes, foods likes & dislikes & healthy options, our pets, friends, and families. We will also be discussing how all of our families are different, but all are special. However, our 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 outline weekly session plan.

Session times reminder – Please note our new session times from September 2023:

Morning 9:00-12pm

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.

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 Thursday evenings 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.

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.

Wellie walks – We will be continuing our Tuesday morning visits to the scout field, weather permitting, starting from Tuesday 12th 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. Please also consider how easy containers and drinks bottles are to open, as this will encourage your child's independence. 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 are cut in half to avoid the hazard of choking. The same applies to small tomatoes and large blueberries.

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 and veg each day but would like to offer the children a cracker, dried fruit &/or cheese to go with it, especially important for the afternoon snacks when they need refuelling! Thanks very much 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.