

CHERITON BISHOP PRE-SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 1ST HALF AUTUMN TERM 2024



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 & emotions, clothes, foods likes & dislikes & healthy options, our homes, pets, friends, & 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 & 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 plans.

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 on a Wednesday at the latest for the following week. 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 17th September. *The first full week in preschool we will be focusing on settling the children in. 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 please.

What your child needs to bring in 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 you prefer. 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, plain sweet biscuits, dried fruit &/or cheese to go with it, especially important for the afternoon snacks when they need refuelling! One packet of crackers or cheese, or plain sweet biscuits from each family will see us through this half term. Thanks very much for your support with this.

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.

Messy play! More often than not this half term could be messy! (Sorry!) So just a reminder that old clothes are always a good idea for all Preschool sessions.

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!

Toy sacks. These are available to borrow on a weekly basis and cover the different areas of learning of the Early Years Curriculum. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to take one home. More details to follow on these in the weekly parent/carer email.

***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 – 24314 (From 8.15am - Pre-school hours only)

Email – admincheritonbishop@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.