

What is happening at Pre-school in Term 3?

Happy New Year to you all. Many thanks for all our lovely Christmas presents, cards and kind thoughts, they were very much appreciated. Term 3 starts: Thursday 5th January

The recent surge of cases of Covid, influenza and Streptococcus A (causing Scarlet Fever) has featured in the news and staff request that if your child is unwell, he or she should be kept at home.

There will be no Forest School until after half term in February. Please send back the children's waterproofs, wellies and water-bottles, and ensure that they have warm coats, hats and gloves every day as we always play in the garden whatever the weather.

Our topics this term will include Healthy Eating, Our Senses, Recycling and People Who Help Us. If you have an interesting job that you would like to tell the Pre-school children about and are available between February half term and Easter to visit us one morning, please get in contact. We already have a dental nurse coming in to talk about the importance of cleaning teeth.

Since one of our topics is Healthy Eating, can we please remind you of our policy of not including sweets, chocolate and nuts in the children's lunchboxes. If possible, fresh foods from home, especially fruit and vegetables, are preferable to highly processed packaged products (and also fit in with our Recycling / Less Waste topic!). We attach a document relating to the contents of lunchboxes for suggestions.

We welcome Elsie, Bram, Rosie, Isabella and their families to Pre-school this term.

Closure due to Snow – Our policy has always been that if the school closes then so do we. Due to the difficulties many of you encountered in the past, pushing buggies up the hill, walking with babies in back packs etc we have decided to make our own decisions as to whether it would be safer to close Pre-school. Should we decide it is necessary to close, we will announce our decision on our website, Facebook page and also email our decision to you. We will always consider the safety of our children, parents and staff.

Reminder – Deadline for school applications is 15th January. If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 you need to apply for a primary school place by this deadline. You can apply at <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions>

Email: admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Contact number: 0345 241 2487

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to email or phone. We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Many thanks,
Sally, Keryl, Rachel & Wendy

Term 3 ends Friday 10th February.

Term 4 starts Monday 20th February.

Safeguarding children: What to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect:
Immediate danger – If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999.
Immediate concern – If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666
Report child abuse / Oxfordshire County Council