

## Middle Barton Pre-School Newsletter

### Term 1-September 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Pre-school, we hope you had a lovely summer. Thank you for all our lovely cards and gifts received at the end of last term. We are looking forward to welcoming all our new children and their families into Pre-school.

This terms topic will include - "All about me," including my family, pets, and where I live, also "Autumn" and "Homes & Buildings." We would like the children to bring in a picture of their houses, so we can make a map with the children. (If easier please email the pictures of front of your homes and we can print at Pre-School)

Following on from our topic, it is also important to us that we follow your child's interests and get to know your families, interests and values. Therefore, we will be creating a display of 'Our summer holidays'. We would be grateful if you could send in a few photos (or email and we can print out) of what the children and their families have been up to over the holidays. It's a great way of sharing about our home lives and encourages discussion and questioning from the children!

Whilst your children all have a designated Key Person at Pre-school, we thought it important to have a "Buddy" system in place should their Key Person not be available. Therefore, if your child's Key Person is Wendy and she is not available then Sally will look after your child and vice versa. If your child's Key Person is Keryl and she is not available Rachel will look after your child and vice versa.

We will also be re-introducing "Tuesday Newsday". If your child attends on a Tuesday, they might like to bring in something from home to share at News Time with their friends. This might be a book they like, photograph, items they have found on an "autumn walk" or maybe they would just like to talk about something or somewhere they have visited. Please can we encourage toys not to be brought into Pre-School on a daily basis, as we don't want them getting lost.

We also love to hear about special moments or achievements you have experienced at home with your children that you are proud of. Maybe they have been brave or particularly kind to someone or very helpful. We will be sending home some "wow vouchers" that we would like you to use to record any achievements outside Pre-school. We can then celebrate these moments with them. (Copies of wow moments can be found in the lobby)

Little Wild Things will be starting up again next week (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>), please ensure permission forms are completed and payments are made by Monday, otherwise, your child won't be able to attend the afternoon session. Thank you for help with this.

Last but not least, at the end of last term, as some of you may know already, we had our routine Ofsted inspection and we are proud to report we got a 'Good' grading. The inspector had a lovely day with us 😊. Please see the below for the full report:

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50226229>

Photo of the staff at the end of term in the photo booth made by a parent for the Leavers 2023 Ball. 😊



If you have any questions or concerns, we appreciate it is not always easy to talk at the gate so please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone or email, or we are more than happy to arrange a meeting.

Once all the children are settled in, we will start to invite parents in for stay and play sessions which has been a huge success in the past!

Many thanks,

The Middle Barton Pre-School Team

Sally, Keryl, Rachel and Wendy

**\*Term 1 ends on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October and returns back on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 23\***

**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