

## Early Learning Newsletter

September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to preschool to those families returning and a very warm welcome to our new families starting with us this term. We hope you had a good summer break. We are all very excited to see you and are busy planning fun provocations of play for the children.

Over the coming weeks, we will be sending information out to you about forthcoming events. This comes via an email, on Tapestry and on the preschool notice board which is beside the blue gate where you enter the premises. Do please check on Tapestry, as that's where we communicate immediate messages, for instance if forest school is cancelled that day. If you haven't already got a Tapestry account, we hope to send them out over the next few days. If in any doubt, please don't hesitate to contact Clare Constant at the preschool office on 01284 752700.

In preschool we have a family tree, where we put the children's photos of their families. This supports their transition in to preschool and they quite like to look at them throughout the day as this can bring them comfort. Please drop a family photo in to the preschool and we can pop it on the family tree.

We would like to remind new and returning families about pick up and drop off at preschool. We start our morning session at 9.00 and finish at 12.00 or 3.00pm. Please can you ensure you are on time for both drop off and collection to help your child get the most out of the session. When parents are coming and going at different times of the day, it can make it quite difficult for some children to settle and walking past Early Years disrupts children who are learning in their classrooms and outside area.

If you are a member of breakfast club, you can bring your child in any time from 8.00 am on the days you've booked a place. If you are not a member of breakfast club, we are unable to take your child until 9.00 am due to insurance restrictions.

We are commencing our 'outdoor learning in the Forest School area' sessions every Monday morning from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Remember to provide your child with WATERPROOF clothing for this (showerproof is not sufficient) and wellies.

Please can we make a request that you bring some wellies into preschool for your child if you haven't already done so. Children play outdoors in the mud, water and sand all year round and wellies are essential. If you have a spare pair that you can leave here, all the better.

No water bottles please as they are a source of cross infection in the preschool. Children drink from each other's in error and we don't want that. Children need to learn to drink from a cup in order to be ready for school and develop muscles in their mouth and lips to support language development.

We know some of you will walk to preschool and have pushchairs with you. Unfortunately, we have no-where to store these because we use the little hut outside of preschool throughout the day as an extra classroom facility. Apologies for the inconvenience.

**Some dates for your diary:** Drop in days are Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October in the afternoon and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October in the morning. More info to follow.

**Learning conversations** will be Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November in the evening 6.15-7.30pm at the preschool and virtual in the day on Tuesday to Friday that week. More info to follow.

In the meantime, please feel free to come and chat with your child's play partner, a member of the senior team or our administrator Clare Constant if you need any help, advice or just want to know more about what we do and the principles behind our practice. We look forward to working with you and helping your child to grow and learn.

Best wishes,

Sharron and the Preschool Team