

Christchurch Preschool

January 2018 Newsletter

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Welcome back to the first newsletter of 2018. I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New year. I would like to welcome back all the returning children and to welcome all our new children starting this term, Kit, Oliver and Arthur.

Please can I remind you to sign in on the sign in sheet in the Lobby as this helps us at the end of the morning, can I also remind you that if there is a different person collecting your child to also write this down on the sign in sheet and if it is someone that we do not recognise or know I will require your child's password.

ILLNESS

I am hoping that all the sickness bug has passed us now but if your child is poorly with sickness or Diarrhoea please keep your child at home for 48

hours after the LAST bout this helps us stop the spread of infection. I know this can be inconvenient but I have a staff ratio to keep and if I have staff off I may have to close.

CLOTHING

Please can you make sure your child comes to Preschool wearing appropriate clothing. This means no Jewellery or scarves and appropriate footwear. We go outside everyday. Please ensure all coats are named, each child has a named coat peg in the hall for you to put their coats on.

SNACKS AND LUNCH

Please remember we are A NUT FREE PRESCHOOL

All morning snacks must be fruit or vegetables and regarding the children who stay for lunch please can I remind you that sandwiches need to be Nut free to so no chocolate spread or Nutella . I know it is also tempting to pop in a small chocolate bar but please do NOT put them in your child's lunch box I am trying to make the lunchtime as close to school conditions as I can.

TOILET

Please can I ask that you take your child to the toilet before they start the session . We do remind the children throughout the morning but this could be particularly helpful to those who are not confident to ask yet. Please can I also ask that IF your child is still in nappies you bring in wipes, nappy sacks etc for your child as we do not keep these at Preschool and to please keep trying with the potty training they do get there in the end and we are happy to encourage at Preschool.

Information

Please can I ask that if you are sending an email late at night the chances are I will not pick it up until the next afternoon so if it is urgent or about a child's absence then please text or leave a message on the Preschool mobile the number is at the top of this newsletter.

TISSUES

Please can I ask that when you are shopping you can pick up an extra pack of tissues for us at Preschool as this time of year we have lots of cough's and cold's and we encourage the children to blow not just wipe.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tempest Photography Tuesday 16th Jan from 9.30

If this is not your child's normal morning and you would like their photo taken then please bring them in and siblings are most welcome to .

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS

I will be starting our Phonics sessions on Tuesday Afternoons for the older children so please encourage them to bring in something for the Phonics show and tell table as this extends their learning and they gain confidence in standing up and talking about their item. For example the first week will be "s" so please bring in something starting with the sound sss. I will also be sending home a Handwriting book for each child with the letter of the week in to practise writing at home, this is meant to be fun activity and I will be marking them with special stickers so these need to be returned every Tuesday morning so I can add another letter each week.

Tuesday 9th Jan The Letter S

Tuesday 16th Jan The Letter A

Tuesday 23rd Jan The Letter T

Tuesday 30th Jan The Letter i

Tuesday 6th Feb The Letter P

Topic

Our topic for this half term is SEASONS

If your child would like to bring in something to show us to do with our topic then we will do a show and tell at the end of the morning, but please can I ask that you keep to the weeks theme as it gets confusing for us let alone the children.

Week one Holiday news

WEEK Two AUTUMN

WEEK Three WINTER

WEEK four SPRING

WEEK Five SUMMER

PROFILES

If you have not returned your child's profile yet from before Christmas please can you do so as we update this on a regular bases in our own time

outside work hours so we need them all to be in preschool the next time these will be sent out is March .

REQUEST

If you are throwing away any dressing up clothes especially boy ones please could you think about donating them to Preschool we are slightly short on boys outfits not that it stops most of the boys putting the dresses on. Thank you in advance for this .

We are as always an open door Preschool so if you have any questions about your child or anything to do with Preschool then please do not hesitate to speak to myself or a member of staff.

We are looking forward to a happy busy half term.

Jo, Amanda, Jayda, Karen, Eloise and Lynne.