CHRISTCHURCH PRESCHOOL JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020

I hope everyone had a good Christmas holiday and is ready for the term ahead, I would like to welcome back all our families and welcome our new children, Willa , Shiloh , Brooke and George

GENERAL INFO

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.

CLOTHING

Please can you make sure your child comes to Preschool wearing appropriate clothing. This means NO Jewellery or SCARVES and appropriate footwear. Also can I ask that clothes be easy to pull up and down as we are trying to make the children independent. 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

WE HAVE A COUPLE OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE A SEVERE NUT ALLERGY, WHICH REQUIRE EPI PENS PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY NUTS OR CAKES CONTAINIG NUTS INTO PRESCHOOL.

All morning snacks must be fruit or vegetables I have noticed towards the end of last term biscuits crisps and cake was coming in as a snack , you will not be allowed these in school so I will be monitoring this and we will not let your child have them I am sorry but this also goes with government guidelines regarding healthy snacks . 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. This term we will be encouraging all the children to be able to open packets etc themselves please can I ask that you try this a home as when they are at school they will not get as much help as we can give them.

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

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 7thJan The Letter S

Tuesday 14th Jan The Letter A

Tuesday 21nd Jan The Letter T

Tuesday 28thJan The Letter i

Tuesday 4TH FEB Letter P

Tuesday 11th Feb The Letter N

Topic

Our topic for this half term is SHAPE AND COLOUR

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 Circles and the colour red

WEEK Two Square and the colour blue

WEEK Three Triangle and the colour green

WEEK four Rectangles and the colour Yellow

WEEK Five Oval and the colour White

WEEK SIX Diamond and the colour black

REQUEST

Please can I ask that no child brings a toy in from home as especially this time of year with new toys I do not want any lost or broken if they have to bring them in then please leave in their bag in the hall way.

SPANISH CLASS

Starting in January we are going to be making the most of the fact our Deputy speaks Spanish so we will be starting up small 5 minute fun spanish lessons if anyone does not want their child to join in then please let us know the activities will include songs games etc . This is also going towards the fact we are a multicultural preschool and ofsted guidlines .

ILLNESS

Please remember if your child is poorly then please send a text or ring the preschool mobile to let us know also it is 48 hours for sickness and diarrhoea from the last bout. I need to rem8nd you that I do have a child with a weakened immune system. If you have had to calpol your child in the morning the chances are they possibly need to stay at home with you.

TOWEL ROTA

I will be putting a sheet out the first day back for you to sign up for the next half term, your help is appreciated.

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, Gabby, Jayda, Karen, Elena and Lynne.