

Newsletter Summer 2019 No. 097

Pre-School News

Hello everyone, the Summer is now here and we have been enjoying spending lots of time in our new fantastic, outdoor space – grateful thanks to our amazing fundraisers who made it possible!

We have had great fun learning Yoga in our regular sessions with Tatty Bumpkin, the children have continued the sessions on in their role play which has been wonderful to see. We have also visited the Sanctuary nursing home for a Boogie Beats session with some of the older children which was a fantastic experience for the children and the residents.

We will be having some changes over the coming months as our new extended hours open up. Carla is going to be at preschool a lot more as she changes her job role to take charge of our after school provision. Carla has been running after school provision for several years and we are very lucky that she has applied for the role here. Rosie has decided that she is ready for a new challenge and will be moving on in July, she is with us till 12th July, we wish her success in her new position.

Transition Reports will be available on Tapestry for those children moving on to school. Please keep an eye out for Learning Journeys as these will be done over the next couple of weeks ready for you to download.



Sun Lotion

From September please can we ask that if you apply sun cream in the morning that it offers all day protection. We have found that re-application at lunch time is taking up to an hour for a member of staff plus the gloves we have to use are changed for every child. This is time we would much rather spend on activities with the child and also the use of gloves is not very good for the planet and we would like to reduce the use.

Breakfast and After School Club

Our new provision is opening in September and we are already full on some days. It is open to children from pre-school and Charlton primary school.

Key Person Meetings

Our key person meetings are taking place on Monday 17th June, if you are unable to make it please do speak to your key person to arrange another time that suits.



Clothes for the weather!

Please can you ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for the weather everyday when they are at pre-school. We do go out everyday and all children go out at lunch time whilst the session changes over for lunch.

Voluntary snack charge.



We have had several questions regarding the voluntary snack charge. This money is used to purchase the daily snack, ingredients for baking activities including snack for forest school, play dough and items for the sensory tray. This term we have made bread, mini pizza, biscuits and paw patrol cookies.



Clothing

Please remember to provide spare clothing for your child and please, please do not send them in special clothing to pre-school! We **do not** insist children wear aprons for activities as this can sometimes make them unwilling to take part. We enjoy time indoors and out in all weathers, with mud, flour, water and paint! We also like to go barefoot outside in the summer.

Forest School

Forest school is well underway and we hope you are enjoying the photographs of the children and seeing how they spend their time. The group changes every term in order for everyone to take part.

 **TAPESTRY**
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

Tapestry continues to be a lovely way for us to share your children's time at pre-school and also for us to see what they get up to at home. Please do come and speak to myself or Anna if you need any help accessing Tapestry.



Lunch Boxes

ALLERGIES – We do have children with serious allergies; please support us and help us to be a **nut-free** pre-school.

First aid choking guidelines say - **Grapes** must now be quartered, **cherry tomatoes** halved and mini **sausages** cut in half length ways. This also includes any other foods that may present a choking hazard.

Drinks – we supply milk and water. You are welcome to put fresh fruit juice in your child's lunch box.

Chocolate spread – if your child has chocolate spread sandwiches please ensure they do not contain nuts (EG Nutella). We may call you to confirm this prior to lunch time.

Nut Free – with new labelling laws we have seen a rise in bars that contain or are made in a factory that handles nuts. Please can you re-check labels as some have changed.

Many thanks

Committees
that make a difference

Committee News

As always we have been busy busy busy! The fundraising team excelled themselves with the success of the Easter Treasure Hunt and Squirrel Run both providing much needed funds to ensure we can provide the best for our children. Thank you to the families that have supported the events, it really is needed and appreciated. We are delighted with the success of the finished garden, all the children seem to be utilising the newly created spaces which is exactly what we hoped to achieve.

It looks like we have found some fabulous volunteers to run the committee for the new academic year. For those staying on please keep a look out for the date of the AGM.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our current committee for everything they have achieved over the last year(s), we couldn't have done it without you! Also a

massive thank you to all our families who have donated cakes, tombola items, sweets and come along and supported our events it really does make a massive difference and is honestly very appreciated.

CHARLTONBURY FESTIVAL 29th June 2-8pm on the School Field

We have the opportunity to be the sole providers of face paint/glitter and tattoos but we are desperately short on volunteers if anyone can offer 30 mins to help it would be extremely appreciated. No experience is necessary!

Thattham Nature Reserve Trip Tuesday 23rd July

Please keep an eye out for an email in the next few days confirming details.

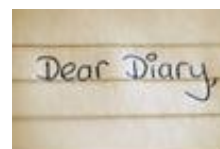
Nic Packard - Chairperson



Our door is always open for you to come in and chat.

You can also contact us by email on - manager.charltonacorns@gmail.com or ring 01235 224088

Many Thanks – Staff Team



Dates to remember:

2018/2019

Term 6 Mon 3rd June 2019– Mon 22nd July 2019

Term 1 Wed 4th Sept 2019 – Fri 25th Oct 2019

Term 2 Mon 4th Nov – Thurs 19th Dec 2019

Term 3 Tues 7th Jan 2020 – Fri 14th Feb 2020

Term 4 Mon 24th Feb 2020 – Fri 3rd April 2020

Term 5 Mon 20th April 2020 – Fri 22nd May 2020

Term 6 Mon 1st June 2020 – Fri 17th July 2020

Upcoming Events

29th June – Charlton Primary School Festival in a Day – Acorns face painting stall

22nd July – Acorns Graduation at 2.30pm

Tuesday 23rd July – Summer Trip to Thattham

Wednesday 24th July – Open morning 9am- 11am