

## Newsletter Autumn 2019 No. 098

### Pre-School News

Hello everyone, welcome to our newsletter. Please find dates for your diary and some updates about what we have been doing and what is coming up!

It's been lovely to see the new children settle into pre-school life, if you have any questions or queries about your child's time here please do speak to your key person in the first instance.

We have enjoyed a boogie beat session here at pre-school and we have also resumed our fortnightly visits to the Sanctuary nursing home, the residents thoroughly enjoy spending time with the children and the children enjoy sharing songs and dances with the residents.

We are looking forward to starting forest school sessions after half term, I will contact you separately if your child will be attending next term.

After half term we will also be starting our letter of the week for show and tell, if your child does want to bring something in please do make sure it begins with the letter, the first one will be 's'.

Breakfast and after school clubs are fully up and running now. Spaces are limited but we can accommodate some ad hoc sessions if needed. Rebecca will be joining after school club starting this week as a new member of staff and we would like to welcome her to the team.



### Onsie/PJ and Face Painting Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct - £1 donation

We are looking forward to Friday's onsie/pj day with face painting. Please let a member of staff know if you do not wish your child to have their face painted.

Louise

## **Committees** that make a difference

### Committee News

Another big Welcome to our new families and welcome back to everyone else!

Thank you to those that have supported our Tuck Shops this term. They have raised just under £250 of much needed funds to support the children's activities in session.

It is our **AGM this Wednesday (23<sup>rd</sup>) 7.45pm in Pre-School.**

This is an opportunity to meet each other and to hear reports from Louise and myself regarding developments within Pre-School. The meeting itself will last about 30 minutes.



Don't forget our **Spooktacular Halloween event this Thursday 3.30pm** in the garden. The fundraising team are busily preparing! I know 14 pumpkins have been collected from Millets Farm this morning! There will be apple bobbing, pumpkin bowling, skeleton toss and story time with Acorns very own witch! Tickets are £5 for the first child and additional child(ren) are £1 each. There will be a free hotdog, drink & goody bag for every child. Tickets have been selling really well (thank you!). There are some left and can be bought either in pre-school or from the stall outside at 3pm pick up.

As you know we are a charity, run by a committee of volunteer Parents and Carers, if you would like to get involved & help our fabulous Pre-School please do let us know [charltonacorns@gmail.com](mailto:charltonacorns@gmail.com). Any help is gratefully appreciated (& needed), whether it's becoming a member of our management committee, joining our fundraising team, helping out at an event, or offering some time to do some maintenance it is all very much needed and appreciated.

We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!



### 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, play dough and items for the sensory tray.



### 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 will be starting after half term, you will be contacted separately regarding this. We take a small group of children for the term before we change over.



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.

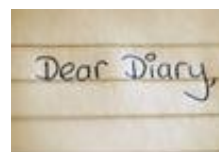
**Nut Free** – with new labelling laws we have seen a rise in bars that contain or are made in a factory that handles nuts. Please can you re-check labels as some have changed.

Many thanks

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

You can also contact me by email on - [manager.charltonacorns@gmail.com](mailto:manager.charltonacorns@gmail.com) or ring 01235 224088

Many Thanks – Staff Team



### Dates to remember:

#### **2019/2020**

- Term 1** Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019
- Term 2** Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 – 12pm finish
- Term 3** Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020
- Term 4** Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 – 12pm finish
- Term 5** Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020
- Term 6** Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – 12pm finish

### Upcoming Events

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Pyjama/Onesie Day with face painting
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Firework tuck shop
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Teddy bear tales TBC
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity – 2.30pm
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity – 2.30pm
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party 9.30am – 11.30am (No session)