

Newsletter September 2018 No. 094

Pre-School News

Hello! I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families as you join us at pre-school for the first time and a welcome back to all our children returning after the summer holidays.

We have two new members of staff joining us this year, Carla and Jordan. Jordan is joining us as an apprentice training to Level 3 and Carla who is joining us as a qualified member of staff. Sadly, Alice is not returning after maternity leave, we wish her well for the future, she will still be stopping by to say hello!

Nursery Education Funding Forms have now been put in trays, please return completed forms as soon as possible. If you have not received a form and think you should have, please do come in and speak to us.

Thank you Louise

Forest School



Forest school will be starting next term and we will contact you separately to arrange this.

Home Learning

Please find attached some information on toilet training.



New children, please can you complete the all about me on Tapestry – thank you. Tapestry continues to be a lovely way for us to share your childrens 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 or if you have not yet received your activation email (Check your junk folder).

Snacks

We provide a variety of snacks for the children throughout the day. We always prepare a choice of fruit or vegetables e.g. apples, satsumas, melon, peppers, cucumber etc. This also takes into account allergies. If your child is not able to eat certain foods we should already be aware as this will be

on the registration form. It would be very useful, to see any doctors correspondence containing advice, if you could share this with us. This helps us to keep informed about childrens dietary needs.



Lunch Boxes

ALLERGIES – We do have children with serious allergies; please support 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.

Lunch box leaflet attached for further guidance.

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.



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 enjoy getting mucky!

Committees that make a difference

Committee News

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to everyone else! As we start to settle back into the Pre-School routine the committee/fundraising teams are stepping up a pace too. We have someone ringing around begging for a shed & someone researching claiming Gift Aid on fees! We are also getting final quotes for the resurfacing of the garden which is hopefully going to become a reality

as soon as possible thanks to our amazing fundraising efforts last year.

Many Thanks – Staff Team

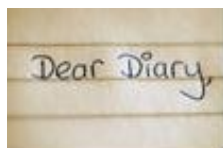
We are also in the process of looking at offering our own wrap around care, before & after sessions starting from half term. A letter will be sent out very soon with a reply slip to be returned by 5th October. Once we have an idea of uptake we can decide if this service is needed.



As you know we are a charity, run by a committee of volunteer Parents and Carers. Over the next few days I will be emailing those that have offered their help & support this year.

However if you would like to get involved & help our fabulous Pre-School please do let us know charltonacorns@gmail.com. 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!



Dates to remember:

2018/2019

- Term 1** Wed 5th Sept 2018– Fri 19th October 2018
- Term 2** Wed 31st October – Fri 21st December 2018
- Term 3** Tues 8th January 2019 – Fri 15th February 2019
- Term 4** Tues 26th February 2019 – Fri 5th April 2019
- Term 5** Tues 23rd April 2019 – Fri 24th May 2019
- Term 6** Mon 3rd June 2019– Wed 24th July 2019

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 3rd October – Cake Stall
- Wednesday 12th December – Christmas Play TBC
- Friday 21st December – Christmas Party 9.15 – 11.30 (No Session)

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

All donations of baked goods are warmly welcomed for our cake stall, home-made, shop bought we don't mind! They sell brilliantly and make lots of money for pre-school!

Donations can be left in the entrance hall.

