



# NEWSLETTER

June 2019 - Term 6 2018 /19

**We would like to extend an especially warm welcome to our new children, Zen, Ibrahim and Summerley and their families. We hope they are very happy and have lots of fun.**

## CHANGES IN SEPTEMBER

There will be changes to timings and fee structures effective from September 2019. We will be sending out a separate letter next week with all the details.

## 30 HR FUNDING CODES FOR 2019/20

Parents need to have applied by 31st August to obtain a code for Autumn 2019 term. If a code is issued between 1st and 14th September, this can still be accepted for the autumn term BUT parents still need to prove that they applied by 31st August. Any codes issued after 14th September are not valid for the autumn term. If parents encounter any problems with the application process or their code, they need to contact HMRC.

## SUMMER TERM

We have had a brilliant first half of the summer term! We have been on an adventure to Windsor, met the soldiers and went to the castle; held a Royal Tea Party for the Queens official birthday, visited the lovely horses at the Windsor and Ascot Driving Group for the disabled and welcomed new friends to our setting. Phew, we need to draw breath and prepare for the rest of the term, as we have even more exciting things to look forward to!

## ROYAL ASCOT

**Tuesday 18 - Friday 21 June**

Pre-school will be open as usual during Royal Ascot. Please be aware that the roads are extremely busy and during certain time periods, there are one way systems put in place. The worst times for drop offs/pickups are between 11.30-12.30. We are very happy during Ascot week if you wish to stay at pre-school to save you from fighting with the traffic. We try to be as flexible as possible but please remember that we have adult/ child ratios to adhere to and an extra bunch of children not picked up on time could be tricky! Please also be aware that parking could be a challenge as in previous years, restrictions have been put in place on Cheapside Road.

We would love to invite you all (family and friends) to join us for picnics during the week on each day. We will start from 11.45 when the pre-schoolers will be having their lunch and if your child doesn't attend that day, you are welcome to bring them along, but you must stay with them. We are thrilled to announce that, after lunch, we have been invited by one of our families to join them at an exclusive spot on the racecourse to see the royal procession. When we stand in our regular place on Watersplash Lane, we are always spotted by the Royal Family and our most exciting moment came when Prince Harry said how sweet the children were!! So you can imagine the view we will get in the racecourse! If you would like to join us either for the picnics on any of the days, or just for the walks to see the procession, please let us know.

## STAFF NEWS

Sadly, Miss Bishop will be leaving us on the 21st June to take up a new position nearer her home. We all wish her well for the future.

We are actively recruiting for a new Early Years Practitioner who will start in September, so when we find our new member of the team, we will let you know.

## WORK EXPERIENCE w/b June 24

We will be welcoming a student from a local school, who is keen to experience life in an early years setting as the route to take for a possible career. It will either confirm her idea, or send her off in a completely different direction!!

## ORIENTEERING

**Thursday 27 June 8.45 - 11.30**

Each year we go on an adventure around our village looking for clues! The activity will consist of an orienteering exercise around Cheapside village, calling at certain locations to collect a clue (adults not stopping at the Thatch for refreshment along the way!!) The clues will lead to a word and maybe a little reward! When the course has been completed, you are all invited into pre-school for tea and cakes. Cake donations (bought or baked!) will be very welcome, thank you. Whilst we would love parents and

carers to join us for the morning, we understand if that isn't possible. If your child normally attends a Thursday morning session and an adult isn't able to come, please don't worry, just let us know and we will look after your little one and take them on the adventure. All of the children are invited, but if your child doesn't usually attend a Thursday morning, they must be accompanied by an adult. We will open as usual at 8.45 am and the event will start from 9.00 am

## TRIP TO WINDSOR GREAT PARK ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE

**Wednesday 3rd July 8.45am - 3.00pm £10 per child**

We will be going again to Windsor Great Park for our annual pre-school trip but this year, it will be a little bit different! The site is now run by Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust, who will be providing fantastic activities and events throughout the day. We are really excited to have been invited by Windsor Woodmouse to have an adventure in the woods and learn the secrets of how wild animals survive. Unfortunately, the cost of hiring a coach has become prohibitive, so we will have to ask you to drop your child off at the venue, between 9.00 am – 9.30 am and pick them up from 2.30 pm (the staff need to be back for afterschool club at 3.00 pm) We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to join us as a helper on the day (do you know what you'll be letting yourselves in for!!) If you would like to join us as a volunteer helper, please speak to Mrs Shaw and she will be happy to fill you in on all the details. Thank you. Full details and arrangements for the day, will be sent as a separate letter.

## PRE-SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

**Wednesday 10th July 1.30pm - 3.00pm**

After last year's successful inaugural pre-school sports day, we will be doing it again for all our little chaps. We will start from 1.30pm and have races and events for both the children and adults to take part in. The focus will be on fun and enjoyment, so if you would like to join us, please let us know nearer the time. This event is weather permitting, so if the forecast is poor, we will make the decision the day before to cancel, fingers crossed!

## WARM WEATHER

As we are now in the summer term and the weather is supposed to be good (!), please can you make sure when it is warm and sunny, that your children are sun creamed before they come to pre-school, as it is quite challenging getting 24 little wriggling people creamed at the same time! They will also need a labelled bottle of sun lotion in their bag for application throughout the day, plus a sun hat. Our garden is a lovely combination of sun and shade which makes it ideal for adventures outside and we don't want to have to keep any child in because of the risk of sunburn! Thank you.

## PARENTS EVENING

**Monday 15th July**

10 minute's appointment between 3.30pm - 5.30pm These are a great opportunity for you to speak to your child's key person, take a look at their learning journey and see what

they've been up to at pre-school! If this date and times are not suitable, please speak to your key person and they will do their best to see you when it's more convenient for you. There will be a list at pre-school for you to book your appointment.

## SURVEY

We have sent out a survey that we would be very grateful if you would complete for us. We really value your thoughts and ideas and would love to have your feedback, thank you.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVERS PARTY

**Friday 19th July 12.30pm - 3.00pm**

Please could you confirm to Caroline via email ([caroline@cheapsidepreschool.co.uk](mailto:caroline@cheapsidepreschool.co.uk)) if your child is leaving for primary school, thank you. Our leavers party is a chance to celebrate your child's time with us and have a last play on all your and their favourite toys! We have a party table so if the leavers could please bring in food to share (you can be as naughty as you like!!) that would be great. Each primary school leaver can bring up to two guests to join in the celebrations so please try to join us if you can. If your child isn't leaving but usually attends the Friday pm session, they will be able to attend but they will have the added bonus of scrummy treats!

## GOODBYE

We would like to say goodbye to all our little chums who are leaving us for 'big school'. We will miss you all and wish you well on the next stage of your educational journey. It has been lovely watching you all blossom and would love to have you pop in for a visit. To everyone else, have a wonderful summer and see you all in September.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**June 12th** Rainbow Kids Club Open Day

**June 13th** Cheapside Pre-school Open Day

**June 18th to June 21st** Royal Ascot

**June 27th** Orienteering morning

**July 3rd** Trip to Windsor Great Park Environmental Centre

**July 10th** Sports Day 12.30-3.00

**July 15th** Parents evening

**July 19th** Primary school leavers' party 12.30-3.00

**July 19th** Break up for the summer holidays (usual times)

**September 9th** Return to Pre-school

**Admin contacts (part time) :**

**Caroline Sayers** - Permanent sessions and funding

**Lisa Naji** - General admin, invoice queries, marketing