

# NEWSLETTER

March 2019 - Term 4 2018 /19

**Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a great half term. Please make sure that you take a look at the Important Dates for your Diary at the end of this newsletter, as we've got a lot of activities coming up and we'd love you all to be involved!**

## TUMMY BUG

Unfortunately, there appears to be a tummy bug around at the moment. At pre-school we have had a couple of cases whilst at Cheapside Primary we have heard of a few more.

Whilst we will do all we can to prevent the spread of infection, may we please remind you that your child must not be brought into pre-school until 48 hours has lapsed since their last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. Your co-operation is much appreciated, thank you.

## SESSION TIMES

Please could we respectfully remind you that the session times for your children need to be adhered to with regards to early drop offs (30 hour's funding 9.00 am) or late pickups. If you are late picking up this can have an adverse effect on our staff/child ratios during lunch club or after school club. Unfortunately, we have to adhere to our policies and issue fines when required. For 30 hour's funded children, you are able to drop them off before 9.00 am for a fee of £5, please speak to us if this is your wish.

## PARENTS EVENING

This will be held on Monday 25th March 3.30-5.20pm. There is a list in pre-school for you to book your ten minute's appointment with your child's key person. Please don't feel that you have to attend, it is entirely up to you. If you would prefer an appointment during the day, please just ask and we will book you in.

## 30HR EEF REMINDER

In order to receive and avoid any shortfall in the 30HR EEF funding all parents must check and reconfirm their details every 3 months via their Tax-Free Childcare account. Any shortfall in the funding will be passed on to you the parent.

## PARENT/CARER ROTA

Would you like to come to pre-school to join us for an hour and see how much fun we all have?! The rota is located on the notice board located in the entrance hall. If you would like to spend some time with us, please pop your name on a day that is suitable for you. We look forward to seeing you!

## SURVEY

We will soon be sending 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.

## REMINDERS

Apologies, but we're now going to nag!

1. Please label everything, including the green drawstring bags.
2. Check your child's bag for spare seasonal clothing. A full set of clothes including underwear and socks in case of accidents or spillages.
3. If your child is in nappies/pull ups, please put in spares along with wipes and nappy sacks.
4. Drawstring bags only, not rucksacks as space is an issue.
5. One set of outdoor shoes (this time of year wellie boots) and one set of indoor footwear (slippers, canvas shoes, trainers if you prefer)
6. If your child has a set of waterproofs and they wish to wear them, please label and put in their bag. Some children get distressed if they have to wear something that is not familiar to them.
7. 'WOW' board- if your child achieves something at home you and they wish to celebrate e.g. got their own shoes on, cleaned their teeth unaided etc. you can put a note on the board for us all to see. If you would like more information, please see your child's key person.

## SHED NEEDED - CAN YOU HELP?

Does anyone have an old shed they could pass onto us or a contact where we would be able to get one at a very good price? Please let Mrs Shaw know if you can help.

## BIRTHDAY SWEETS

Please could we ask that you do not bring in sweets, e.g. Haribos for you child's birthday as we are trying to promote healthy eating in pre-school. Many thanks.

## FRONT DOOR

Please do not let your children push on the front door handle when leaving the hall. We have had a few incidents where it has broken as a result of this and we have had to pay for a replacement. Thank you.

## FRIENDS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We would love to invite parents/carers and relatives to join us for a morning of fun Easter activities. We'll be engaging in craft, having Easter egg hunts, holding a raffle, enjoying refreshments and ending the term with a flourish. Everyone is welcome, even if it's not your child's usual day or time. If you have any donations for our raffle, that would be wonderful. We need: Easter eggs, baskets, Easter books, cuddly bunnies/ chicks, ribbons and cakes for our cake stall and anything else you can think of! Thank you.

We hope to see you then!

## YOUR CONTACT DETAILS FOR FOPS

If you would like to help out the FOPS this year, we would love to hear from you. We have lots of events to plan for but can't do it without you. Please speak to Mrs Shaw who can tell you what help is required. Thank you.

We thought it would be useful exercise for the FOPS to hold a list of parents/carers contact details so that we have a database of contact info (which will not be shared anywhere else). This will help with communication—details of events/ help needed/future meetings, etc. Again, please speak to Mrs Shaw.

We are always looking for suggestions for events to hold at and for pre-school and our charity The Nest Children's home. If you have any ideas, please let us know, thank you!

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**25th March** Parents evening

**28th March** Easter fun morning all welcome

**1st April–22nd April** Easter holidays

**2nd May** Closed for voting

**6th May** Bank holiday

**23rd May 8.45-12.30** Orienteering around Cheapside village (all welcome) More details in the April newsletter.

**27th May-31st May** Whitsun holidays

**18th June –21st June Royal Ascot.** You are all invited to come for a picnic any day (Tuesday–Friday) at the village hall, then join us to see the royal procession.

**10th July 1.00-3.00** Sports day (more details in the next newsletter)

**15th July** Parents evening

**June 30th,7th or 14th** Summer BBQ tbc

**July tbc.** Forest school trip 8.45-3.00 All children are invited

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

**19th July** End of term

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

### **Jason Morris, our Friday morning Rugbytots coach is taking part in the London to Paris Bike Ride:**

“As a very novice rider I wanted to set an amazing challenge for myself and raise money for an amazing charity. Especially as it's in a special birthday year for me.

The London to Paris cycle ride will start on June 28th and consist of covering 180 miles over three days. I will be doing this in aid of the Wooden Spoon, which is the RFU's official charity for children. Founded in 1983, they have raised over £26M for over 700 organisations helping disabled and underprivileged children.

My charity page can be found below:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JasonMorris10>

Any donation you could make would be so much appreciated”