



# NEWSLETTER

May 2019 - Term 5 2018 /19

Welcome back everyone after the Easter holidays and the May bank holiday weekend. We hope you had a lovely time! There's lots to tell you, so let's get down to business!

## SUMMER TERM

This term we have some fantastic events planned, so please try and join us for the fun if you can. If you need clarification on any of the events or activities, please speak to Mrs Shaw.

## VISITORS AND TRIPS OUT

Last term we had some lovely visitors who came in to see us in pre-school; police officers, a fireman and a pilot. Unfortunately, the tractors from Ascot racecourse were unable to come because of the weather, but they have assured us that they'll come another day. Please keep up to date on FAMLY for any announcements of visitors or trips out.

### Tuesday 14th May 9.30 to 11.30

We will be going on a little trip through the Gruffalo Wood, to visit the Windsor and Ascot Driving Group for Disabled. We will be starting our adventure at 9.30, as it will probably take us awhile to get there! Once there, we will be meeting the ponies (especially BLUE!) and finding out what it takes to look after a horse and how to drive a carriage. If any mum's or dad's would like to join us, just let us know! Please can all children dress appropriately for a morning outside in any weather.

### BLUE



## ORIENTEERING - Thursday 23rd May

Unfortunately, we are having to cancel our orienteering morning, due to the fact that there will be European

elections taking part in the village hall. We will be rescheduling the event to **Thursday 27th June 9.00 to 11.30**

We are sorry to cause any inconvenience, but it is out of our control.

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 and the event will start at 9.00 am.

## European Elections – 23rd May

As you are all probably aware, the European elections will now be taking place. This is rather a problem for us, as we have been informed that we cannot have the village hall that day as it will be used as a polling station. We realise that this will be very disruptive for our setting and even worse as we had to close on the 2nd May for local elections.

But never fear, we have a solution! Mrs Shaw and Mrs Searle (the Head Teacher at Cheapside Primary) have made a plan for the day! We will be using the primary school as our base first thing in the morning, before we take the children on a trip to Windsor.

Mrs Shaw and Mrs Searle will be meeting on Tuesday to discuss the arrangements, so please bare with us and we will give you full details as soon as we can. Please speak to Mrs Shaw if you have any questions.

## ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

**Friday 7th June 1.30 – 2.30**

We will be celebrating the Queen's official birthday by holding a garden party at pre-school! If you can, please join us from 1.30 for refreshments. There will be a list at pre-school of food for the party table and if you would like to bring any of the items, we would be most grateful. Please come dressed in red, white and blue (children and adults!) We would love to see as many of you as possible, even if it's not your child's normal day. If it is your child's normal session and you can't make it, please don't worry, as we will look after them and make sure they have fun!

Does anyone have any pop up gazebo's we can borrow please?!

## OPEN DAYS

We will be holding Open Days for both Cheapside Pre-school and Rainbow Kids Club, so if anyone you know is looking for childcare, please send them our way!

**Rainbow Kids Club Wednesday 12th June 3.30 to 5.30**

**Cheapside Preschool Thursday 13th June 9.30 to 11.30 or 1.00 to 2.00**

Pre-school will be open and operating as normal.

## 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 ratio's 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.

## TRIP TO WINDSOR GREAT PARK ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE

**Wednesday 3rd July 8.45 - 3.00     £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.

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 1.30 - 3.00**

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 1.30 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.

## 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.

## SURVEY

We will be sending out a survey very soon 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.

## CHARITY DONATIONS

After 12 years of supporting the charity, The Nest children's home in Limuru Kenya, we have decided to make a change and look at supporting small, local charities. We feel that the time has come to look at other organisations and charities, as The Nest have many, many supporters now, so the time seems right. We hope you agree and if you know of any charities you think we could support, please let us know.

Our first donation will be £50 from our Easter fun morning that we will be giving to the Windsor and Ascot Driving Group for Disabled.

## EASTER FUN MORNING

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our fun morning, we hope you enjoyed yourselves?! Apart from having a lovely time, we managed to raise a wonderful £102.50 from our refreshments and raffle.

## WANTED PLEASE

We are trying to add toys and equipment to our pre-school and would be very grateful to receive any of the following that you may be considering getting rid of:

Puzzles (complete!) ages 3 to 11

Small world toys e.g. Peppa Pig, Happy Land

Lego (not Duplo)

Any items related to construction e.g. tools, dressing up, building sets

Board games ages 3 to 11

Thank you in advance!

## FRONT DOOR

Please do not let your children push on the front door handle as, on a few occasions, this has resulted in the handle breaking and we have had to pay for a replacement. Thank you.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**May 14th** Trip to Windsor and Ascot Driving for Disabled

**May 23rd** Pre-school based at Cheapside Primary school for drop off/pick up

**May 23rd** Trip to Windsor

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

**June 3rd** Back to Pre-school

**June 7th** Queen's birthday garden party

**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