

NEWSLETTER

April 2016 - SUMMER TERM - Term 5 2015/2016



Welcome back everyone to the final term of this academic year. Apologies for being behind with the newsletter, but we had rather a busy week last week!

Firstly, we would like to extend an especially warm welcome to our new starters and their families: Lucy, Jack, Gracie, Samuel, Devansh, Ellie and George. We hope you will be very happy at Cheapside and have lots of fun.

We have lots to tell you including some important dates for your diary, so grab a cuppa and enjoy the read!

New Routine

As the majority of you are aware, we had an Ofsted inspection on Tuesday. It was a very long, gruelling day and by the end of it, we were rather frazzled. We will be able to give you more information about the outcome in approximately 10 days when the result has been verified and published, so please bear with us until then.

Planning

You will soon find the **Planning** for this term on our website under the news section. Please look out for an email to let you know it has been posted.

The planning is for the whole pre-school and offers activities for every child if they wish to take part. Individual planning for your child is done by their key person, so please speak to them if you wish to know more.

Parent / Carer Survey

We would be very grateful if you could spend a few minutes filling in our annual survey either online or by hand. We love to read your feedback which helps us to evaluate our setting and try to make it better for everyone. Once we have received and collated the information, we will publish the results in our last newsletter after the Whitsun holidays.

New Forms

Thank you for your assistance with our new signing in/out forms. It is very helpful for us and saves a lot of time writing in the daily registers. We always like to make tweaks, so we're sure they'll be something else we'll come up with!

We also have a new system for informing you of any unacceptable behaviour incidents that occur within pre-school. We will be logging these on a form to be signed by the key person, Mrs Shaw and the parent/carer. They will be stored in your child/ren's files. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Parking

Unfortunately, last term we had a number of incidents with regard to parking at the village hall, which also affected our

neighbours. We do understand how small and tight the parking is, so we would like to respectfully ask you to park and use the car park in a way that doesn't block or inconvenience other users or our near neighbours. Although it can be challenging to park sometimes, parking can also be found on the roads outside (with care not to block any driveways) Please could you also not park immediately outside the entrance to the hall, as this can cause difficulty in access and can be dangerous. If you are in a hurry and need to get away without being blocked in, please consider parking on the road.

If incidences continue to occur, we may have no alternative but to close the car park so that it is staff and visitors only. We really don't want to have to do this, but there may be no other choice.

May Ball



Our wonderful May Ball is fast approaching and we need to sell as many tickets as possible for the event to go ahead. It is on Friday 13th May 7.30-1.00 at Northcote House, Sunningdale. You can join us as a single, couple, group or a whole table of 10! Attendees don't have to be from our pre-school community, so please invite your family and friends!

Tickets cost £45 per head and include a welcome glass of prosecco or juice, a three course dinner, dancing, silent and main auctions and lots of fun!

This is always the highlight of our fundraising activities for the pre-school and our wonderful charity The Nest Children's Home, in Limuru Kenya. We will be playing an introduction from the home at the beginning of the ball so you can see what an amazing place it is and what an incredible job they do in saving so many innocent little souls. Please try to join us so we can help alleviate some of their suffering from neglect and abuse.

Auction prizes – we are looking for any donations great or small, that we can put in our silent or live auction e.g. jewellery, trips or experiences, meals, tickets to sporting events or memorabilia from sports stars or the rich and famous, or anything else you can come up with!

Please email Sam Fenton samanthafenton1@googlemail.com or Louise Harris louisevharris@gmail.com to notify that you wish to attend the ball or have any auction prizes. They will be able to give you all the details you need.

Thank you and see you there!

Forest School Trip



We will be going to the Forest School in Windsor Great park on Friday 8th July. We will be travelling by coach which is always a great treat for the children. Unfortunately, the cost of hiring the coach has risen so we will have to ask for £7 per child but the rest of the trip is free. We are sorry to have to increase the price, but it is totally out of our control.

We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to join us as helpers on the day (do you know what you'll be letting yourselves in for!!) Depending on the number of children going and staff working, we may have to ask for a contribution of £7 from any helpers who travel with us by coach. This seems really mean as you will be giving up your time, but again, costs have risen.

If you would like to join us, please speak to Mrs Shaw and she will be happy to fill you in on all the details. Thank you.

Village Hall Closure

We apologise for the late notice of the hall closure for the election on Thursday 5th May. We have only just been informed ourselves which is not ideal. It will be a very short week, as we are also closed on Monday 2nd May for May Day.

We would like to give advanced warning that we may also be closed on Thursday 23rd June for the European referendum vote. This has not been confirmed to us, but please bear this in mind so you can make alternative childcare arrangements just in case.

Reminders

1. Please label everything
2. One pair of indoor shoes and one pair of outdoor boots/shoes
3. Clothes that can get dirty as it's very muddy outside
4. Draw string bag not rucksacks
5. No nuts (including peanut butter) sweets, chocolate bars in packed lunches
6. Full set of spare clothes
7. Please adhere to your child's session times

8. As a safety precaution, we have been advised that small tomatoes and grapes should be cut lengthways to avoid the risk of blocking a child's airway and choking

Rota – come and join us!

Would you like to come to pre-school to join us for an hour and see how much fun we all have?! The parent/carer rota is located on the WOW board and if you would like to spend some time with us, just pop your name up and we'll look forward to seeing 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 off or late pickups. The afternoon sessions commence at 12.00 for funded and 12.15 for non-funded, so please do not arrive before those times.

If you are late picking up this can have an adverse effect on our staff/child ratios, lunch club or the after school club. Unfortunately, we have to adhere to our policies and issue a fine of £5 if you are late 3 times picking up.

Help Needed

We are very lucky to have our lovely 'Gardening Grandma and Grandad' who volunteer to come into the pre-school every Thursday morning. Unfortunately, for health reasons, they are unable to join us for the next few months, so we would love to hear from anyone who would be able to give an hour or two a week to help us look after our garden and get ready for the planting season. We would be very grateful for any help offered, so please let Mrs Shaw know if you can, thank you.

Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday - Pre-school Closed

Thursday 5th May - Pre-school closed for Elections

Friday 13th May – May Ball at Northcote House

Thursday 19th May – Orienteering morning

30th May – 3rd June Whitsun holidays

Tuesday 14th – Friday 17th June – Royal Ascot.

Sunday 19th June - Summer BBQ

Thursday 23rd June – Possible hall closure

Monday 4th July – Parents evening

Friday 8th July – Forest school trip

Monday 11th July – Parents evening

Friday 15th July – Primary school leavers party

Friday 15th July – End of term