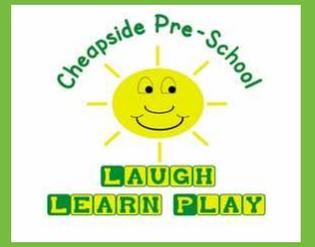


NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2018 - SPRING TERM - Term 3 2017/2018



Welcome back everyone to the spring term. We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year festivities. Thank you so much for all our lovely gifts and kind words, they were much appreciated. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new children and families: Lea and Benjamin. We hope you will be very happy and have lots of fun! Now, down to business with lots to tell you!

PLANNING

The overall planning for the Spring term's activities is attached to the newsletter and can also be found on our website under the NEWS section. The planning is for the pre-school as a whole i.e. adult planned and led activities that all children are invited to take part in. Individual planning for each child is carried out by your child's key person. Please speak to the appropriate staff member if you have any queries or questions, as they will be happy to answer them for you.

Each week, you will receive a blog where you can find the 'Show and Tell' letters and 'Number of the Week' It would be lovely if the children could bring in appropriate items relating to any of the letters to show their key person (please remember items could get lost or broken, so nothing delicate or precious!)

There are also links to our letter pronunciation videos to help your child with their pre reading skills. We would love to hear about any successes with the number or letter of the week so again, please encourage your child to talk to their key person and celebrate their achievement on the WOW board.

We have lots of exciting adventures and activities planned, so it should be a fun term!

WOW BOARD

If you haven't already done so, could you please bring in a photograph of your child for the board. The WOW board is for celebrating success and achievements, both at pre-school and at home, so please feel free to pop them on the board!

You will also find on the board, your child's key group of children and staff member. There will be a mixture of children who sit together at snack time and join in activities that are planned by their key person.

We thought it would be lovely for each group of children and their teacher to be given a name, so when they are called collectively, they will know it relates to them. Take a look on the boards and have a peek what your child's group is!

STAFF NEWS

Sadly, we have to inform you that Miss Scrivener will be leaving at half term due to family circumstances. We have loved having Miss Scrivener as part of our pre-school and will really miss her.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and wish her well for the future.

We are delighted to announce that we have found a fantastic new practitioner who will be joining our team on Monday 29th January. Miss Sophie Stanmore is an experienced early years practitioner, who we are sure will bring lots of ideas and enthusiasm with her. Welcome Miss Stanmore, we hope you will be very happy at our setting!

Miss Harvey has left our setting and moved onto another job. We apologise for not informing you sooner, but it was all rather sudden. We are very grateful that Miss Bishop has kindly stepped into the role of Inclusion Co-ordinator.

We will be looking to add another practitioner to our team, but we will take our time to find the right candidate.

SNOW ARRANGEMENTS

As the weather has been rather changeable lately, we thought we had better remind you of our snow arrangements. Please rest assured that we do not close the pre-school if we can help it, but with staff traveling to work and some having children themselves whose schools may close, we will only be able to open if it is feasible to do so. The arrangements are as follows:



. We will announce any closures on BBC Radio Berkshire 95.4 FM as early as possible on the morning. If we do, we will confirm via email.

. We will post the closure on Facebook

. Fees will not be refunded for closure due to adverse weather conditions as the weather is completely out of our control.

FESTIVALS & CELEBRATIONS

If there are any family celebrations or festivals that you would like us to engage in at pre-school, please let us know. We have enjoyed exploring Diwali, Eid, All Hallows (Halloween) patron saint days, Christmas and Easter as well as Mother's Day and Father's Day. If there are any other events you would like to share with us, please let us know. Thank you.

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.
8. Late fines—we would like to remind you how important it is to pick your child up on time, as it has a big impact on staff ratios and timings for our next pre-school sessions, Rainbow Kids Club or lunches. It also creates an issue with space, when children are getting ready to go home (especially at 3.00 pm) and the entrance hall way is blocked with bodies and clothing! We will be levying fines in line with our policies when late pick-ups occur. It is unfortunate that we have to do this, but it is happening on too many occasions. Please help us by arriving on time to collect your child and we won't have to do it!

MOBILE PHONES

As part of our safeguarding policies and procedures, we do not allow mobile phones or SMART watches to be used in pre-school. Staff have their phones locked away during session and are only allowed to use them during their lunch break when they are in sight of the rest of the team. Any visitors to our pre-school are also asked to lock their phones away and have them returned when they leave. We would like to ask your co-operation with regards to mobile phones. Please do not come into pre-school using your phone either by receiving or making phone calls or by sending messages. If you need to answer your phone or make a call, please go outside. We will be stopping you from using your phones so please don't put us in the position of having to ask you to leave the premises. Thank you.

CARYS ANN PHOTOGRAPHY

A big thank you to everyone who ordered photographs of their children before Christmas. We are delighted to say that the lovely photographer Carys, gave us £42 in commission which allowed us to purchase stands for our tuff trays, which we are very excited about!

FRIENDS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the nativity and Christmas party and generously donated to our amazing raffle prizes. The hampers were incredible! Because of your generosity, we raised £152 which is equally split between the pre-school and our designated charity, The Nest children's home in Limuru, Kenya. With our share, we bought a builders set for the garden including cement mixer and realistic bricks!

We managed to meet our target again last year, so we will be sending a donation of £1,000 which we know will be gratefully received. Thank you all for your support and generosity which enables us to make our continued contribution towards the care of the children at The Nest.

A special thank you to Alice who always helps Mrs Shaw with the FOPS events, you are a Star!

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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12th–16th February Half term

26th March Parents evening

29th March Easter fun morning all welcome

30th March–13th April Easter holidays

7th May Bank holiday

24th May 8.45-12.30 Orienteering around Cheapside village (all welcome) More details in the next newsletter.

28th May-1st June Whitsun holidays

19th June –22nd 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.

9th July Parents evening

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

19th July 12.30-3.00 Primary school leavers party

20th July End of term

WHO TO CONTACT:

Please refer to the website for:

Weekly blog

Newsletters & Planning

Uniform Queries

Information on Extra curricular activities - please book these via pre-school

Session times and prices

Rainbowkidsclubbookings@gmail.com

All ongoing RAINBOW KIDS CLUB BOOKINGS

All ad hoc bookings for Rainbow Kids Club AND Pre-school
Ad hoc bookings can be emailed or made in person at the setting.

Any changes to your contact details (Rainbow Kids Club)

PART TIME ADMINISTRATION TEAM:

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All funding related queries

All ongoing PRE-SCHOOL session bookings

Any changes to your contact details (Pre-school)

LISA NAJI : lisa@cheapsidepreschool.co.uk:

All invoice queries for Pre-school and Rainbow Kids Club.

NB if query involves a session change, then please also email Caroline Sayers or RKC..

Marketing your business or event in newsletter.

Feedback or information request for website.

Any changes to your contact details (Pre-school & Rainbow Kids Club)

WEBSITES :

www.cheapsidepreschool.co.uk

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