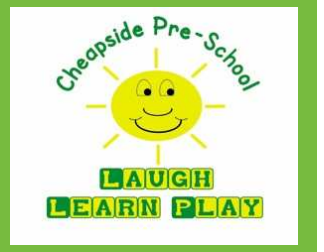


NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2017 - SPRING TERM - Term 4 2016/2017



Although this is quite a short term, we have lots of exciting news to tell you about and some fabulous activities to fit in before we break up for the Easter holidays! Firstly, we would like to welcome our new starters, Ruby and Tommy and their families to pre-school. We hope you have lots of fun at Cheapside. So, here we go, brace yourselves, put your feet up with a cuppa and enjoy!

30 Hours Free Funding

Thank you to all those who have replied to our survey. We would be very grateful for more responses as we are trying to plan how we can move forward with offering this to our clients. We have sent you a reminder this week so please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

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 or late pickups. 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.

Parent Evening

This will be held on Monday 27th March 3.30–5.20pm. There is a list in pre-school for you to book your ten minute 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.

Parent Help Needed- volunteers please!

We are very lucky to be able to share an allotment with Cheapside Primary, but we are in desperate need of helpers to dig over the ground and prepare for spring planting. We also need to maintain our flower growing areas in the pre-school garden, so if you are able to spare us a little time at either site or you would like to be regularly involved, please speak to Mrs Shaw or leave her a message at pre-school.

We are also looking for donations of plants, tools and equipment that can help us with our activities. We would be very grateful for anything you can provide.

Thank you.

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 bags 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

Admin Contacts

All invoice queries please email lisa@cheapsidepreschool.co.uk

Ongoing session changes and funding queries please email caroline@cheapsidepreschool.co.uk

Ad hoc bookings for pre-school please telephone 01344 627111 or speak to Mrs Gofford

Rainbow Kids Club bookings, please email rainbowkidsclubbookings@gmail.com or telephone 01344 627111

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 WOW board and 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!

Invoice Reminders

We would like to apologise to those who have received invoice reminders for which they have already paid. We have been having issues with the bank feeds to our system but this will be resolved as soon as possible. Please bear with us in the meantime.

If you have not already paid, please could we remind you that term invoices should be paid before the start of term and if you are paying by childcare vouchers the balance must be paid in full by the end of term. As per your contract, you will incur fines for late payments.

New website for Rainbow Kids Club

We are thrilled to announce that this will be going live this week! We hope you like it!

www.cheapsiderainbowkidsclub.co.uk Once the new website is active, this address will take you to the new site.

To complement our new website colour scheme, the staff at Rainbow Kids Club, will be donning new blue uniforms next term. Although Cheapside Preschool & Rainbow Kids Club are one and the same, we feel by having a slightly different uniform, it will give a sense of differentiation.

You will also see we have been introducing lots of exciting new activities and fun play / rest / homework zones over the past few months. There has been some great feedback from all ages!

Virgin Money London Marathon 2017

One of our members of staff, Lisa Naji, has taken up the challenge of running her first marathon this year, and will be running the London Marathon in April. With only 6 weeks to go, Lisa is training hard and hoping to reach her target of £2,000 for a small and very worthy charity, Action for Pre-Eclampsia.

Mild pre-eclampsia affects up to 10% of first time pregnancies with severe pre-eclampsia affecting about 1-2 in 100 pregnancies. It's the most common of the serious complications of pregnancy and is caused by a defect in the placenta, which joins the mother and baby and supplies the baby with nutrients and oxygen from the mother's blood. Action on Pre-eclampsia (also known as APEC) aims to raise public and professional awareness of pre-eclampsia, improve care, and ease or prevent physical and emotional suffering caused by the disease.

APEC is a charity close to Lisa's heart. Every donation, no matter how small, would be a huge motivation to Lisa on the big day. So if you would like to support this cause please see the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LisaCNaji>

Friends of Pre-school News

Easter Fun

On Thursday 30th March 8.45–11.30 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!

Ladies Pamper Evening

Come and join us on Friday 28th April (7.30/8.00pm times tbc) for a ladies only night at the village hall, for some well-deserved TLC! You will be able to purchase an entrance ticket which will include an alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage. There will be a variety of treats for you to book including manicures, massages, make up consultations and beauty products. Why not treat yourself, friends and family to a fun evening and be spoilt in the process!

If anyone knows any beauty therapists who may be interested in supplying their services for the evening, please let us know.

Your contact details for FOPS

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.

There is a list in pre-school by the noticeboard. Please fill in your details if you wish to be included.

It is of course up to you if you wish to supply these, thank you. Sharon, Alice, Sarah & Tanya

Vacancy

We are looking for an enthusiastic fun practitioner to join our after school club team. The ideal candidate will have a relevant childcare qualification to at least level two and experience of working with children.

We look forward to hearing from you if you feel the role is for you or someone you know. Please speak to Mrs Shaw.

Important dates for your diary

Monday 27th March Parents evening 3.30-5.20

Thursday 30th March Easter fun morning 8.45–11.30

3rd April–17th April Easter holidays

Thursday 18th May Orienteering morning 8.45-11.30

29th May–4th June Whitsun holidays

20th- 24th 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.

July 2nd, 9th or 16th Summer BBQ tbc

July tbc. Forest school trip Would anyone like to join us for the day as a volunteer?

Wednesday 19th July Primary school leavers party

Friday 21st July End of term for the summer holidays

Happy Easter!