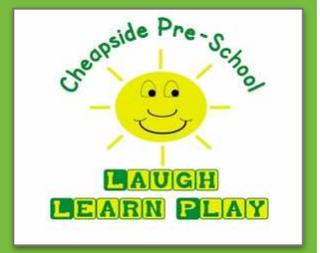


NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2018 - SPRING TERM - Term 4 2017/2018



This half term we have lots of information for you and news of the activities we're doing before we break up for the Easter holidays! Firstly, we would like to welcome our new starters: Darcie, Brandon 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!

SOCIAL MEDIA

We now have a closed Facebook group for sharing important information and pictures of the children. Just search Parents & Carers of Cheapside Preschool and we will approve you into the group. You can also like us on Facebook by searching Cheapside Preschool & Rainbow Kids Club.

If you have Instagram you can follow us to see what activities we have planned. Our IG handle is @cheapside.preschool

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 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.

PARENTS EVENING

This will be held on Monday 26th 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 / 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 me 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.

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.

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.

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 pickups 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!

Cheapside Village Hall

The village hall committee are looking for new members to help with the running of the hall, events and specific projects. If you feel you could help in any way, please contact Dave Batts via the contact page on the Cheapside village hall website. 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. There is a list in pre-school on

the noticeboard located in the entrance hall. 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.

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 speak to Mrs Shaw, thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th March Sport activity day

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 April 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 1st, 8th or 15th 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

20th July End of term

10th September Return to pre-school

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:

CAROLINE SAYERS : caroline@cheapsidepreschool.co.uk

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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