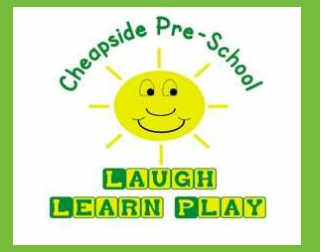


# NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2016 - AUTUMN TERM - Term 2 2016/2017



**Welcome back everyone, we hope you had a great half term and enjoyed all your Halloween activities and are looking forward to Bonfire Night!**

## This half term

We have a very busy time ahead of us over the next few weeks as we prepare ourselves for our Christmas festivities. We will be sending out a separate Christmas newsletter nearer the time, detailing all our arrangements for the nativity and party. Please make sure you note down all the dates listed at the end of the newsletter, as you won't want to miss anything!

## Timings

Please may we remind you that it is extremely important that you collect your child/children promptly at the end of their session. It can be distressing for some children if they are late being picked up and it also causes us problems with ratios, lunch club and after school, when we leave to collect from primary school. It would also be helpful if you could arrive as soon as possible for your child's session (we understand that you may need to drop off at 'big school' first) but we are trying to take the register at 9.10am and again in the afternoon at 12.40pm. As much as we don't like doing it, we will levy a fine for late pickups unless it is an emergency.

Please also be aware that we will not be opening the pre-school doors until 8.45 am each morning as, before this, we are in breakfast club.

Your co-operation on the above issue is much appreciated.

## Financial Queries

If you need to speak to someone regarding any financial issues, could you please only contact Lisa Naji on [lisa@cheapsidepreschool.co.uk](mailto:lisa@cheapsidepreschool.co.uk). Mrs Shaw will not be discussing any area of finance and would like to inform everyone that any decision made by Lisa Naji will be upheld and is the final decision.

Similarly, if you need to discuss any issues regarding sessions or funding, please contact Caroline Sayers on [caroline@cheapsidepreschool.co.uk](mailto:caroline@cheapsidepreschool.co.uk).

Please remember that Lisa and Caroline only work part time so may not be able to respond to you immediately. Your patience is much appreciated.

## Snow Arrangements



As the weather has started to feel a little wintery lately, we thought we had better remind you of our snow arrangements in case we get a sudden winter

blast! Please rest assured that we do not close the pre-school if we can help it, but with staff traveling to work and 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 close 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.

## Rainbow Kids Club



In case you were contemplating sending your little ones along to RKC, we wanted to let you know that we have revamped the breakfast and tea time menus to make them healthier and more nutritious. If you would like to make a regular booking or an ad hoc

(your child must be registered) please contact us on [rainbowkidsclubbookings@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowkidsclubbookings@gmail.com)

Or why not treat them to a movie night special on a Friday (disco at the end of the month), including a yummy tea and freshly made popcorn (no registration fee applies to a Friday night!). It's a great way to end a busy week and they can even bring along their siblings from primary school or friends. Maximum 24 children, so hurry and book a place!

## Shop 'til you drop!

Would you like a day child-free to go Christmas shopping or fancy a chance to pamper yourself before the big day?! Or do you have to go to work?! We will be opening for a special holiday club on Tuesday 20th December. There will be Christmas cooking, music and dance and lots and lots of craft (glitter at the ready!!) A packed lunch and snack will need to be provided. There are only 24 places for 6 hours of childcare for £20, so if you would like to book, please contact [rainbowkidsclubbookings@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowkidsclubbookings@gmail.com) asap, as when we are full, we are full!

## Important dates for your diaries

### Parents' meetings:

**Monday 21st November** 3.30-5.20

**Monday 28th November** 3.30–5.20

There is a list in pre-school for you to add your name for a 10 minute meeting with your child's key person. If these times/dates aren't suitable, please speak to your child's key person and they will do their best to arrange an alternative for you.

**Friday 16th December** 1.00pm – Nativity at All Souls Church South Ascot followed by mulled wine and mince pies at Cheapside village hall. There will be no lunch club that day, all children to be collected at 11.30 am.

**Friday 16th December** 3.00 pm – End of Term

**Monday 19th December** – 12.30 Christmas party with Captain Fantastic at Cheapside village hall.

**Tuesday 20th December** – Shop 'til you Drop 9.00-3.00

**Return to pre-school Monday 9th January**

## Friends of Pre-school News

The FOPS is the social arm of the pre-school and is run by the generosity of parents and carers who give up their time to help Mrs Shaw. The FOPS is in no way a formal organisation and any time that can be offered (no matter how small) is always greatly received. If you would like to help out or find out more, have a chat with Mrs Shaw!



### Christmas Activities

Christmas is a busy time for FOPS, with a variety of tasks needing doing e.g. buying mince pies and mulled wine for the Nativity, selling raffle tickets, buying and wrapping presents for the children and organising hampers for the Christmas party raffle. If you are able to help out with any of these tasks, please speak to Mrs Shaw or leave her a message at pre-school.

Thank you

### Christmas Hampers

Each year for our raffle, we organise wonderful prizes of themed hampers. Please look out at preschool over the next few weeks, as we will have lists of the themes and suggestions of items that you may be able to help us with. If you can suggest any additions to our hampers, please let us know.

**Thank you and let's have a great run up to Christmas...**