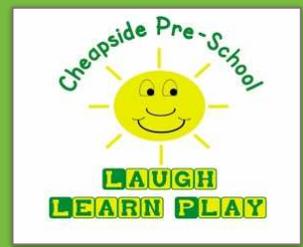


NEWSLETTER

NOV 2018 - AUTUMN TERM - Term 2 2018/19



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

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!

NATIVITY & CHRISTMAS PARTY

A reminder that there will be NO afternoon session at pre-school on Friday 14th December as we will be at All Souls church South Ascot, for our nativity play. The morning session will still go ahead, but please may we ask that children are picked up at 11.30 to allow the staff to prepare the church and the hall for the play. All children will be taking part in the nativity (if they want to!) so please try to join us if you can.

Friday 21st December 12.30 is our Christmas party. Again, this is for all the children. If Friday afternoon is your child's normal session, they don't need an adult to accompany them but it would be lovely if you could join us, as we have a lot of fun! If your child doesn't usually attend on a Friday afternoon, they will need to be accompanied by an adult to the party. More details regarding our festive arrangements will be sent in a newsletter within the next couple of weeks, but in the mean, time, if you have any queries or questions, just ask!

LATE PICK UP FROM PRE-SCHOOL (3.00pm)

We have had to review our policy for late pick ups from pre-school at 3pm. This is a very busy time for us, so if you are late to pick up, please ensure you let us know by phone. As the first RKC session starts at 3.00pm, there will be a charge of £9 for a late pick up, which is the ad hoc price for the first session of RKC. Please ensure you let staff know what time you are expected to be at pre-school.

STAFF NEWS

We would like to congratulate Miss Lilley on the successful completion of her level 2 Children and Young Peoples Workforce qualification; she is now a qualified Early Years Practitioner! We are very impressed by Miss Lilley's hard work and dedication and feel lucky to have her as part of our team. Good luck Miss Lilley as you continue with your studies alongside working at our setting.

We are sad that Mrs Paula Harrage, a member of our supply team, will be leaving us and taking up a full time role in a school. We would like to thank her for the 4 years that she has been helping us on supply and wish her the very best in her new role.

We are delighted that we are able to welcome to our supply team Mrs Sarah Clarke, who was our volunteer baker, and Mrs Annette Morris who has been associated with our setting for many, many years as both a parent and a member of staff! Welcome ladies, we're delighted to have you!

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Our adventures at the Forest School site at Cheapside primary school have been going fantastically well. We have been engaged in a myriad of activities and hope that you have enjoyed seeing the photographs that have been posted on Family.

Please may we remind you that we will be going in all weathers, so please provide the children with appropriate warm clothing and footwear

REMINDERS

Apologies, but we're now going to nag!

1. Please label everything, including the green drawstring bags.
2. Children need to wear clothes that can get dirty (mud kitchen, painting and craft!!)
3. Check your child's bag for spare seasonal clothing. A full set of clothes including underwear and socks in case of accidents or spillages.
4. If your child is in nappies/pull ups, please put in spares along with wipes and nappy sacks. If your child is toilet training, please put lots of spare clothing in!
5. Drawstring bags only, not rucksacks as space is an issue.
6. One set of outdoor shoes (this time of year wellie boots) and one set of indoor footwear (slippers, canvas shoes, trainers if you prefer)
7. 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.
8. WOW moment—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 their group board for us all to see. If you would like more information, please see your child's key person.
9. No nuts (including peanut butter) in packed lunches. Sweets and chocolate bars will be returned in your child's lunch box if they bring them into pre-school.

SNOW ARRANGEMENTS

As the weather has started to feel slightly more wintry, 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 travelling 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 do close we will confirm via Family

. 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.

PARKING

Could we please politely remind you to be considerate when parking around the village hall. We totally understand that parking can be very difficult but we would like to maintain a positive relationship with our neighbours. Please also be considerate to each other and to our staff, as we have noticed parents leaving cars across the entrance in mornings, blocking the way for other cars, and also blocking in our staff cars in the evening, when staff also need to get away promptly. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

FRIENDS OF THE 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 gratefully received. If you would like to help out or find out more, have a chat with Mrs.Shaw!

Christmas Activities – HELP PLEASE!!

Christmas is a busy time for FOPS, with a variety of tasks needing doing e.g. going to pick up mince pies and mulled wine for the Nativity, selling raffle tickets, 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 pre-school 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!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 3rd December 3.30 - 5.20 Parents meetings. There is a list in pre-school for you to add your name for a 10minute meeting with your child's key person. If this time/date isn't suitable, please speak to your child's key person and they will do their best to arrange an alternative for you.

Monday 10th December to Thursday 13th December- Christmas jumpers! The staff will be wearing their favourite jumpers this week, so if the children would like to wear theirs, that would be lovely! (If they don't want to, please don't worry)

Friday 14th 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 21st December

Friday 21st December – 12.30 Christmas party with Captain Fantastic at Cheapside village hall.

Return to pre-school Monday 7th January 2019

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

WEBSITES :

www.cheapsidepreschool.co.uk

www.cheapsiderainbowkidsclub.co.uk

PART TIME ADMINISTRATION TEAM:

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All funding related queries

All ongoing PRE-SCHOOL session bookings

PRE-SCHOOL AD HOCS: contact Mrs Gofford via FAMILY/PHONE

LISA NAJI : lisa@cheapsidepreschool.co.uk:

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

All session changes for RKC via FAMILY

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