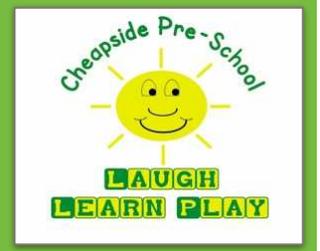


NEWSLETTER

OCT 2018 - AUTUMN TERM - Term 1 2018/19



Welcome back everyone, we hope you had a wonderful summer. We would like to extend an especially warm welcome to our new children and their families; Sebastian, Stanley, Andreas and Eimaan. We hope you all have lots of fun at pre-school!

OFSTED INSPECTION

As you are all aware, we had a lovely surprise last week and had an Ofsted inspection! The report hasn't been published yet, so we are not allowed to discuss it. As soon as we are given permission, Mrs Shaw will send an email with a copy of the report for you to look at.

FAMILY

We are delighted to be up and running with our new pre-school management system, **Family**. Please bear with us while we iron out any initial hiccups, but we are excited about the positive impact this will have on communication and planning for both ourselves and our pre-school families. A big thank you to everyone who has already updated their child's personal and medical information on FAMILY. Please may we ask that you check all records are correct and that you have at least one local emergency contact.

STAFF NEWS

In case you didn't hear at the end of term, Mrs Cooley has moved on to work in a primary school in Maidenhead. We wish her well for the future.

The wonderful team that we have now are looking forward to lots of fun and excitement over the next few weeks as we build up to Christmas. The glitter is already sparkling and decorations being polished, so brace yourselves for all the festive mayhem!

PLANNING

In order to make our planning more individualised, we will be seeking input from each child on a daily basis. Ideas will be discussed between the children and their key person, and these will be annotated on our development area boards, to be used towards a coordinated plan for the following week. The children will keep a scrapbook of all their ideas, activities and crafts they have taken part in.

If you would like to add your ideas and thoughts about activities for your child or the group, please ask your key person to point you in the right direction and show you the board. We would love you to be involved in our planning, so please feel free!

ANNUAL SURVEY

Each year we send out a survey to our families to help with our self-evaluation. Thank you to everyone who filled in this year (in July) We found it a really useful and valuable exercise and have made adjustments and addition to our practice and

setting as a result, including strengthening your child's key person relationship.

We are always keen to hear your suggestions and ideas and to this end, we have put a suggestions jar at the entrance to the pre-school. Please feel free to pop an idea into the jar for us and we will consider your suggestions. Thank you.

WATER BOTTLES

The first suggestion this term in our jar, was a great one! Thank you to the mummy who took the plunge to be first; we love your idea and have put it into practice!

The idea was for a dedicated box for the children's water bottles (both inside and out) that could be accessible to our little ones throughout the day. Having bottles on the lunch trolley in the kitchen or up on the side, made it tricky, so could each child please bring in a named water bottle and put it in the box on the children's drawer trolley.

We hope you agree it is a good idea!

GARDEN

We are thrilled that we now have a new surface over half of the garden. It has made a huge difference already and enabled us to use the garden in all weathers, as there wasn't any surface of the original garden left!

We would like to thank the committee of the village hall for financing this project; we are extremely grateful.

If anyone has any ideas on how we can source finances to complete the rest of the garden, please let us know!

OUTDOOR LEARNING

We are delighted to announce that we have been given the opportunity to take our learning outside into the natural world at the Forest School site at Cheapside Primary school. It is a fantastic opportunity for our pre-schoolers and staff to engage in crafts, explore nature and embrace the fresh air and fun.

We will be starting our adventures on Monday 1st October at 9.45 am for one hour. We will then be walking down to the school each Monday and Tuesday morning (in all weathers!) to go to the forest, so please could the children who attend on those mornings bring with them wellington boots and warm, suitable outdoor clothing as well as their usual spare change of clothes.

We are really excited about this new venture and are truly grateful that the school have welcomed us to be a part of their outdoor learning experience.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please notify Lisa Naji (via a message on FAMLTY) if your child would like to join Music on Monday PM or Rugbytots on Friday AM. These are optional and run in session for a cost of £5 per week. Invoices for sessions will go out by the end of this week.

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.
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.

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.

PARENTS EVENING

This will be held on Monday 3rd December between 3.15 to 5.30 for a 10 minute's appointment. They are a great opportunity for you to speak to your child's key person. If this date and times are not suitable, please speak to your key person and they will do their best to see you when it's more convenient for you. There will be a list at pre-school for you to book your appointment.

MOBILE PHONES

As part of our safeguarding policies and procedures, we do not allow mobile phones 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 also like to ask your cooperation 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.

NATIVITY

Friday 14th December

We are holding our wonderful nativity on Friday 14th December 1.00 pm at All Souls church South Ascot. All the children are invited to take part even if Friday is not their usual session. As the staff will need to clear away the preschool furniture in the hall ready for mince pies and mulled wine after the performance, there will be no lunch club or pm session that day. All children will need to be picked up at 11.30 am and taken to the church ready for a prompt 1.00 pm start. You are welcome to bring as many guests as you like! After the play, please join us for refreshments back at the preschool. There will be a dedicated nativity newsletter nearer the time that will provide all the details.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be having our fabulous Christmas party on Friday 21st December at 12.30 pm in the village hall. We will be entertained by Captain Fantastic again and we may be lucky enough to persuade Father Christmas to pop in for a visit! All children will need to be accompanied by an adult at the party unless it is their usual session, but it would be lovely if you could join us for an afternoon of fun!

FRIENDS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL (FOPS) NEWS

Raising money for our designated charity The Nest Children's Home and our Pre-school.

As we start our new academic year, we have lots of exciting events to look forward to during the remainder of 2018 and into 2019, but we can't do it without your help! Would you like to join us in arranging activities for all the family like the summer BBQ, quiz night, curry night or help with our Christmas activities (children's presents, Christmas hampers etc.) If you could help in any way, have any suggestions for events or you would like to know more about the FOPS please contact Mrs Shaw. We are grateful for any time you can spare us, no matter how little!

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

1st October 9.45 – 10.45 First outdoor learning at Cheapside Primary school (then each Monday & Tuesday)

22nd – 26th October Half term

3rd December 3.15 – 5.30 Parent's evening

14th December 1.00 pm Nativity

21st December Christmas party

21st December End of term

7th January Term starts

Christmas Eve Plates

Do you need somewhere to put Santas and Rudolph's drink and treat on Christmas Eve? I am now taking orders for personalised named Christmas Eve plates as seen in pictures below at a cost of £10 per plate (usual cost £12.50). This price is available for Cheapside parents for a limited time only.



If you would like one please talk to Miss Stanmore.
Find me on Facebook at Little Wren's Keepsakes.

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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 :

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All session changes for RKC via FAMILY