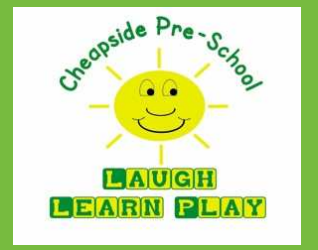


NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2017 - AUTUMN TERM - Term 1 2017/2018



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; Max, Harry, Florence, Molly, Audrey, Thomas, Nikita and Bunty. We hope you all have lots of fun at pre-school!

Planning

The overall planning for this term's activities has been sent to you with a link to our website. The planning is for the pre-school as a whole i.e. adult planned and led activities that all children are invited to take part in. Individual planning for each child is carried out by your child's key person. Please speak to the appropriate staff member if you have any queries or questions, as they will be happy to answer them for you. As well as having the letters for the 'Show and Tell' on the planning, we have added the letter sound videos (to the link) that will help with the pronunciation of each letter. There is also a weekly 'Maths Challenge' to encourage the children to engage with maths in a fun way.

The format of our planning has changed this term (we hope you like it) as we felt as a team we wanted to extend and enhance the learning opportunities we offer the children. By concentrating on a two-weekly topic, we feel we can cover all areas of the foundation stage curriculum in a more focused way, whilst also encouraging the children to become involved, explore and have fun!

We will also be adding to the blog each week one letter instead of two or three and a maths challenge that is linked to the fortnightly planning. Miss Brady, our maths and literacy co-ordinator, has been a busy little bee collating all the new information and input from the team. If you would like to make any comments about the blogs, there is a comment box at the bottom. We would love to hear from you!

We are also in the process of moving the equipment and setting up new areas within pre-school. Please bear with us, it will be worth it in the end!

Staff news

It's with great sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Birchmore, who will be leaving us on Friday 22nd September after 5 years. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication and wish her well for the future. We'll all miss her!

Although it's always sad when a member of staff leaves, it softens the blow somewhat when you can bring to the team a lovely new practitioner. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Susan Loughton, who brings with her a wealth of experience from primary school, pre-school and her time as a nanny. We hope she has a wonderful time here at Cheapside.

We are also very happy to welcome Miss Amber Lilley who joins us as an apprentice. We hope her first steps into early year's education are fun ones!

At the end of last term, we didn't get the opportunity to formally welcome Miss Michelle Scrivener to the team. Although it's a bit late - Welcome Miss Scrivener, we hope you will be very happy!

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.

Outdoor learning/Forest school



We are busy discussing with Cheapside Primary school about the possibility of working in collaboration on an exciting venture where we take our learning outside into the natural world. We will keep you informed of progress but it looks very exciting and hopefully won't be too long before it happens!

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 (muddy garden, 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 the board for us all to see. If you would like more information, please see your child's key person.
9. If anyone has any spare socks they could donate to preschool, we would be delighted to receive them, as ours have all gone!
10. 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 preschool.
11. As a safety precaution, we have been

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 off or late pickups. The morning session starts at 8.45 for 15 hour funded or non- funded children but 9.00 am for any child on 30 hour funding. The afternoon sessions commence at 12.00 for funded and 12.15 for non- funded, so please do not arrive before those times. 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 and for each subsequent 3 times. If it continues to be a recurring problem, we may withdraw the place offered to your child. Thank you for your co-operation

30 hour funding update

We have had quite a positive uptake of the 30 hour funding places this term. We thought that after so much press coverage recently we would remind our families what this means for our pre-school. First of all, nothing in life is actually FREE!! So although childcare will cost significantly less for our working families, we are picking up the shortfall in funding and the cut in financial contributions through fees. As we are committed to offering the best possible pre-school and opportunities for your children, we will review the impact this has had on the business in the new year and will keep you posted. We felt it was important to update you as a number of local settings are not offering 30 hour funding places at all.

Rota

Come & join us! Would you like to come to pre-school to join us for an hour and see how much fun we all have?! The parent/carer rota is located in the entrance hall and if you would like to spend some time with us, just pop your name up and we'll look forward to seeing you.

Mobile Phones



As part of our safeguarding policies and procedures, we do not allow mobile phones to be used in preschool. 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 preschool 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.

Uniform

If you would like to purchase some of our optional easy care pre-school uniform, please visit our website www.cheapsidepreschool.co.uk/preschooluniform.html. These have proved to be very popular with both parents and children since we launched the range a few years ago.

Parents' Evening

This will be held on Monday 4th December between 3.00 to 5.30 for a 10 minute 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.

End of Term

Due to the funding we receive from the borough, our Autumn term will finish on Friday 15th December. This is a few days before the primary school but, unfortunately, it is something that is unavoidable.

Because we work closely with Cheapside Primary School and offer before and after school care to their pupils, we have decided to operate until Tuesday 19th December. As this will not be officially during our pre-school term, we will be offering a Rainbow Kids Club service, details of which can be found below.

Rainbow Kids Club - Christmas Activities



On **Monday 18th December** and **Tuesday 19th December**, we will be operating our usual breakfast and after school service for the children who are registered regulars. To complement this, we will be offering a **Christmas Club** for any pre-schoolers (from Cheapside or any other setting) who

would like to come. The cost will be £25 for 8.45 to 3.00. Each child will need to bring a packed lunch. There will be Christmas craft and music and lots and lots of fun!

Please book your child's place as soon as possible as there are only 24 places each day and once they are gone, they are gone! Contact rainbowkidsclubbookings@gmail.com

If you would like to book a place, we would like to ask for a deposit of £15 (or pay the full amount) as soon as possible please, as it is very difficult to confirm the running of a club when we are unsure of numbers. We need to be certain of viability so your cooperation would be much appreciated.

Nativity



Nativity DATE TBC- confirmation will be sent asap via the weekly blog

We are looking at holding our wonderful nativity on Friday 8th 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 pre-school 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 pre-school. There will be a dedicated nativity newsletter nearer the time that will provide all the details.

Christmas Party

We are looking at having our fabulous Christmas party on Friday 15th 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 Preschool (FOPS)

Raising money for our 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 2017 and into 2018, but we can't do them 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, Xmas 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!

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)

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 and Rainbow Kids Club)

WEBSITES :

www.cheapsidepreschool.co.uk

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