

Cholsey Pre-School Newsletter



8th Sept

Welcome to Term 1

Our first week at Pre-School is now complete, and what a wonderful week it has been.

This week we have been settling the children into Pre-School, and can we say how well they have settled in already! They, and you have been amazing!

We have been going through our Pre-School routine, having group times with the children's Key Person and of course making lots of friends and having fun.

Next week we will be starting our Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme in Pre-School, the topic is 'Apples'.

If you follow us on Facebook please do check in for activities you can do at home as well if you so wish, click here to like and follow [Facebook](#).

Even when we have our Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme topic we don't stick to it rigidly, this topic can lead onto many other learning opportunities and is just a 'Hook' to get children talking, learning and thinking about other things which we can then explore.

We like to plan 'in the moment' as this enables us to really tap into what the children are interested in at that moment in time, which means they are more inclined to learn about that interest.

How can we help you?

In our weekly Newsletter we will include subjects such as:

- *What the children have been/will be doing.
- *Safeguarding information.
- *Upcoming events and dates for your diary.
- *Information for parents/legal guardians.

We also would like to know what you would like for us to include.

Information we have included in previous years Newsletters have been:

- *Family Links, behaviour, rules and boundaries
- *Going to the Dentist and healthy eating
- *Potty/Toilet Training
- *Home learning
- *Local services and groups

Please do let us know if there is anything you are particularly interested in, and we will do our best to include it.

To do at home:

Practice getting the children to tidy up their toys once they have finished playing. At Pre-School at the end of each session we have 'Tidy Up Time'. Make it fun, enjoyable and praise for a job well done. (We also understand the 'I'm tired', 'Too hot', 'I don't want to' etc, a bit of gentle encouragement and role modelling will help here).

Tapestry

Learning Journal

You will soon receive an email from us with a link to your child's Tapestry account.

On Tapestry we add photos and observations on your child throughout their time with us. We must stress, these aren't added daily etc, this is because our main concern is to physically be with the children and not on the iPad. You will receive a notice when something has been added to your child's journal. As well as Tapestry we have a physical journal at Pre-School which will be added to regularly.

We also have Parents/Legal Guardians Consultations throughout your child's time with us.

If you have any concerns over your child's development, please do speak with us.

Reminders

Drop off/pick-up, snack and lunch times are extremely busy for us.

To help us make sure these times run as smoothly as possible please can you remember the following.

From Monday we will ask all parents/legal guardians to not come into the Pre-School at drop off and pick up times. When dropping off we will come and collect the children from you and when picking up we will send the children to you. If you can please leave the doorway open so other children can come in/out as needed, we would be grateful. If you would like to talk with a member of the team, please wait until we have finished the pick-up/drop offs and we can give our full attention to you.

Pop your child's name on EVERYTHING that is theirs, water bottles, lunch boxes, snack pots/bags, hats, shoes, bags, clothing.

Please keep their snack separate to their lunch boxes, pop it in its own bag/pot with your child's name on so we can pop it in the snack basket for their key group. The snack baskets then get put on the table at snack time so the children can take their snack and water bottle. It gives the key person less time with the children if they need to locate their snack from their lunch box.

Dates for your diary

Pre-School finishes for October half term on Friday 20th October at 3.30pm

October half term – Monday 23rd to Friday 27th. Term 2 starts Monday 30th.

Pre-School Session Times

Morning 8.45am- 11.45am

Afternoon 12.30pm – 3.30pm (Gate will open at 3.15 for those picking siblings up from the Primary School)

All Day 8.45 – 3.30pm

Breakfast Club 8am – 8.45am (Booking required by 4pm the previous day)

After School Club 3.30pm – 5.30pm (Booking Required)