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Newsletter – January 2018

Welcome to our newbies!

A big welcome to Connie, Freya and Oakley.

We wish the children and their families happy times with us.

Staff Changes

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to two of the ladies in red. Bethan who has been with us for 1 year left at the end of last term. Susan who has been with the Pre-school for nearly 10 years will be leaving in January. They will be greatly missed and we thank them both for all their hard work.

Jenny and Nikki will be interviewing for new team members this month. In the mean time, we have bank staff member Laura working with us. Laura is qualified to level 3.

Dates for your diary – Spring Term

Tuesday 24th April - Parents Evening

Saturday 24th March - Spring Fayre

Saturday 16th June - Summer Fete
(11:30am-2:30pm at Woodham Mortimer village Hall)

Friday 29th June - Sports Day
(11.45am pick-up from Pre-school,
12-12.30pm picnic, races from 12.30-2.45pm
at Woodham Mortimer Village Hall)

Wednesday 18th July - Last session of Summer term

Thursday 19th July – Leavers Party
(11.45am start, 2pm presentation for leavers learning journals, etc.)

As these dates get closer we will send you more details via email and on our Facebook page so keep an eye out!

Christmas Fayre

The Pre-school Christmas Fayre raised over £800 which go towards equipment for the children.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Fayre a great success.

Unwanted Christmas gifts/Spring clear-out? Before the Spring Fayre we will ask for donations so please bear this in mind before getting rid of anything.

Preparing for cold/wet weather

At Pre-School we like to get the children playing outside as much as possible. To enable us to do this please remember to send you child into preschool with a pair of labelled wellies to be stored in our 'Wellie Station'. Please do not send them in in plastic bags (Woodham Mortimer Pre-School wellies bags can be purchased if you wish).

Please could you also ensure your child's preschool bag contains a complete change of clothes? If your child happens to have an all-in-one suit, it would be useful to send this with them to preschool too. Thank you.

Reminders

Sickness: If your child has sickness or diarrhea please keep them away from preschool for **48 hours** after the last episode and inform Pre-School.

Medication:

- If your child is on long-term medication please ensure this is at Pre-School every time your child is otherwise your child may not be able to stay at Pre-School that day. Please also check you have filled out a health care plan with details of how the medicine is administered.
- If your child has been prescribed medication for a short period of time they need to have been taking it for 48 hours before coming back to Pre-School.

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Lunches: Please remember we are a 'nut free' Pre-School and to **slice grapes and sausages** lengthways when preparing lunch for your child to avoid any choking hazards.

Shoes: To encourage your child to become more independent in preparation for going to school, please can you provide them with shoes they can put on and take off themselves (slip-on or Velcro).

Labelling: Can you please ensure that all items your child brings to preschool are named (e.g. clothes, lunch boxes, drinking bottles)? We are encouraging the children to read their name in different contexts.

Car Park: Please use the car park (through the gate) at all times (unless full). If the gate is closed please open and attach the hook safely on the back of the gate to the fence.

Equipment donations: Donations of any IT equipment (Leap pads, I pads, etc) would be gratefully received. Please speak to Nikki if you have something that may be of use to the Pre-School.

Letter of the Week

Please help your child to find and bring something beginning with the letter of the week.

Week beginning	Letter of the week
8 th January	Oo
15 th January	Pp
22 nd January	Qq
29 th January	Rr
5 th February	Ss
19 th February	Tt
26 th February	Uu
5 th March	Vv
12 th March	Xx
19 th March	Yy
26 th March	Zz

Term Dates

Spring Term:

Thursday 4th January – Thursday 29th March
(Half term: 12th – 16th February)

Summer Term:

Monday 16th April – Wednesday 18th July
(Half term: 28th May – 1st June)

Pre-School Committee

We need enthusiastic parents/carers/grandparents who can spare some time to help us out.

The Pre-School needs you! Without a committee the preschool cannot remain open.

General Members do as little or as much as they can manage. For some that means a couple of hours per month, for others it can mean more. Any time you can spare would help. We meet once a month (or two) for a couple of hours and it is nice to get to know other parents as well as help to manage the Pre-School. There is absolutely no experience required. From craft to finance, publicity to baking, whatever your talents - we can use them! Please speak to any member of the team for more information.

Photograph Policy

Please inform Nikki if you DO NOT wish your child's photograph to be used by the Pre-School for publicity purposes. This includes social media sites such as our Facebook page as well as the Pre-School website and various other publications.

We wish you all...

