

# Pre-School Post

## Welcome back!

Thankyou for bearing with us last term as we all settled into new routines and dealt with the COVID-outbreak in the main school. We have taken the very conscious decision to keep the pre-school bubble more separate from school than they otherwise would be for now so as to limit the spread of any germs in future and hopefully ensure that the settings can both remain open in the event of another outbreak.

The weather has been fantastic this week and Mrs Evans, Mrs Cart & Mrs Phillips have been out with the children every day exploring our outdoors and making the most of chilly sunshine mornings. It is brilliant to finally be able to welcome Mrs Evans to the pre-school team and the school's senior leadership, I just know that we will have exciting things happening in pre-school in the coming months as we make plans for the future.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Emma Jefferies  
Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for the second half of the Autumn term. I hope you all had a lovely break. We welcome a few new starters this half term. I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Pre-school Manager.

I come with over 20 years' experience in Early Years, having been a senior leader recently at Lanterns Nursery school in Winchester, and prior to that 11yrs managing a nursery school in Romsey.

I have been busy getting to know your children and spending time familiarizing myself with the Pre-school and school over this past week.

During these strange times it is not always easy to be social but I would like to reassure you, you can always speak to either Mrs Carter, Mrs Phillips, or myself Mrs Evans, at drop off or collection should you need to. You can also contact us via calling reception and leave a message for us to return your call when the children have left the setting or in between sessions.



## Safeguarding

We know that pre-school hours and booked well in advance and something exciting (or dull and routine!) may crop up that means your child isn't in pre-school for one or part of their sessions.

**If your child is not going to be attending for any reason please call the school office and leave a message stating why.**

This is a very important part of our safeguarding routine and we worry when children don't arrive.

Also, we are introducing 'prior injury' forms so when you drop your child off, if there is an injury we might need to know about, you'll be asked to complete a quick form when you drop your child off.

## Wrap up warm

Our door to the outside area is open pretty much all day and children love going between the areas in pre-school.

The chilly mornings aren't turning into warmer days so please do make sure your child has in pre-school:

- A warm coat
- Hat
- Scarf
- Gloves or mittens
- Warm socks each day!

These must ALL be labelled please.

You can leave a set of hat, scarf, gloves in their peg cubby hole if this is easier than bringing them in each day.

## Tapestry

Mrs Jefferies has been updating our ipads hence the radio silence on Tapestry for a while. We will be back up and running with this properly next week both as a group and individually.

The Early Years is really about partnership between home and pre-school and capturing the WOW moments at home and when you're out and about is just as important as the things we capture in pre-school.

Please do feel free to comment on or add your own entries to Tapestry, it is easily done on your smart phone. We love discussing these with the children and it fosters great conversations!