



Pre-School Post

Hello,

We start the Autumn term with a buzz of excitement returning after the summer break for some and beginning their pre-school journey for others. It's been lovely to see how much the children have grown over the summer and they have been updating us on their news and adventures with family during this time.

Our focus this early in the term is getting to know each other, making new friends and learning about ourselves. We share things we like, people who are important to us, learn about the class routine and environment as we settle both returning children and welcome new friends.

We also welcome Miss Cartwright to the Pre-school team this term, she is ready to have fun and promote learning with our Stockbridge superstars.

Pre-school post is a fortnightly newsletter to keep you informed of current news and events happening in Pre-school. It is also recommended to read both school newsletter and Pre-school post to remain up to date.

Kerry Evans

Pre-school Manager

Safeguarding

Your children's safety is our priority and we know it is yours too. Here are a couple of ways we can work together to maintain this:

Collection

If a different adult is going to be collecting we need to know in advance who they are, you may also put a password in place if we have not met your trusted adult, or we may ask for photo ID. Please wait at the playground side door for a member of staff to discharge your child.

Accidents and prior injuries

From time to time children have accidents, trips and falls, if these happen at pre-school we apply first aid, and complete a red accident slip for you. If the bump is more significant such as a head bump we will apply first aid, and call to notify you, whilst we continue to monitor. In rare situations you may be asked to collect and seek further medical attention. Red accident slips are also completed as well as a call.

Prior Injuries - These accidents happen in your care (prior to pre-school) and also need to be reported to staff and a quick slip completed by you at drop off.

Class Dojo



Hopefully all of you have now managed to active or log on to Class Dojo. This learning journal provides you with access to photos of both your child and group activities. We post a weekly update of pictures from the week as well as individual entries personal to your child. You can upload relevant pictures such as milestones in learning of new skills which can only be accessed by staff at school.

We would like you to post a family picture to your child's profile page to get us started as part of our theme getting to know each other. This can be a couple of pictures of your child with siblings, parents, or them with their pet. These pictures will contribute towards our family book which the children find extremely valuable when settling but also help them to gain a sense of belonging at pre-school. They like to see staff in this book too which acts as talking points as they learn about Mrs Freeman's dog and big children, as well as realizing we have families and don't sleep at pre-school!

Lunches

During these settling times and as the year continues many of you provide packed lunches, there is also the option of a hot school lunch and these are particularly popular as the colder weather commences and children are settled into their new pre-school environment. Hot lunches can be ordered on the day and staff help children to understand the choices available that day. Menus can be viewed here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/education-catering/parent-information/primary>

If you are providing a packed lunch please ensure only healthy options are provided, such as sandwiches, fruit, yoghurts, and a small treat such as a chocolate biscuit can be included. For helpful suggestions or inspiration click here: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/#tips> NO NUTS OR SWEETS allowed.

All small fruits such as blueberries, grapes, strawberries etc should be cut in half length ways to prevent choking for under 5's

<https://www.earlystartgroup.com/nutrition-services/preparing-food-safely-to-reduce-the-risk-of-choking/>

Clothes

We highly recommend you label all children's clothing especially their red sweatshirts, t shirt and shoes. Staff try their hardest to keep track of children's clothing, but I am sure you can appreciate recognizing 20 different sweaters and sizes can be tricky. They are on and off regularly throughout the session as the weather fluctuates and with dressing up interests. Early in the term/year younger children often do not recognize their own shoes, especially if they are new or have the same set as other friends.

As the wetter weather presents more we have waterproof suits and wellies in pre-school, but understand sometimes children prefer their own. We go out in all weathers.

Best footwear is trainers which are great for general purpose play and learning, running, bike riding, tree climbing and other fun.

A bag of spare clothes should be left on your child's peg in case of wet play or accidents. We will send these home as and when staff feel they may need replenishing.

Pre-school and
Year R POP up café
will be after half
term

FRIENDS OF STOCKBRIDGE PRIMARY & PRESCHOOL

POP UP CAFE ROTA

- 6th Sept - NO CAFE
- 13th Sept - Year 6
- 20th Sept - Year 5
- 26th Sept - Macmillan (Fri 27th INSET)
- 4th Oct - Year 4
- 11th Oct - Year 3
- 18th Oct - Year 2
- 25th Oct - Year 1

Half Term

AUTUMN TERM 1

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