



# Pre-School Post

**Hello** and a big welcome to everyone, especially our families who joined us this term.

The first few weeks back are always a time of getting to know one another, learning names, routines and finding out what special interests children have; what makes them tick!

This is no exception for those returning as they adjust to new faces, make new friends. We can also see so much change after 6 weeks being away from them. Those first moments re connecting are always special as they share news and enjoy being back in the pre-school environment.

Along with settling in we also learn about sharing and many of you have expressed concerns in this area. It is completely normal for your child to grab at something they like the look of, even if it has a friend attached to the other end. This is the beginning of social development, language and communication skills and they usually end up friends with that friend too! This is the fundamentals of early years.

As we get further into the term you will get updates here, of learning and our Curriculum that takes place in pre-school – We have fun, but it is all part of a curriculum learning through play.

*Kerry Evans*

Pre-school Manager

## Meet the teacher – Children's review

We would like to give you the opportunity to have a quick chat to review how your child is settled and developing from our observations as well as chance for us to answer any of your questions.

These are 10-minute time slots, anything that may require longer will need to be arranged by speaking to Mrs Evans. We also request these are **parent meets only, children are not invited** to ensure we can freely discuss them and stick to our timings.

You will be sent link to arrange these face-to-face time slots via school cloud from the school admin team.

## Class Dojo

Thank you! Many of you have now signed up to Class Dojo so promptly.

This is our online learning platform, where we can share pictures and updates of your child's development and learning during their time here. If you haven't yet signed up and/or are experiencing troubles, please let us know.

It is a completely safe, secure site only accessed by yourself and school staff.

You will get a snapshot of what your child is doing both on their own personal profile page and as a group on the class story tab. Ensure you check both to stay up to date.

We would like to create a family book for our book area, can we ask you to upload a couple 2/3 pictures of special people to your child. You will need to leave a brief text to help me with names. These should be uploaded to your child's personal profile/portfolio page. The children love seeing themselves in a book and chatting about siblings, parents and grandparents between each other.

**Water bottles** are not required in pre-school, we have fresh water readily available throughout the day. If you wish your child to have one with their packed lunch then please ensure its labelled and with their lunch bag.

**Packed lunches** Please ensure they are healthy with all fruit chopped in half lengthways including small fruits such as raspberries, grapes and blueberries to avoid a choking hazard. Only one small biscuit treat is acceptable. Please NO GLASS tupperware as lunchbags are frequently dropped, and well handled(!). We are nut free.

**Clothes and footwear** Red tops are great for helping your child feel part of our school community and save home clothes from becoming soiled. Please label all items as children do not always recognise their belongings and matching 20 children to the correct items can be time consuming we would rather spend time with the children. Trainers or other easy shoes are best for all our indoor and outdoor pursuits. Children will be encouraged to learn to do these themselves so ensure they are manageable for them.

## Diary dates

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 3:15-4:45pm	Parent and teacher meet to discuss your child.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 3:15-4:45pm	Parent and teacher meet to discuss your child.
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Grounds working party
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School closed – Inset staff training day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half term week
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School closed – Inset staff training day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November (Details to follow)	Children in Need
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas lunch
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-school Christmas party (details to follow)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 1pm	Last day of term

## Rainbow rules

To ensure pre-school is an enjoyable experience for all and we are helping children learn life skills needed to achieve both independently as an individual, also to work collaboratively with others as they progress through school, we have rainbow rules.

Children are encouraged and praised for efforts to share, communicate well with adults and peers, to keep trying when things are tough and celebrate those successes. During everyday activities children encounter tasks that challenge them, where they need to be polite, use good manners and respectful of others during play or as part of listening when others are talking. All basic skills required to succeed in learning and social awareness of others around them.

To help your child recognize when they have achieved something or deserve praise for their efforts, we will be placing their picture on the appropriate rainbow tile. See our display below. You can also support this learning at home embedding the foundations of your child's development.



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