

Pre-School Post

Hello

A big welcome back to all of our families; those new and those returning, this is the first Pre-school post of the year. Pre-school post is a fortnightly update of everything pre-school but it is always worth casting an eye over the whole school newsletter each week to ensure you are fully up to date.

The children have all settled in the best I have ever known; they are keen to explore and get stuck in and adjusting to the routines of the session well. One of the most poignant observations so far is just how polite they have all been, making their needs known and requesting with manners, long may it last.

As always, we spend the first few weeks back settling everyone, learning names and making new friends, I can see this won't take long with this year's cohort, who are all eager to get stuck in to all on offer and build connections both in learning and with socializing with their shared interests.

Kerry Evans

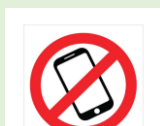
Pre-school Manager

Drop off and collection

Our sessions start at 9am but for ease of the morning routine and school rush dropping siblings we open the door 8:50am. It would be appreciated if all children could arrive promptly before 9am as this can be disruptive if a member of staff has to leave activities with children to open the door for late comers. We like to spend as much time as we can engaged in their learning.

Collection is 3pm. Please also arrive promptly to avoid unwanted late collection charges.

We are a 'no phone collection' so we can pass on messages, and we know you will be keen to know about your child's day from them. Please pop your phones away as you enter the school site.



A note about Safeguarding

Children's safety and care is our number one priority; without feeling safe and happy children cannot learn. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and I would like you to know if you have any concerns about your own family or another, please feel you can always share to a member of staff. Our safeguarding leads (DSLs) are Mrs Jefferies (Head of school) Mrs Dobman (Horsebridge teacher) and myself in Pre-school.

Accidents

Accidents that happen in school are recorded and you will all at some point receive a red slip from a trip, bump or fall! A head bump will always be followed up at the time of the accident by a call to parents with further details.

Prior Injuries

These are accidents that happen prior to coming to pre-school, we understand these happen and would like you to complete a slip found outside the main pre-school entrance or ask a member of staff at drop off. These must be completed by you before leaving your child to safeguard everyone.

Diary dates

Monday 21 st September	Inset day No school
Friday 25 th September	Individual photos
Friday 9 th October	Dress down day
Tuesday 13 th October	Bike ride sponsored event Details to follow
Thursday 22 nd October	Pumpkin party Details to follow
26 th – 30 th October	Half term week No school

Pre-school routine

To help you understand a bit about our day and why we offer certain activities, the benefits to your child from taking part.

Snack time

Hand washing.

Selecting cutlery/ plate/cup.

Communicating their needs and food preferences.

Using tongs to select food, jugs to pour own drinks, strengthening hand eye coordination as well as independence.



Group time

To follow adult's instruction/led.

To engage as part of a group.

Confidence to participate both physically and verbally.

Gross motor development if parachute games sticks and ribbons etc

Turn taking and listening.



Story time

Listening and attention skills.

Communication and language development.

Comprehension and shared learning.



Library Loan

Each child will get the opportunity to loan a book from main school library. We know how important language skills are and the best start to language and word development is through a book rich environment. Hearing and understanding language whilst sharing a book is fundamental to both verbal and literacy development.

We know you will support us by reading the books at home, returning ready for a weekly visit.

Are we up to date?

Information and contact details need to be kept up to date. This includes change of telephone numbers, emergency contacts, work numbers and health information.

All changes should be notified via the school office of the Arbor app. Thank you

School lunch

School lunches are required to be booked through CleverChefs before 9am. A link to download an app for this is accessed via the school office.

You can order up to 2 weeks in advance to save time and forgetting.

Packed lunches

No Nuts, mini eggs or popcorn are allowed in school due to choking hazards.

Please cut all fruit length ways in half. This is requirement for all under 5's.

For healthy ideas and inspiration click the links: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>