



# Newsletter November 2020

We have had a very busy start to the autumn term and we are really pleased that all the children have settled very quickly and are busy taking part in all of the activities we have been able to offer.



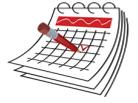
The weather has been quite good so we have been able to get outside most days for general play in the garden or to go on short walks up around the church to look at the autumn changes to the trees.

We have started a big tidy up of both our greenhouse and wildlife garden area, ready to do some autumn planting and start sowing some seeds, having been spurred on by recently receiving our Level One gardening award from the RHS. We also had fun celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> November with a fire and toasting marshmallows and teacakes.

Our nature table has become very full with pumpkins, leaves, conkers, acorns, beech nuts and fire cones. The items have been used for comparing size and weight and looking at different colours. We can always make room for some more items so please bring in anything you find that we might find of interest.

We are looking forward to the rest of the term as we head towards Christmas, with lots more activities planned.

## Dates for your diary



### Term Ends

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

A printable copy of our term dates for the year ahead can be found on our website.  
collatonstmarypreschool.co.uk

## Clothing

Please ensure your child has adequate spare clothing in their bag for the odd accident from either toileting and/or general play. Sending your child in several layers of clothes is also a good idea as we have to keep the rooms well ventilated even though the temperature is dropping.

Don't forget to label all outdoor clothing as this helps us when we come in from play and coats etc are removed.



## Parking

As you are aware parking around Pre-School can be quite difficult being in such close proximity to Collaton School. We do ask the school to ask their parents not to use the parking alongside the drive opposite the Parish Rooms as this is for Parish Rooms users, such as Pre-School parents. We therefore ask that if you have a child at school as well as Pre-School, you only use this parking area on the days your child attends Pre-School.



## Invoices

Invoices will be sent out during the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> November. Fee paying week will be the following week 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> November. As always we appreciate prompt payment, which can be by cash, cheques made payable to Collaton St Mary Pre-School or by BACS, details are on the bottom of your invoice. Any query regarding your invoice or payment, please see Jayne.

## Pre-School Text Messages

We now have a permanent number for text messages sent from Pre-School and that is **074414 46905**.

Please note this is only for text messages and is not connected to a mobile phone so just for texting not phone calls.

## Lunch boxes

Thank you for your help in reducing our plastic waste by using alternatives to cling film and plastic bags for your child's lunch.

Foil and the new beeswax wrappers are ideal for keeping sandwiches fresh if they are not in a container with split sections.

The children are now very good at sorting their yoghurt pots and any card into the recycling box.



## **COVID**

Thank you to everyone for following our request to wear a mask when dropping off and collecting your child, this seems to be the norm now at all schools and Pre-Schools.

Please remember we ask that just one adult collects your child and if you have to bring a sibling please keep them close to you in the outside area.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter when we receive updates of procedures etc, we will pass them on to you via our notice board and/or website, unless we are asked to send out individual letters. We have put some recent details on the website and on the outside notice board from Torbay Early Years on 'Frequently asked questions' around what to do if your child has Covid symptoms and other related scenarios.

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