



Newsletter September 2020

Welcome to the autumn term, we hope that you were able to have an enjoyable summer.



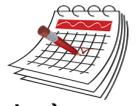
It has been lovely to welcome back those children who we haven't seen, some since lockdown. We would also like to give a special welcome to all of our new children and their families and hope that you enjoy your time with us.

We have been planning lots of exciting activities with an autumn theme for the coming weeks. We have tried to be creative whilst ensuring we can maintain our cleaning regime with the toys, games and equipment we are using.

As usual we will be having our nature table as it always prompts lots of interest and conversation. If you are out and about and find something interesting that you would like to bring for our nature table please do so.



Dates for your diary



Half Term

Mon 26th Oct to Fri 30th Oct (inclusive)

Term Ends

Friday 18th December

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

Wellies and other clothing



Even though we are hoping for some dry weather, the grass can still be quite damp first thing in the morning, so please can you ensure your child has a pair of wellies at pre-school that can stay on our welly rack. Sending your child in several layers of clothes is also a good idea as we have to keep the rooms well ventilated.

We ask that all wellies and any coats, hats etc that your child may wear are clearly named. A quick reminder to also provide a spare set of clothes that can be brought in daily and left on your child's peg.

Invoices and Headcount week

Invoices will be sent out during the week commencing 21st September. Fee paying week will be the following week 28th September - 2nd October. 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.

Lunch boxes

As requested in our packed lunch leaflet, we ask that you do not put **peanut butter** as a fill in your child's sandwiches as we do have children with nut allergies which can be life threatening.



Can all drinks bottles and lunch boxes be labelled as we often have several the same and need to ensure your child has the correct lunch, and that at the end of the day the bottles can be identified easily so they all go home with their rightful owner. We also ask that lunch boxes have an ice pack.

Contact details

If you are returning to us this autumn we will be sending out a contact form with the contact details that we have on file for you. Please can you check these details, amend any out of date names or phone numbers and return the form to us. If there are no changes please just return the form.

Book Library

Unfortunately we are unable to open our book library at the moment.



However we do have story time twice a day and we will be doing some small group and 1:1 reading during session time.

A Sad Goodbye

We are sad to announce that Lesley will be leaving us at the end of September to enjoy more time with her husband Dave. Lesley has worked at Pre-School for over 14 years and has always been a very popular member of staff, with all of the children, parents and staff and she will be sadly missed. We will be giving Lesley a leaving present and if those of you who have known her over the years would like to make a contribution please give it to Julia.

COVID

As we receive updates of procedures etc we will pass them on to you via our notice board, unless we are asked to send out individual letters. We will shortly be sending you a letter detailing our procedure should we have a child or member of staff who have a positive Covid test, so that you know what to expect.

Other Illness



If your child is ill and unable to attend Pre-School, please give us a call just to let us know. It is particularly helpful if your child has something contagious (such as chickenpox) so we can alert other parents, or if they have sickness and/or diarrhoea, because if several children are affected we have to report it.

The Parish Rooms, Blagdon Road, Paignton.
Devon. TQ3 3YA. 01803 668810

Caring for our Environment



We are continuing to follow our aim to make Pre-School as environmentally friendly as possible.

This includes using biodegradable wet wipes and nappy sacks, and recycling our plastic containers.

To make the children more aware of this recycling we are continuing to ask each child to sort their lunch waste with help and put any plastic they have in a designated box.

Before lockdown we asked parents to go one step further and try to cut down on the use of single use plastic in lunch boxes. We want to continue with this and so ask that you use an alternative to plastic bags and cling film.

Our newsletters are also on our website
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