



Newsletter September 2021

Welcome to the autumn term, we hope that you all had an enjoyable summer.



It has been lovely to welcome back those children who were with us last year and 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.

This term we welcome two new members of staff Michann and Leanne. Michann has been part of our Pre-School for many years in different roles and Leanne has been one of our parents but is now beginning her childcare training and we are pleased that she has chosen our setting to do her placement days. We are very pleased to have both of them join our Pre-School team.

We love autumn at Pre-School and have lots of exciting activities planned with an autumnal theme for the coming weeks.

Our nature table 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.



Invoices and Headcount week

Invoices will be sent out during the week commencing 20th September. Fee paying week will be the following week 29th September – 1st 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.

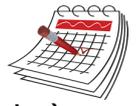
If you have applied for either 2 year old funding or the 30 hours and have been successful and haven't yet given us your code, please do so

Contact details

If your child has returned to us this autumn please can you let us know if any of your contact numbers have been changed or if you have any different collection details. 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Please can you check these details, amend any out of date names or phone numbers and return the form to us.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.

Dates for your diary



Half Term

Mon 25th Oct to Fri 29th Oct (inclusive)

Term Ends

Friday 17th 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.

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.

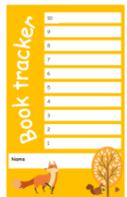
Lunch boxes

As requested in our packed lunch leaflet, we ask that you do not put **peanut butter** as a filling 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.

Book Library



Our book library became very popular last term, so much so that we have purchased some more books specifically for the library.

Our selection of books is on display attached to the notice board. If your child would like to borrow a book just tell the staff member on the door the number you would like to borrow and we will get it ready for your child to take home. Each child who borrows books is given a book tracker card and when your child has borrowed and shared 10 books with you they will receive a certificate.

COVID

We continue to follow all of the guidelines given to us with regard to COVID and the reporting of any cases within our setting. Please let us know immediately if your child or someone in their immediate family has tested positive for COVID.

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.

Caring for our Environment



We continue 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 ask each child to sort their lunch waste with help and put any plastic they have in a designated box and they have become very good recyclers.

We also ask that parents try to cut down on the use of single use plastic in lunch boxes by using alternative to plastic bags and cling film such as lunch boxes with compartments or individual little boxes.

Website

Just a reminder that on our Pre-School website there is a private parents' area that you can log onto. In this area we put extra information that we feel may be of interest to you and we also put up a gallery for each half term where we put photos of different activities that we have been doing over the weeks.



New parents will be receiving an email in the next few days inviting them to set up an account. We will also be sending out a letter asking for your consent for any photos showing your child to be added.

Whilst we still have many restrictions in place we feel that this is one way that you can see what we have been doing and has proved popular with our existing parents.

We have also changed our Blog page to 'Wildlife and Growing' so we can include more activities. At the moment we have been really excited about showing pictures of our apples and pumpkins, so please take a look.

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