

## FESTIVALS & CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS HALF TERM

Our crafts and activities during November and December will be focused on the following events and celebrations:

Fireworks:	5 <sup>th</sup> November
Remembrance Day:	11 <sup>th</sup> November
Diwali:	14 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Celebrations:	December

## DATE LETTERS NUMBER SHAPE & COLOUR

2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	n	6	cone	purple
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	c & k	7	cube	white
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	e	8	sphere	pink
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	h	9 & 10	star	gold/silver

## WHATSAPP GROUP FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Unfortunately, the ongoing global situation means that we will be unable to invite parents to join us for our traditional Christmas Plays/Concert this term. We are therefore going to be approaching the festive season a little differently: we shall be recording some of our Christmas activities with the children and will send them to you via WhatsApp. New WhatsApp groups will shortly be established consisting of a Caterpillar Room group, a Butterfly Room group, and an Afternoon group. Caroline will be inviting you over the next few days to join the group relevant to your child.

## TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2020

### End of Term

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
**(no lunch club or afternoon session)**

Spring Term 2021

### Term Dates

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
**(no lunch club or afternoon session on 31/3)**

### Half Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Summer Term 2021

### Start of Term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

## AUTUMN REPORT - SUMMARY

Usually at this time of year, we would be arranging for you to come in and have a brief meeting with your child's keyperson to discuss how your child is settling into the new term.

Unfortunately, as this is not currently possible, we will be sending home a 'Start of Year' summary report of progress at the end of November. Please sign and return this at your earliest convenience.

## FACE COVERINGS

Current COVID-19 related regulations mean that wearing a face covering or mask when outside the Pavilion (e.g. dropping off or collecting your child) is a matter of personal choice. However, prior to entering the Pavilion parents/carers are required to be wearing a face covering/mask.

If our own policy on this or the government's guidance / regulations change on this matter, we will communicate this to you.

## THANK YOU 😊

We would like to thank all our wonderful parents for continuing to support the Pavilion Pre-School during these difficult times and being so understanding of the changes necessary to our normal routines and events.

## CLEARLY NAMING ITEMS

Please can you ensure that bags, lunchboxes, drinks bottles, coats and any other items that are brought in are **clearly labelled with your child's name**.

As you can imagine, many of the children bring in similar items which makes it difficult to identify whose is whose! Thank you.

## REMINDERS

### **Cocktail sticks**

For those children who attend lunch club, please can we remind parents not to put cocktail sticks in their child's lunch.

### **Contents of childrens' bags**

The childrens' bags hang in communal cloakrooms which are accessible to all children. Could we therefore please ask that nothing other than spare clothes and any comforters are put in the bags. Please avoid items such as hand gels, creams, food, and sweets. All medication should be handed to a member of staff.

## OUTSIDE PLAY WEATHER

Please dress children appropriately once the colder weather appears, as we aim to go outside every day. Children will need hats and gloves as well as coats.

We aim to keep the school open even during severe weather (e.g. snow). However, if you are unsure, please call one of the contact numbers given here.

## WORKING TOGETHER

**Observation sheets** are available for parents; these enable you to share any achievements with us or give details of any milestones your child has reached over the half term holidays.

**Suggestions:** if you have any comments or suggestions for improving our setting or the curriculum, please feel free to discuss any ideas with a member of staff.

## READING SCHEME

Our Reading Scheme is introduced to children who will be starting primary school in September 2021. Children in the Butterfly Room will be phased in according to their age with most children engaged by Christmas.

We would be grateful if you could return your child's reading folder on their allocated reading day each week so they can continue their phonic learning.

## ABSENCE / SICKNESS / COVID-19

OFSTED now require us to contact parents if a child is not present and we have not received prior notification of their absence.

Therefore, please phone or text one of the numbers given below to advise of sickness on the first day of absence. Holiday can be advised at the door, by phone, text or email.

Please follow the government guidelines to self-isolate if you are contacted by the NHS Test and Trace Service or if you or a member of your household either displays symptoms of, or tests positive for, COVID-19.

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

The direct line to the school is: **01689 870104**

Pre-school mobile number: **07858 967389**

Caroline's mobile number is: **07989 838010**

E-mail: [info@pavilionpre-school.co.uk](mailto:info@pavilionpre-school.co.uk)

Website: [www.pavilionpre-school.co.uk](http://www.pavilionpre-school.co.uk)

## MEDICATION

If any creams, inhalers, or medication are required, please give them to a member of staff so that they can be stored safely.

If we need to administer any of the above, we will also require you to complete a Medication Form giving details of dosage and timings; these can be obtained from any member of staff.