

THEME FOR THIS HALF TERM:

'Story Time'

3 rd November:	Autumn Stories
10 th November:}	Animal Antics and
17 th November:}	Farmyard Tales
24 th November:	Stories About Friends
1 st December:	Christmas Stories
8 th December:	Hanukkah and Christmas
15 th December:	Christmas

ALLERGIES

As we have a number of children with various allergies and intolerances, it is very important that we continue to be a **NUT FREE** setting.

So, when providing food for your child's lunch box, please remember to be as healthy as possible and do not include fizzy or sugary drinks, sweets or chocolate bars, popcorn or any products containing nuts or sesame.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 18th December

All children who attend the pre-school are invited to the Pavilion Christmas Party which will take place in the morning session on Thursday 18th December. Krazy K will start the entertainment when the children arrive at 9.am and the children can wear their party clothes.

Parents of children in the Caterpillar Room should arrive at 11.10am in order to watch Father Christmas give out his presents and then the children will be ready to go home at 11.45am.

Parents of children in the Butterfly Room, please arrive at 11.40am to see Father Christmas.

(All presents from Father Christmas will be provided by the Pre-School)

Please remember there is no lunch club or afternoon session on this day

CHRISTMAS POST BOXES

Children wishing to send Christmas cards to their friends can post them in our Christmas post boxes. There will be one in each room from the beginning of December.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Once our Christmas trees are up in each room, the children are welcome to bring in a decoration to hang on the tree. Please make sure they are clearly labelled so they can be returned at the end of term if required.

CATERPILLAR ROOM

CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

Wednesday 10th December

All children in the Caterpillar Room will be encouraged to participate in a Christmas Sing-Along, singing some festive songs for us all to enjoy. Children are welcome to dress up in a festive costume if they wish. Coffee, tea and mince pies will be served after the show.

BUTTERFLY ROOM

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday 11th December

All parents and carers are invited to attend a Christmas Concert at 11am with all the Butterfly Room children. We will email you shortly with details of what the children should wear, timings and the serving of refreshments after the show.

BREAKFAST CLUB & 5PM PICK UP

We started 'Breakfast Club' this term, opening at 8am and offering a variety of cereals and toast. It is popular but we do still have some availability so please let me know if you would like either to sign up for the rest of the term or on an 'ad hoc' basis. Our extended afternoons where we stay open until 5pm are also well attended but we do have some spaces left either as a regular session or one offs.

PHOTOGRAPHER VISIT Wednesday 12th November

We have arranged for a photographer to visit the school. All children and siblings are invited to attend the photography session and a detailed e-mail giving timings will be sent out shortly.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS throughout November

We sent out a WhatsApp at the beginning of October offering all parents the opportunity to have an informal discussion with their child's key person about their child's development.

These will ideally take place at drop off or pick up but other times can be arranged if this is not possible. Please speak to Su or Catherine to arrange a time.

If you are new to the pre-school this term, you will be invited to a Starting Points meeting where you will have the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in and agree the next steps in their learning.

I would also like to remind all parents that your child's key person is available at any time if you have any concerns.

UP TO DATE INFORMATION

Please ensure that we have all your up-to-date contact information – mobile numbers, email addresses and emergency contact details. It is also important that you let us know your new address when you move house.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE REGARDING PASSWORDS

In the interest of child safety, we will not let any child go home with anyone other than the nominated person unless we have prior notice and the correct password is given on collection.

If you have not given a password yet, please speak to any of the Room Leaders and we can make sure one is added to your child's records.

VOLUNTEERS FOR READING ETC

If you would like to come in and help the children with reading, it would be much appreciated, it could be every week or once a month, whatever time you can spare.

We are always very grateful for any parental help so if you have a particular skill or interest you would like to share with us, please speak to Su or Catherine and we will incorporate it into our programme.

ADVISING ABSENCE

OFSTED require us to contact the parents of an absent child if we have not received prior notice of absence. Accordingly, if your child is ill or needs to take an unplanned day off, please leave a message on the school mobile (07858 967389) or call the landline in session time (01689 870104). Thank you.

Please also be sure to let us know in advance of any holidays your child may be taking so we can make a note in the register.

WEATHER

We endeavour to go outside every day so once the weather gets a little more autumnal, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately. Hats and gloves may be necessary too!

ADDITIONAL MEDICATION

If any creams, inhalers, or medication are in children's bags, please let a member of staff know so 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.

LABELLING

Please ensure that your child's clothing is labelled, especially their Pre-School jumpers as these are often taken off during sessions.

Please also label coats, rucksacks, bags, lunch boxes and water bottles.