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Dear Parents/Carers

Big welcome back to all our children and hope you have had a lovely fun filled summer break. We are also introducing some new children into both of our rooms, some new friends for the children to play with. Firstly we have our Zoo Lab (Wiggle & Crawl) visit on Thursday 25th September 9.15-10.30 which is open to all children to attend even if they do not do this day, let a member of staff know. Another opportunity to come and play is our Grandparents Afternoon which will take place on Tuesday 30th September 1.30-2.45 (if we have enough grandparents to attend, so please let a member of staff know if they are attending).

We have decided to do another Christmas shopping night together as it was a great success (date to be confirmed). If anyone would like to book a table then please approach a member of staff. More information to come. For Halloween this year we will do our pumpkin competition again. Looking forward to seeing lots of different designs.

Fundraising

Look out for different hampers for our special days, such as Halloween and Christmas.

Policies

All policies are available on our website and are updated regularly for you to access. Please ask if you would like a paper copy of one.

Staff Development

Becci and Clare D are halfway through completing a Maths Champion training course which is to help with children's Mathematical skills and development of this area.

News

We are welcoming Oriann Darby back off her maternity leave week beginning the 1st September returning 3 days a week in the baby room. Also, Clare has been trying our new invoicing system (quickbooks) so all parents should have received an invoice via their email account please check your junk folder in case it has ended up here. Contact a member of staff if you haven't received one and we can sort this.

Little reminder that we do take the children outside in all weathers so the appropriate clothing ie, coats, wellies & suncream etc, this would make this a more enjoyable experience for them. (We do have spare wellies as well.)

If you haven't already, could we please have a copy of your child's birth certificate for the funding please. We can copy these for you if this is a problem. This is very important.

Health and Safety

To keep all staff and other children well, a kind reminder that sickness and diarrhoea is 48 hours from the last episode and any immunisations also follow this guidance.

Please remember to close the pre-school gate when you enter and leave as it is important to keep the children safe.

For those children who have packed lunches, can you please ensure that you cut up your child's grapes as these can be a choking hazard and that we are advised not to give popcorn to children at nursery due to choking also. Packed lunches must be healthy.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6839b752210698b3364e86fc/Early_years_foundation_stage_nutrition_guidance.pdf If your child brings in a water bottle from home can we make sure it just has water in it please.

Important Dates

Monday 1st September - Funding Begins

Thursday 25th September - Zoo Lab 9.30

Monday 29th September - Paolo Loras Photos 9.30-11.30

Thursday 30th September - Grandparents Afternoon 1.30-2.45

Thursday 23rd October - Pumpkin Contest Deadline

Friday 24th October - Funding Ends

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - Half Term

Monday 3rd November - Funding Begins

Monday 17th November - AGM at 5.30 in the Pre-School room - All welcome to attend

To be confirmed - Christmas Shopping Night

Friday 12th December - Pre-School Christmas sing along (all welcome)

Friday 12th December - Funding Ends (for the children who do not stretch their funding)

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Party for Nursery, Pre-school & After School
£2.00 donation if attending

Friday 19th December - Term Ends

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd December - we will open if there is enough demand. Please book in if you need to.

Wednesday 24th December - Friday 2nd January 2026

Monday 5th January - Funding Begins