

Newsletter Term 2 2021

Term 1 has really flown by; all the staff have had a great time getting to know all the children and hearing all about their summer. We feel that the children have all settled really well and we have enjoyed getting to know each individual character.

Unfortunately, we have had to say good bye to Pam and Jade. Both have worked and for us for many years, Pam in Pre School and Jade in Pre School and then onto After School Club. We wish them both a very happy future.

It has been really helpful for us to adopt 'A Focused Child' and work with you to share your child's interests and achievements. This knowledge really helps us in session and we can observe children in areas that is of great interest to them.

If they really enjoy something, they will learn more from it.

How this works? Each week we choose a small group of children to be focused on by all the staff. We will communicate with you via Tapestry to let you know when it is your child's turn. We ask if you can kindly send us useful information, such as, learning to ride a new bike, a family celebration, a new family member and remember this could also be a new pet, or beginning to count. And we will use this information to gain valuable observations. For example, if you tell us your child is beginning to count, we will move them on to count higher numbers, count objects and understand that each number represents an object. It works alongside 'In the moment Planning' from this we are able to create an environment that suits the individual child.

Thank you for sending in the photos of your child and their families and baby photos. Sharing these with the children creates a really good talking point which encourages communication and Language, this is very high up in the curriculum, and seeing their family photos also helps with emotions and settling. At circle time we have been talking about seasons, the weather and the calendar and celebrating birthdays. If you haven't already sent your photos in it's not too late.

We are more than happy to print these off for you.

Great news, Stonesfield baby and Toddler group has started again. It is held on a Friday morning at the Village Hall. 10am -11:30am

Mrs Ede at Primary School has very kindly asked if our F2 children, those going to school in September 2022, would like to join in with the reception class Nativity. Naturally we would love to, but this is providing Covid 19 guidelines do not change between now and 8th December.

A separate letter will go out to relevant parents nearer the time.

Polite Reminders

- If your child is absent, please let us know by telephone or Email. Telephone 01993 898370 or Email stonesfieldps@outlook.com
- Zena our administrator is available to help with issues such as registration, changing sessions and Fees stonesfieldpsad@outlook.com
- We would prefer it if you would continue to wear a face mask and we are still not allowing parents into Pre School. We feel that we have a duty to keep our staff safe. Thank you.
- Please keep us up to date with all your contact details and any changes regarding your child's registration forms. (Such as change of address, telephone number)
- Please provide your child with a small prepared healthy snack for both am and pm sessions in a separate named container. We provide a drink of milk. Suggestions for healthy snacks are: breadsticks and raisins, cheese and apple, rice cake & prepared fruit you know what your child enjoys...the list is endless!

No confectionary, crisps and cakes etc.

- Only water in water bottles, we soon detect flavoured water or squash!

Healthy eating and oral health are very high up in our curriculum and Safe Guarding.

- Please provide suitable clothing for the changing weather with plenty of spare clothes in their red bag. It is really important that shoes, wellies and clothes are all labelled clearly with names.
- If your child is staying for a full day session, please supply them with a healthy lunch stored in a named lunchbox or lunch bag. On warm days please ensure you pop in a small cool pack. No confectionary or large bags of crisp please. We follow a healthy eating policy and from experience we know that most children will want to eat crisps and cakes and anything sweet first, which inevitably fills them up and the other food in their lunchbox sadly is not eaten. We always return uneaten food in lunchboxes so you know what your child has eaten at pre-school.

Safety Note:

Due to children's allergies, we are a NUT FREE ZONE. Please ensure your child's snack and lunch does not contain any products that contain nuts. Made in a factory that makes nut products is acceptable.

Please ensure grapes, olives and cherry tomatoes are cut into quarters because they are a choking hazard (As recommended by our paediatric training advisor)

Poorly Children

Please do not bring your child into Pre School if they have been vomiting or have had diarrhoea. You may bring them back to Pre School when at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last attack. We also ask that you keep your child at home if they have an infection as this helps to prevent it being passed on to the other children and staff. Please inform staff of any infections and illnesses so that we can alert other parents as necessary, and help us to observe the other children who may become poorly. Pre School follows a guide for infection control that we adhere to which helps prevent certain illnesses from spreading. The staff have a right to refuse a child admission to Pre School, if they have specific infection or illness.

We can administer medicines that have been prescribed by your child's GP, we cannot give medicines such as paracetamol or ibuprofen. We also advise that if your child has been prescribed antibiotics you keep them at home for at least 48 hours before returning to Pre School. If your child needs to be given any prescribed medicine during a session then please speak to Louise, we follow our medication procedure for this.

If your child requires an inhaler or EpiPen please inform Louise, staff are required to be trained to administer these.

If your child becomes poorly whilst attending Pre School, we will contact you to come and collect them as soon as possible, in the mean time we will keep them comfortable and safe. In the event of your child having a fever we will phone you and ask permission to administer paracetamol if you are having to make a longer journey of over 20 minutes from your place of work etc.

Please note: Covid -19 government guidelines, if your child has a temperature or a continuous cough, they must NOT attend Pre School.

Important Dates

Term 2 starts Tuesday 2nd November - finishes Friday 17th December.

Please note, there is going to be an extra bank holiday for everyone 3rd June 2022. This is to Celebrate the Queen's platinum Jubilee. Schools will be off during this time as it is our late spring break 30th May-3rd June. We are able to add an extra day to our Summer Holiday.

Summer Holiday will start Wednesday 20th July 2022

Thank you for taking the time to read this information