



The Saplings Pre-School

Sunday, 24 November 2019

Saplings/2019-2020/51

Name: Key Worker: «Key_Worker»

October 2019 Newsletter

Update



We are very pleased to let you know that all of the children have settled into pre-school really well. The children seem to be happy, willing to learn, play cooperatively and thriving within the environment. Our planning has focused on welcoming children and discussing their families, their likes and dislikes, looking at things that make us the same or different and being proud of our achievements. They have worked very hard on creating their own portraits using mirrors to see themselves and trying to use colours for a purpose. These pieces of 2D craft have been glued into their scrap books which the children seem to enjoy. They are labelled **Working in Partnership with parents/Carers** and we would be grateful if you could please ensure that your child brings it every day so that we can add the new items that have been left to dry.

It is lovely to see that many of you have been changing your child's book on arrival. Please continue to do so. There is a wide range to choose from on the bookcase in the entrance area.

Photographer



The pre-school photographer will be visiting us on **Tuesday 22nd October**. If your child attends pre-school on this day then we will try to have them photographed unless we are told otherwise. If you do not attend on a Tuesday you are welcome to accompany your child(ren) during the day before 12.30pm.

Any parents wishing to have siblings from school photographed separately or together are very welcome. Please arrange a time slot between 8am – 8.30am.

All families are welcome to have family groups taken as well.

The photographer will be available from 8am until 12.30pm.

All orders **must** be returned by Friday 15th November with payment.

Dates for Diary



Christmas Craft 9th October 2019
Pre-School Photographer 22nd October
Half Term 28th October – 1st November
Autumn Term 2019 last day Wednesday

18th December 2019

Christmas Post Box last collection in pre-school Friday 13th December.

Spring Term first day of Spring Term is Monday 6th January

A calendar of opening times can be found on our web site www.saplingspreschool.co.uk under 'Our Week'.

Organisation



Carol is **The Manager of The Saplings Pre-School with overall responsibility**, **Chloe** is responsible for 'Saplings' in Carol's absence, **Jess** is **The Age Two Leader** and is responsible for

'Seedlings'.

Senior staff are here to help you and for information the following members of staff should be approached for the following: Safeguarding Officer: Carol, Special Educational Needs: Jess, Health and Safety: Carol and Inclusion (Equality and Diversity), Bereavement: Chloe.

Staff Changes



Unfortunately, Penny and Charlotte will be leaving shortly. Penny is changing her career to be working with dogs and Charlotte is taking a break for personal reasons. If either Charlotte or Penny are your child's key worker you will be informed who will be taking over their care.

Lunches



Please clearly label your child's lunch box and drinks bottle on the outside. We are still finding some items un chopped. Please could you ensure that grapes, tomatoes, olives and cocktail sausages are chopped lengthways as these are major choking hazards for children of this age. Please cut off unwanted crusts too. It is difficult for staff members to leave children unattended at tables during the lunch period.



Health and Safety



Hazards of Autumn As you will have noticed we are already experiencing the hazards of Autumn. Berries and leaves are covering the ground and we will do our best to clear these as often as

possible. The trees are variations of Sorbus which although produce red berries are harmless as has been confirmed by Hampshire County Council. In addition to these we have an Arbutus which is equally safe.

As a matter of good practice we talk to the children and discourage them from playing with red berries.

Education



Starting School in September 2020: If

your child will be 4 years old between 1st September 2019 and 31 August 2020, that is, born between 1 September 2015 and 31

August 2016, they will be entitled to start school in September 2020. You can apply online for a place from Friday 1st November until the deadline of Wednesday 15th January

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>.

Open Days for Local Schools

Burnham Copse Primary School

Tuesday 1st October 9.30am-10.30am

Friday 11th October 9.30am-10.30am

Tuesday 26th November 1.30pm-2.30pm

Wednesday 8th January 9.30am-10.30am

Tadley Community Primary School

Monday 21st October 9.45am

Tuesday 5th November 9.30 am or 11am

Friday 8th November 9.30am or 11am

Bishopswood Infant School

Tuesday 15th October 9am-10am or 1.30pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 19th November 9am-10am or 1.30pm-2.30pm

Learning Journey



Your Child Profile, the achievement records for your child, is completed during the year and you are welcome to see it whenever you wish.

They will be sent home for you to add your comments and to sign each term around the mid-point.

To provide evidence of mark making and creative skills various pieces of 'art' work are kept during the year and placed in a file for you to keep. This can also be viewed whenever you wish to see it.

Christmas Craft



We are currently producing your child's individual pieces of Christmas craft which are offered to you to purchase should you wish to do so. Details are attached and order forms will follow shortly with your child's individual pieces of craft on the reverse side. Please note that anyone wishing to purchase must return the form complete with payment by **Friday 11th October**.

Planning



Planning has now moved onto 'Autumn' and we will be changing our 'Season' display board to reflect this.

Please collect some conkers, pinecones, acorns and interesting, colourful leaves. Please bring some small boxes that we can use for 3D modelling for hibernation and kitchen roll tubes ready for fireworks.

Invoices



On a more serious note can I please remind all parents to pay invoices as soon as possible and to note that failure to collect your child on time will incur a fine. If you are unable to pay for any reason, please discuss it with me before the next invoice is issued.

With thanks, Carol and the Saplings' Team