



## **Term 1, 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new school year! We would like to welcome back all the children and families who were with us last year and to extend that welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us this month. We hope that you are starting to feel 'at home' with us already! We are delighted with the way in which all the children have settled in so well.

### **Introducing new staff**

Welcome to Amanda our new Deputy Manager and April, our new Pre-School assistant who have both joined the team this term.

### **Buddy System**

This year, we have introduced a keyperson buddy system, to ensure that you always have a named person for your child, for those times when your keyperson may be away. Please see the table below for your child's 'buddy'.

<b>Keyperson/Buddy pairs</b>
Emmanuelle and Nicola
Jodie and Toni
Annie and Amanda

### **Tapestry**

Hopefully you will now have had the opportunity to access your child's Tapestry account. Please let your keyperson know if you have any questions or issues with this. We would like to encourage you to add your own photos, comments and news so that we can build a joint home/setting journal with you.

### **Forest School**

We are aiming to start Forest School on Monday October 14<sup>th</sup>. Diana Mills, who was our Forest School leader last term will be leading the sessions initially. We are delighted to announce that Jodie has just started her Forest School training and that Diana will be supporting Jodie in this.

### **Clothing**

Our children go outside in all weathers. When the days begin to get colder, please provide your child with warm layers, a coat, suitable shoes and wellies (for splashing in puddles). Please could you also ensure that you label your child's clothing – particularly Pre-School T-shirts and

jumpers. This will help us to return them to you at the end of the day! Extra T-shirts and jumpers can be purchased at Pre-School.

### **Lunch boxes**

Thank you for supporting us in promoting healthy eating when you pack your child's lunchbox. We always encourage them to eat their sandwiches/ savouries first, followed by fruit and finally any yogurt and treats. Please remember to cut grapes, olives, cherry tomatoes etc. vertically to reduce the choking hazard.

We return any uneaten food in the lunch box so that you can see what has been eaten! We also provide snacks and drinks in the morning, so please don't be alarmed if there is lots of food left over! Finally, there is no need to send a drink in with your child as we provide water throughout the day as well as at snack times and lunch.

### **Medication**

Please note, we are only able to give medication that has been prescribed for your child by your GP, dispensed by a pharmacist and in the original packaging with your child's name written on the pharmacy label. We are not authorised to give over the counter medicines.

### **Policies**

All the policies for this academic year have been reviewed and updated and are available for you to read on the website. As part of this review, we will be issuing copies of the Parent Code of Conduct and Privacy Notice for all parents to sign. If you have just joined us, you will already have received your copies. We will be sending out copies of both to our 'returning' families. Please note, we require signatures from both parents.

### **Music Bugs**

We are delighted to be able to offer extra music sessions, led by Lee-Anne from Music Bugs. We aim to vary the days on which these are held, in order to enable as many children as possible to take part. If a session is on a day that your child doesn't normally attend, they are more than welcome to come and join as, providing you are able to stay with them. The sessions are generally in the afternoons at 1.30.

### **Car wash**

The Committee have organised a fundraising car wash on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 1 – 4pm. We are looking for volunteers to come and help us on the day – a sign up sheet will be available from next week. We are also looking for donations of buckets and sponges!

### **Lids wanted!**

We are collecting large metal lids from jam/chutney jars. We would be most grateful if you could bring in any you may have at home. They will be put to good use!

## **Dates for your diary**

Music Bugs - Wednesday 25th September, Tuesday 8th October and Thursday 24th October

Car wash Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 1 – 4pm

INSET Day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Parents' Evening – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 6.30 – 8.30

Christmas Party – Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> 11.30 – 1.30

## **Term Dates 2019 – 2020**

Term 1 2019

Wednesday 4th September -Thursday 24th October

**Inset day Friday 25th October**

*Holiday*

*Monday 27th October – Friday 1st November*

Term 2 2019

Monday 4th November – Thursday 19th December

*Christmas Holiday Friday 20th December – Friday 3rd January*

Term 3 2020

Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February

*Holiday Monday 16th February – Friday 21st February*

Term 4 2020

Monday 24th February – Friday 3rd April

*Easter Holiday Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April*

Term 5 2020

Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

*Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May*

Term 6 2020

Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July