



Term 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. The children have all settled back really well and are sharing all their Christmas news with us!

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all our new children and their families who join us this term.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone for their donations on the day. Despite our depleted numbers, we raised a total of £14 for Save the Children.

Staff News

We are delighted to announce that Jodie is expecting a baby at the end of May. She is planning to work until the beginning of May. We are sure that you will join us in congratulating her in her wonderful news! We will be recruiting for a new member of staff to cover Jodie's maternity leave and will keep you informed.

Developing the outdoor area

This year our focus is on improving the outdoor environment in order to increase opportunities for our children's learning and development. We hope to make our garden a really special area for the children.

Our plans for developing the area are being distributed this week to all parents. Please let us know if you are able to help over the weekends of 11th/ 12th and 25th/26th January and/or donate any materials.

Forest School

Forest School will begin again in Monday 20th January. This will run every Monday morning and we aim to use the site as much as possible throughout the winter. If the weather is too cold, or the paths too icy, we will run Forest School in the garden instead. Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing on the day – this includes boots, hats and scarves and waterproof gloves if they have them. We do have a supply of warm waterproof coats and trousers but would be very grateful if your child could bring in their own if they have them as we do not have enough for every child. If you would like your child to come along on a day that they do not attend, please feel free to join us. Please note, you would need to stay with your child in this situation.

Snow days

Please be aware that in the event of snow, it is sometimes necessary to close Pre – School. You will be informed of the closure by email at the earliest possible opportunity. An announcement will also be posted on the Parents FaceBook page. You can also check the Crowmarsh Gifford School website and listen to local radio stations for announcements about school closures. If the school closes, we will always close too. This decision is never taken lightly. Although most of our families live within walking distance of Pre-School, the majority of staff do not, and we have to ensure the safety of all.

Applying for a School Place for 2020

A reminder that the deadline for school applications for September 2020 is Wednesday 15th December.

Partyware to rent

Prior to our Christmas party, we decided that it would be more environmentally friendly to invest in a set of 30 children's cups, plates and bowls, rather than buying disposable items. These are now available for you to rent for parties for £5. Please contact the Committee if you are interested.

Dates for your diary

4th March – Parents' evening

March 5th – World Book Day

March 10th – Pre – School Photographer

March 28th- Quiz Night

Term Dates 2019 – 2020

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 25th May – Friday 29th May

Term 6 2020

Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July