

September/ October 2018

NEWSLETTER



A very warm welcome back to everyone, especially our new joiners; Demelza-May, Iris, Olivia and Harry! We hope that you all had a fabulous summer and have enjoyed your first few weeks back at Pre-School.

We were just so thrilled to return to our new and hugely improved outdoor space! Not only does it look so much better, but it is so much more user-friendly. The children can play for long periods of time now, on dry and level ground. The new shed provides better storage whilst also giving shelter to our toys and ride ons. We are so very grateful for the substantial financial contributions kindly given by local businesses, however, a huge 'Thank you' to Mr Spencer (Edward's Dad) for his hard work and commitment over the very hot summer, enabling this to be ready and in place for us. We will be holding an open morning to celebrate our lovely new space on Saturday 29th September 10am-12pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Our Early Years topic this term is 'All about me'.

We will be discussing 'family', including our own unique families and who we live with and where we live.

We will be creating our own Self Portraits, looking at our own features and how they can be similar or different to our friends. It would be fantastic if you could please bring in (or email Chelle photos) of your children when they were babies/toddlers, and a picture of your home.

Books that we will be enjoying to support our topic will be: Stick Man and Monkey Puzzle, both by Julia Donaldson.

Now that we have enjoyed the lovely summer weather, it is time to put away our sun hats and sun cream, and replace these with warm hats, gloves and welly boots! **Please can you ensure that your child has a warm coat and wellies in Pre-School**.

Invoices have been issued. On time payments (within 28 days) are greatly appreciated.

If you are claiming **30 Hours** free funding (from 3 years), you will need to log on to the EGov website to register and confirm your details are up to date. <u>www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account</u>

We cannot do this for you.

Please direct any invoice queries directly to Lesley Pothecary and not the Pre-school. Lesley can be contacted on 01726 843503 or email treasurergorranpreschool@yahoo.com

As parking is very limited at school, we use a voluntary one-way system to try and ease the congestion. The idea is for everyone to come through the village and drop off and pick up children with the school on the left of their cars. Please remember not to park in front of the school car park entrance at any time. Parking can be difficult, but we must always keep the children's safety of paramount importance.

KEY DATES

Saturday 29th September – Pre-School Garden Open Day 10-12pm

Monday 8th October – INSET DAY

Monday 22nd-26th October HALF TERM

Thursday 20th December – END OF TERM