

Blewbury Pre-School

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Newsletter for our last few weeks of Term 6 2021

We have had a lovely few weeks back into Term 6. For the last few weeks, we have been very fortunate to have a Student with us - Ella xxxxx, who has been gaining work experience here to qualify in Early Years at Abingdon and Witney College. Ella attended here as a three year old, so it is especially lovely to welcome her back. The children have all been thrilled to have Ella here, as you may have heard!

We are adding two more names to our list of leavers this July. **Isla xxxxx** will be moving to South Moreton Pre-School to be nearer to her home and **Arlo xxxx** is moving to East Hagbourne Pre-School, as he will be moving to Hagbourne Primary School next year. Isla and Arlo leave with our very best wishes for their future.

Our Leavers' Group photo will be available to purchase shortly. The cost will be £10.00 which includes the photo (10 x 8), mount and protective cover. All profits will be given to Pre-School's fund raising. Thank you to Rosie Phillips, our photographer.

We will be delighted to welcome back **Sam, Chloe, Rex, Evie, Imogen, Bentley, Isabel, Joy, Harry, Georgie** and **Rosie** in September together with their new friends who will join us at the beginning of the new term. We are going to have most of the inside of the building repainted over the summer, so we shall have some wonderful 'new' rooms to come back to! If you are awaiting confirmation of your child's sessions in September, these will be given to you shortly.

Thank you - we can't let the Reynolds family go without saying a massive thank you for their very generous donation of a new television and printer for Pre-School. We are so grateful to you for thinking of us and for helping us to install this.

Thank you also to our Management Committee who have helped us this year with so many different things - from launching the Lottery, to arranging all our maintenance work, to making sure the staff are paid! You have been fantastic. Our committee this year has been:-

Chair	- Ciara Hardman-Cole (Sophie's Mum)
Treasurer	- Phil Weeden (Gwen's Dad)
Secretary	- Kate Wright (Sam's Mum)
Lottery, Health and Safety Rep	- Pip Weeden (Gwen's Mum)
Asst Treasurer	- Christina Margerrison (Parker's Mum)
Other Committee members	- Tiffany Sherrington-Hall and Chris Smith

We are also very grateful to **Jo Jefferies** (Poppy's Mum) for washing all our tea towels and cloths, and **Elaine De Ridder** for preparing all our timesheets and invoices. Finally, we must mention **George Reade** (Cecilia's Dad) who valiantly unblocked our drains last week. We are so grateful to all of you.

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Sadly, we have had to cancel our Open Afternoon on Saturday 17th July, due to the extension of the covid restrictions, but hopefully this will be re-arranged for the same time next year, when we hope to welcome you back again. In the meantime, we have two dates to put into your diaries

Welcome to all Families Tuesday 7th September at 4.00pm in Pre-School

Come along with all your children and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee/cold drink and biscuit and meet all our families, both 'old' and new. We have not had any opportunities to meet up informally and make new friends, meet other parents and chat to the staff during our covid restrictions and so we wanted to say 'please come along and let's get to know each other better'

Annual General Meeting Thursday 7th October from 7.30pm in Pre-School

We will have wine, soft drinks and nibbles available so that you can sit back, relax and enjoy hearing about what we have been up to at Pre-School this year. Please do come along and find out more about the running of Pre-School and our plans for the forthcoming year from our parents who are on the management committee and the staff. Pre-School is the first step on your child's educational journey, so come and get involved in what we do.

As we have not been able to organise a Summer Outing or Sports Day, we are instead going to have a Summer Party and a couple of fun days for all the children to enjoy, so that we can still celebrate the summer and the last few weeks of term together.

Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st July

These days will be dressing up days - please encourage your child to wear their favourite dressing up outfit on these days and we will be having fun activities and some favourite resources available for the children on these days. These days will also include a farewell to children leaving who attend the Wednesday session

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SUMMER PARTY

Tuesday 20th July

from 10.00am - 1.30pm*

(*Please note a change of hours to make the party accessible for all children)

All children are invited to attend our Summer Party at Pre-School. We will provide a party lunch, party games and party activities with music and dancing for all children to enjoy. We shall also have a farewell for all the children leaving who attend the Monday and Tuesday session.

If your child does not normally attend the Tuesday session, or extended hours session, please let us know if you would like them to be included in our Party.

A donation of £2.00 would be appreciated to cover the cost of the food. Your child will not need their snack, just their water bottle.



The first draw of our brand new lottery took place on Thursday 1st July when Gwen, Rocky-Ray and Millie pulled out our three lucky winning numbers, winning £95, £57 and £38 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. The cash prizes increase as more people join, so it's still not too late to sign up! The funds raised this month for Blewbury Pre-School are **£190! Fantastic.**

Thank you so much to Pip for organising and co-ordinating our Lottery.

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We are sorry that due to the extension of the covid regulations, we will not be able to extend an invitation for you to take part in the parent help during our final sessions, but we are sure you will understand the reasons for this. Please continue to follow our rules and guidance to help us keep safe

- Wear a face mask when bringing and collecting your child at the front door at Pre-School.
- Use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach for coughs and sneezes with your children.
- Support your child with washing their hands regularly.
- Please do not send your child to Pre-School if they are not well and chat to us about what to do if your child is presenting any symptoms of Covid 19.
- All snacks and lunches should be sent with your child in a disposable bag or disposable box please so that we can throw this away afterwards.
- One parent should bring and collect their child, if possible, to minimise the number of adults outside the building, and adults should remain 2m away from each other household group.
- Please do not allow your child to bring in anything from home unless you have discussed this with your child's Key Person.

Our last day of term is **Wednesday 21st July** at **12.00noon** for all children (no extended hours session) and our first day back of the new term is **Friday 3rd September**

We wish all our leavers' a very happy time at their new schools and we wish all families a very happy holiday. Thank you for all your support this year.

Love from Mrs Edwards, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Cheswick