

Blewbury Pre-School

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Newsletter for Term 3 2020

Happy New Year and welcome to a brand new term at Pre-School. We are also delighted to welcome XXXXXXXXXX and XXXXXXXXXX who will join us this term, and we hope they will be very happy here. Our new theme for Terms 3 and 4 is 'Sounds Around Us' and our weekly themes are set out below.

 Curriculum Plans : Sounds Around Us			
Week 1 - 6	Weekly Themes	Special Celebrations	Learning at Home
Week 1 6 th - 10 th January	Welcome Back Happy Sounds	Happy New Year	* We will be reminding ourselves of our golden rules: sharing, kind words and kind hands, taking turns, saying 'please' and 'thank you'. Please reinforce this at home. * Share some favourite rhymes with your child, listening out for words that rhyme. * See if your child can match words to the same initial sound (eg, S - Sun). * Look at number symbols in everyday life and in books and stories. * Count objects in everyday life eg flowers, and animals, toys at home. * Encourage your child to match the number symbol to the number of objects you have found eg. Number 3 and 3 sticks, and so on. * Borrow Story Sacks or books from the Library Box to share with your child at home. * Look at the coins in your purse/wallet with your child and talk about the numbers on the coins and count them with your child. * Look at shapes in everyday life and chat about these, eg, What shape is the plate? What shape is the envelope etc.
Week 2 13 th - 16 th January <i>Inset Day on Friday</i> 17 th January	Rhyme Time Sounds		
Week 3 20 th - 24 th January	Animal Sounds	Chinese New Year (The Year of the Rat)	
Week 4 27 th - 31 st January	Vehicle Sounds		
Week 5 3 rd - 7 th February	Number Sounds	Fruit Share on Wed 5 th February	
Week 6 10 th - 14 th February	Body Sounds	Valentine's Day	

The new **SHOW AND TELL ROTA** is attached to this NEWSLETTER, and there is one displayed in the Notice board in the Cloak Room and another in the Book Corner. Please make a note of your child's turn, so that they have the opportunity of sharing ONE item from home with the group at Story Time. It is always helpful if the item relates to the Weekly Theme - as this provides a further opportunity to reinforce the learning, however, we do welcome any item that the children wish to bring and share, as the emphasis of Show and Tell is to encourage confidence, learn new vocabulary and develop each child's language skills talking within a large group, listening to questions and be able to answer them appropriately.

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This term, please provide your child with:-

- ✓ a warm coat (on cold days) or a waterproof coat (on wet days)
- ✓ hat (named)
- ✓ gloves (named)
- ✓ wellies (named)
- ✓ a named towel
- ✓ a fruit or vegetable (named) for snack time, **OR**
- ✓ a named snack box containing a savoury biscuit, piece of cheese, or yoghurt.
- ✓ If you wish to provide your child with a drink of water in their own bottle, please ensure that it is named. (We always provide milk or water at snack time.)

Please do not include crisps, chocolate, or any food containing nuts or jellies at snack time.

Also, now that the ground is wet and muddy, please remember that children will need to change into indoor shoes/slippers when they arrive at Pre-School. One of the skills we encourage children to learn during their time here is how to change their shoes and put on and fasten their own coat as this is good preparation for school.

Thank you for your help in providing these essential items this term.

Pre-School Teddy

We have a Blewbury Pre-School Teddy, just waiting to have an adventure with your child! From the beginning of this term, we are encouraging each family to take Teddy home for the weekend. Please take a photo of Teddy with your child/children and bring him and the photos in the following week to share with us. Teddy is happy to have sleepovers', share a meal, cook, or have a story with your child. This is a lovely way of encouraging children to share something of their own home life with Pre-School. If your child goes to another setting or has a special interest such as a club or Sunday School, again, take Teddy with you and include a photo to go on our 'Teddy's Travel' Board.

Inset Training Day on Friday 17th January

We would like to draw your attention to an inset day on Friday 17th January 2020. The staff will be attending a training session in Oxford on changes to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, so unfortunately we will be closed on that day.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

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Fruit Share Day on Wednesday 5th February

Please put this date in your diary so that you can provide your child with a piece of fruit that can be peeled, chopped and put on a plate to share at snack time. (Your child will not need their normal snack box). Fruit Share Day provides a lovely opportunity to talk about and experience a wide range of healthy fruit plus practice the social skills at meal times of sharing and taking turns.

Fund Raising News

Thank
you 😊



For supporting our fund raising events in the Autumn - we worked hard to raise much needed funds by selling refreshments on Bonfire Night at the Village Fireworks, our Soup Lunch, the stall at the Primary School Christmas Fair, the sale of Fat Chilli Christmas Cards, the Tombola at our Christmas Play, and the Santa Sleigh event on Christmas Eve. We will let you have a final total of the funds raised through these events shortly.

Ciara Hardman-Cole, our Pre-School Chairperson, has also worked hard to secure two grants for Pre-School - a donation from the

Rat Pack night held before Christmas, and a donation from Blewbury Parish Council. Well done Ciara.

We are also very grateful to Chris Smith, who is very kindly donating not only Kitty's eggs, but also bags of fire logs to raise funds for us. We have fire logs available from the beginning of term at Pre-School, for a (minimum) donation of £5.00 per bag which is an extremely good price. Loads and half loads can also be arranged for delivery by contacting any Committee member or Teacher.

We do still need to raise more funds this year, as our target to raise each year to keep going is £15,000. (This was our shortfall last year!). We have some great events planned and will let you have details of these soon.

A PLACE AT PRIMARY SCHOOL 2020 - For all parents who are applying for a Primary School place for their child starting in September 2020, please don't forget that the closing date for receipt of completed applications with Oxfordshire County Council is **15th January 2020**. Apply online: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/infant-and-primary-school.

Family Information Service
Oxfordshire County Council has a website which contains a wealth of information from activities for children to parenting advice. Find out more by logging onto: <https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/home.page>

If you have any questions relating to an item in the Newsletter or wish to discuss any matter relating to your child, please do not hesitate to speak to your Key Person. We wish you all a very interesting and enjoyable term.

Best wishes

Mrs Edwards, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Cheswick