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Newsletter for Term 5 2021

Welcome back to Term 5. It's great to be enjoying some sunshine as we head towards the summer and we are looking forward to seeing you all and having a very interesting and enjoyable term with you.

We welcome xxxxx and xxxxxx together with their families, into our group this term, and wish them a very happy start to their early years with us.

We have circulated a new **Risk Assessment** for our Covid Regulations for Term 5, together with a Health Declaration Form for you to complete and return before the start of term. The main difference in this document is the requirement for staff to now undertake lateral flow tests twice a week to ensure they are negative for Covid. For more information, read on through the Newsletter.

Theme for Term 5 and Term 6

Our theme for Term 5 and Term 6 is 'Our Senses and How We Feel'. We will be exploring the early years' curriculum through this theme and allowing the children to have fun as they learn through all the play opportunities we have planned. We will also be considering some of our golden rules each week to encourage the children to think about some of the values that they need to learn which help us all to live in harmony with each other and help us to treat others with respect. The weekly themes are as follows:-

Week 1	19 th - 23 rd April	- Looking and what we see/things that make us happy and what makes us sad/Celebrating St George's Day
Week 2	26 th - 30 th April	- Looking and what we see/How to share and why we need to take turns
Week 3	4 th - 7 th May	- Listening and using our ears/Being kind to others
Week 4	10 th - 14 th May	- Listening and using our ears/How and why to say please and thank you
Week 5	17 th - 21 st May	- Sniffing out smells/Helping others and why it is important
Week 6	24 th - 27 th May	- Sniffing our smells/Making friends (and keeping friends)

Letters and Sounds

This term, we will be starting our phonological development with the older group of children who will be going onto Primary School in September. This is the beginning of a high quality phonics program which we start in Pre-School and is carried on in Primary School. We will develop, through play activities, opportunities to support linking sounds and letters in the order in which they occur in words, naming and sounding letters of the alphabet, being able to differentiate between the sounds of letters so that children will learn to blend these sounds into words. We will be encouraging children to practice listening, talking about sounds, enriching vocabulary, gaining an understanding of rhyme and the rhythm of sounds. You can help your child at home by saying the sound and the beginning of familiar words and finding other

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words that begin with the same sound. (For example - choose an apple for a, and then link it to ant, or sausage for s and see if your child can say snake, and so on).



Happy
50th
Anniversary

Happy Anniversary Blewbury Pre-School

On Thursday 29th April, Blewbury Pre-School will be 50 years old! We will be celebrating (once Covid regulations permit!) with an open day at Pre-School, where everyone will be welcome to pop in, have a look around, look at our photo albums from the last 50 years, eat cake, have ice cream and generally have great fun at our party!

Arriving at Pre-School

As we are now beginning to prepare the older children for their transition to Primary School, we would like each child to be ready to enter Pre-School when the front door is opened at 9.00am.

Please encourage your child to stay with you and not run around the Churchyard when you arrive, as this delays the process of arrival and often the children come in to Pre-School with wet shoes and socks. We can then speed up the process of signing children in and having registration so that we quickly begin the activities for the day.

** Thank you **

To all those who have again donated cleaning products to help us keep Pre-School the clean and healthy place that we would like it to be. Your generosity is very much appreciated, and we are so grateful.

A reminder about our Covid 19 procedures - Please remember to:-

- 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 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.
- If lockdown is presenting you and your family with any hardship whatsoever, please do talk confidentially to a member of staff, or email us, so that we can help you. There is help available.

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Parenting Information

We have attached to this Newsletter some information about preparing for School which you may find helpful. Don't forget; please do speak to your child's Key Person if you have any questions about your child's day at Pre-School, we are always very happy to chat to you. We recognise that conversations at the door are difficult, but please phone, or email, so that we can arrange a time to talk.

Best wishes for a happy and enjoyable term, from Mrs Edwards, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Cheswick