

Newsletter for Term 6 2022

Welcome back to our final term of this academic year - this Newsletter contains all the important information you need to put into your diaries to support your child at Pre-School for Term 6. We would also like to extend a huge welcome to two new families - **Imogen Barlow** joins this term, while **Isla Loveridge** and **Eddie Shipton** joined us just before half term. We are delighted that Imogen, Isla and Eddie are all starting their early years with Blewbury Pre-School and we wish them and their families a very happy and enjoyable time here.

Farewell to our Leavers' at the end of this term

This term we will say farewell to a group of children moving onto Primary School in September, and we wish all these children our very best wishes in their chosen schools: Sam Wright, Thomas Herold, Juno Winterbourne, Chloe Brooker, Christopher Whiting, Rex Beale, Evie Amor, Imogen Lee, Isobel Walters, and Isla Loveridge.

We will also be saying farewell to Miss Ella Keats who has worked here as a member of staff for one year providing staff cover and support to the group on a Monday and Friday. Miss Ella is going to study teacher training at Oxford Brookes University, and we wish her all the very best for her new career. Our lovely volunteer, Miffy, is also off to study Art at Henley College. Miffy has been with us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings since the Autumn, and we are so grateful to Miffy for all that she has achieved here with us. We look forward to hearing all about Miffy's next adventures.

We shall miss you all. Please keep in touch and let us know how you are all getting on.



A massive big **THANK YOU** to all those who supported our Quiz and Curry Night on 21st May. We raised a whopping £2,200 which we are all thrilled with and this will go towards all the many financial costs that we need to pay this year. Thank you to all the Committee members who worked tirelessly to set up and run this event and to **Sheila Austin and Creative Catering** who have been extremely generous with their provision of food and are such fantastic supporters of Pre-School.

We have a lot of events happening this term, so we will list the weekly themes and dates for your diary in order. We are continuing with our theme of '**Number Rhymes and Songs**', and will be exploring the curriculum through five more weekly themes and two weeks of fun!

Week 1 - 6th - 10th June: Number Rhyme: Hickory Dickory Dock **Please help your child learn this well known rhyme**

On Tuesday 7th June, we will welcome Ms Jess Buckler, the Teacher of Da Vinci Class at Blewbury Primary School who will visit Pre-School at Story Time and share a story with all the children. This will be a lovely opportunity for children moving onto Blewbury Primary School to see their new teacher.



Week 2 - 13th - 17th June

Number Rhyme: I have 10 little fingers, and they all belong to me.

We will also be celebrating Father's Day and Sports Day. We will welcome two students from Didcot Girls' School - Isabel Cox and Evie Southwell-Sander for work experience this week. Isabel and Evie both came here when they were young, so it will be lovely to see them again and we are sure the children will enjoy their company.

The rhyme of the week is:-

I have 10 little fingers, and they all belong to me.

I can make them do things - would you like to see?

I can shut them up tight or open them wide

Put them together or make them all hide.

I can make them jump high, I can make them jump low.

I can fold them together and hold them just so.

School Visit to Blewbury Primary School on Tuesday 14th June

For children moving to Blewbury Primary School in September there is a planned visit day on Tuesday 14th June when Mrs Edwards will also be in Da Vinci Class to help children settle into their new Classroom and meet their new Teacher and support staff. This will provide a lovely opportunity for the children to get to know the School and their new teachers in a calm and relaxed way and get used to the school routines before they begin. Many of the routines will be familiar, such as changing into indoor shoes, putting their snack into a box, and getting busy with an activity as they arrive into the Classroom. If you have any concerns about your child starting School, please speak to your child's Key Person so that we can liaise with Ms Buckler to ensure a very smooth transition between Pre-School and Primary School. Please arrive at Blewbury Primary School for 8.45am and collect your child at 11.45am. For children moving onto other Primary Schools, you should receive similar invitations from your child's new School and we hope they will very much enjoy this too.

Our Sports Day will be held on Thursday 16th June at 9.30am in the Play Close (just around the corner from Pre-School).

All the children and their families are invited to attend our Sports Day and Da Vinci Class from Blewbury Primary School will also be coming along to watch. There is a race for younger siblings - our toddlers' race, and also not forgetting the highly competitive Mums' and Dads' race! All children who normally attend the Thursday session, please come along as normal to Pre-School for 9.00am. For all other children, please meet us on the Play Close at 9.30am so that we can all sit together on the rugs that will be provided. There will be a number of traditional races for Pre-School children such as running race, potato and spoon and bean bag race. It all promises to be lots of fun, so please come along and cheer on all the children.



Week 3 - 20th - 24th June

Number Rhyme: 5 Little Peas

Five little peas in a pea-pod pressed
One grew, two grew, and so did all the rest.
They grew and they grew ...and they did not stop,
Until one day the pod went pop.

Week 4 - 27th June - 1st July

Number Rhyme: Here is the Beehive

Here is the beehive,
Where are the bees?
Hidden away where nobody sees.
Watch and you'll see them come out of the
hive. One...two...three...four...five!

Week 5 - 4th - 8th July

Number Rhyme: 5 Scoops of Ice Cream

Five scoops of ice cream with sprinkles on top
I licked one scoop, and it went plop!

Four scoops of ice cream...
Three scoops of ice cream...
Two scoops of ice cream...
One scoop of ice cream...

No scoops of ice cream on my cone.
I'm still hungry, so I'm going home

Tuesday 5th July - Visit to Blewbury School

Children moving to Blewbury Primary School have another planned visit day on Tuesday 5th July. We hope that you will all enjoy your morning in Da Vinci Class and we look forward to hearing all about it.

Week 6 - 11th - 15th July and Week 7 - 18th - 20th July

Our theme will be fun for the last week and a half of Pre-School before the summer holidays. We finish at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 20th July, so there will be no extended hours session on that day. Our Summer Outing will be on Thursday 14th July and more details are outlined below.

The Early Years Alliance have a very useful website called 'Family Corner', which has lots of interesting advice on a whole range of useful information, including free online parenting sessions. Use this link: <https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/family-corner> to find out more.

Resources for Starting School

We have a lovely selection of story books about starting school which are available for your child to look at and borrow from the Book Box which will be on the bench outside each session. Please return them to the Book Box when you have finished with them. We will be doing lots of work with our older children to help prepare them for starting school.

Group Photo for our Leavers'

We are in the process of organising our traditional group photo of all the children leaving Pre-School this year together with the teachers. We will write to you shortly with the date for this.

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Summer Outing on Thursday 14th July

All parents, carers, grandparents and friends are invited to accompany their Pre-School child on our trip. It will be so good to go away for a trip after two years of Covid! We have chosen Bucklebury Farm Park this year as there are animals, several play areas, a tractor trailer ride and a lovely picnic area. For more information about Bucklebury Farm Park, please visit their website: www.buckleburyfarm.co.uk

We suggest meeting at the main entrance of Bucklebury Farm Park at 10.00am so that we can enter as a group. We have been able to make use of the generous group discount which is £7.75 per ticket for children (under 2s free), and 10% off the gate price for adults of £15.45. We aim to leave at approx 2.00pm so that families can return in time to pick up older siblings from Primary School. Our programme for the day will be: 10 am - Arrival, get familiarised with the area, toilet trip, snack etc. 10.30 - Farm Tour and meet the animals, 11.30 - Tractor Ride around the deer park, 12.15 - Back to base for lunch and the play parks. 2pm - Depart.

The staff will all be attending, and we are happy to move around the Park in a group once we have entered, or you can 'do your own thing' and meet us at 12 noon for a picnic. We will be bringing a picnic but there is also a café selling hot and cold drinks and snacks if you wish to use this. We would love all the children to attend, so if you have any queries, please do let us know. Don't forget to pack your sun cream for the hot weather and your rain coats if it is wet! *Please note, there will be no Pre-School session in Blewbury this day.*

Please can you complete the attached form, indicating your requirements and return this with your cheque, by Monday 27th June at the latest, so that we can book your place.

Summer Outing on Thursday 14th July

Name of Child:

Name of Adult(s)

We would like Adult Tickets at £13.91 per ticket

We would like Child Tickets at £7.75 per ticket

We enclose payment of £

Please return this form together with payment by Monday 27th June 2022

* If you are family members of Bucklebury Farm Park, you will need to bring along your membership card on the day.

If you need transport to Bucklebury Farm Park, please let your child's Key Person know so that we can try to arrange this for you.

Thank you for your help.



Term dates for 2022/2023 will be sent out shortly. Our first day of Term in September is **Tuesday 6th September 2022.**

Learning at Home

1. *Learn the rhyme each week with your child* - so that we can say these at GroupTime together. This will help your child with recognising number and rhyme.

2. *Take A Story Sack Home* - The sack contains a popular Story, together with props for retelling the story, a game, ideas for activities and another book with an associated story line. The cost for borrowing a story sack for one week is £1.00 and the cost goes towards replacing items in the bag that become lost or damaged. The purpose of the story sacks is to encourage your child to have a love of reading, enter a world of their own imagination and develop many skills from looking at picture books.

3. *Borrow a Story from the Book Box Lending Library*

Now that the weather is beginning to improve, we will put the Library Book Box out on the bench at the beginning and end of the session and just inside the main door during the session. Please help yourself to a book. There is no cost, just pop your name down on the list so that we know where the book is! There are books on the weekly themes, ideas for activities for you to with your child, and lovely story books for you to share with your child.

How does this help your child?

From an early age, children learn to hold a book the right way up and then turn the pages correctly. Following on from this, children begin to use the picture clues to tell the story in their own words. Later, children start to talk about the characters they can see and sequence the events in the story, using storybook language such as 'Once upon a time' and 'The End'. By the time that children are ready to move onto School, some children are able to recognise that English is read from right to left and follow the words with their fingers, they can also recognise letters at the beginning and ends of words and can hear the pattern of rhyme when the story is read to them.

Above all, have fun learning at home with your child!

Remember, we are always here for a chat about any issue of concern you may have or any feedback you wish to give.

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

Snack time - Please follow the current rules:-

1. Snacks should be placed in a bag with the child's name on or in a named container.
2. Please do not include nuts/products containing nuts.
3. Snacks should be healthy, so please do not include crisps (including salty snacks) or chocolate.
4. Snacks should be a piece of fruit or vegetable such as carrot or cucumber, one savoury biscuit, piece of cheese.

Thank you for your help with this.