Autumn Term 2nd Half

Firstly we would like to welcome all of our children back to Pre School, we hope you have all had a wonderful short break. As the weather draws colder and wetter ,can we remind all parents to ensure children are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather as we will still be going on walks around the village. Thank you to all parents who purchased a ticket to our Halloween party it was a great success!

By having these events, it really helps raise money for the Pre school, during these difficult times, we try our upmost to avoid putting more financial burden on parents, however we do also have to ensure the pre school is covering costs especially these ever increasing costs.

As most of you may be aware we will now be charging all children a snack contribution of £5 per half term, this will be added on to all invoices from this half term, each day all children are given one piece of fruit and a drink of milk.

This time of year is always very busy at pre school, as we lead up towards Christmas, in the past we have gone on a xmas trip, however with the cost of living crisis we have decided its not the best time of year to add additional pressue to parents by asking parents to fund this trip, therefore we will be holding a Christmas party at pre school, Our Pre School party will be held on Thursday 8th December from 1pm -2pm, with visits from santa from 2-3pm, you do not need to attend the party, however if you would like to see your child receive a present from santa you can come from 2pm onwards, santa will only be available until 3 pm therefore we ask that parents are prompt when visiting santa to ensure all children get to visit santa.

The cost of the Christmas party is £5, this will include your party food for your child, and a present for your child.

Our Christmas performance this year will be held on Friday 16th December at 1-2pm this will be held at St Andrews Church. All children will be in small groups for their performance, you can dress your children up in costumes, relevent to their group (details about groups will be shared closer to the date) if your child does not attend on a Friday please can they be dropped off at St Andrews at 12.45 parents need to arrive at 12.45 to watch their childs performance. Refreshments will be provided for parents afterwards whilst they wait for their child/children. Tickets for the performance will be sold for £1 per adult with a maximum of 4 tickets per child.

We will be holding parent consultation week, this is an opportunity for parents to speak to their childs key worker to find out how they are getting on in the setting and discuss any concerns in development. Consultation week will be the week commencing 21st November this will be held throughout the day therefore if you cannot attend in person this can be done via telephone call at a time convient to you. You childs key worker will approach you to arrange a time and a day.

There will be some changes in keyworkers over the next half term, as we have Sophie and Becki returning, however please do not be alarmed by this as all staff work closely with all children in the setting, a keyworkers role is purely for tracking development and completing tapestry, therefore this will cause no disruption to the the children. You will be informed of your childs key worker, should it be changed.

Once again we found ourselves in a vunerable situation with insufficiant numbers of committee members, the pre-school can not remain open without a committee therefore should you wish to join the committee or know of anyone who would wish to commit to joining the committee please get in touch, I would advise all applicants to come along to a committee meeting to find out what the role entails.

We seem to have an increase in children bringings items from home into pre school, whilst we understand some children like to bring in a comforter, we ask please try to avoid bringing in toys, as this can cause distress if they are lost or broken, we are also finding this is causing dispute amongst the children, as children of this age group often do not want to share their belongings.