



Friary Preschool

30 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Newsletter 2

We have spent a lovely time meeting our new children and we were very pleased to welcome everyone back to preschool after the summer holidays.

SETTLING IN

Members of staff are very happy with how quickly and smoothly the children have adapted to the routines of the preschool this year. The children have shown a great interest in taking part in prepared activities and have been discovering and investigating the resources available to them as well as the outside garden. It is with great pleasure that we have been observing how new friendships are developing among the children and how the children have been engaged in following the daily routine at preschool.

9.00 - 9.15 registration, carpet time, morning prayer

9.20 - 10.15 free play, adult led activities

10.15 - 11.20 Snack time, free play, adult led activities

11.25 tidy up time

11.30 Zumba, Yoga, Meditation

11.45 carpet time: song of sounds, story time, song box, lunch prayer

12-00 - 12.20 Lunch time

12.30 afternoon children arrive

12.30 - 13.30 free play

13.30 - 14.30 snack time, adult led activities

14.35 tidy up time

14.40 carpet time: story time, song box, afternoon prayer

15.00 home time

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15.00- 15.30 Small group activities
15.30 home time

Garden doors are open most of the time during the day and staff encourage children, to spend time playing outside.

ACTIVITIES

I must say September has been very enjoyable and the children have been amazing. Among some of the activities, the children were introduced to the 'Gruffalo' story and at the end of the week, inspired by the book and healthy eating, they baked a delicious Gruffalo apple crumble.

Thank you to those parents who sent a family and a passport photo of their child. Family pictures were very helpful when we had a Family related week at preschool. Children made a beautiful portrait of their family members. On Friary Preschool Facebook page as well as Tapestry you can find a small gallery and recent updates regarding preschool

In October we will be doing a lot of activities relating to Autumn and nature. ***Please can we ask for a donation for indoor and outdoor plants, bulbs, and herbs.*** It will help us to create an Eco-friendly environment at the preschool.

WE ARE ALL READING

Is a project which we prepared to help the children to develop a love of books and reading. We are delighted to have a voluntary member of the Crawley Catholic Parish coming to preschool every month to read a story to the children.

*We would like to involve parents and carers by inviting you to read a story to the children at preschool. **Please contact a member of staff if you would like to read to the children.***

We also arrange a story time with a member of the public library staff and we are trying to provide lots of different types of children's books, encouraging the children to choose stories by themselves for their book bags.

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Last month we held a *Gruffalo* week and beginning on the 18th October our activities will be focused around the '*Room on the broom*' book.

During this time, children can come to the preschool dressed up like a witch, a black cat, or any costume which your child would like to wear.

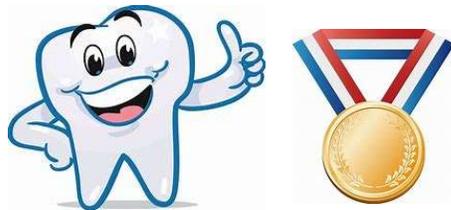
This will also be Pumpkin Week so maybe a pumpkin costume will be a good idea.

We will be very pleased to receive donations of pumpkins during this week or cash donations towards the cost of pumpkins.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

SHINE BRIGHT

Your child has received a toothbrush and a brushing teeth chart. Please remind and help your child to brush their teeth in the morning and evening. ***Don't forget to fill in the chart and bring it back to receive a gold medal!***



HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

In preschool we are teaching the children about healthy life-styles and encouraging them to be healthy. We are concerned when we see: cold fries, chips, burgers, chicken nuggets and chocolate sandwiches in children's packed lunch boxes as we want the children to eat healthy options at preschool.

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Please contact member a member of staff, if you would like some advice on preparing a healthy lunch for your child.

Please Remember NO NUTS. Grapes should be cut in half length ways.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

I regret that we are no longer able to permit parents or carers to bring cakes and other edible treats into the Preschool for sharing with the children due to concerns regarding allergies.

If you wish, the Preschool is happy to offer your child a birthday cake and balloons. Please provide the Preschool with plenty of notice if you would like the Preschool to organise a cake and balloons. A minimum donation of £12 would be welcomed to cover the cost of the cakes and balloons. Party bags or sweets for children are not included, these can be provide by parents but would be handed to children's parents when they are picked up.

If you are interested in this facility, please contact a member of staff providing a minimum 1 weeks-notice.

Preschool Parent / Carer Open Session

On the 3rd November, at 4 o'clock, the preschool will be holding a Parent / Carer Open Session providing you with the opportunity to meet the Preschool team and other Parent / Carer's.

If you would like a one to one with any of the Practitioners, then they will be on hand and happy to speak with you.

Third Party Activities

The Preschool hopes to shortly introduce external coaches to the Preschool to deliver dance sessions and football coaching sessions to the children on a regular weekly basis. It would be appreciated if parents and carers could help cover the cost of the coaches by making a small donation towards these activities. More information to follow in due course.

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Preschool Finances

You may be aware that the Friary Preschool was purposely rebuilt at a cost of £325,000 in September 2016.

To Fund this project, the Crawley Catholic Parish pre-agreed an overdraft facility with the Arundel and Brighton Diocese.

Good progress has been made to date towards restoring the Preschool bank account to a positive balance by effective management of income and expenditure and through local fund-raising activities.

It is projected that as at the end of 2021, the account will be overdrawn by c£100,000.

Fr Raymond Tumba, OSA and the Friary Preschool Management Committee would like to initiate a Fund-Raising programme with the objective of finally paying off the remaining overdraft, financially securing the future of the Friary Preschool.

During the current school year, the Friary Preschool will be initialising various fund-raising activities to raise monies towards reaching the target £100,000 needed to restore the Friary Bank Account to a positive position, please support these fund-raising activities where possible and if you can, donate generously to this excellent cause.

In the meantime, if you would like to make an ad-hoc donation towards the repayment of the overdraft please contact Agata the Acting Preschool Manager or Neil the Parish and Preschool Business Manager.

STAFF LEAVING AND JOB VACANCY

Georgia and Monika M will shortly be leaving the Friary Preschool, we would like to wish them all the best in their new endeavour's and thank them for their contributions to the Preschool over the years.

We are currently recruiting, please see our website for job details.

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SNACK DONATION

Thank you for supporting the provision of children Preschool snacks by donating money towards the cost of the snacks. The suggested minimum donation for parents is £2 that can be left at the Preschool door.

Children can choose fruits, vegetables, crackers, bread sticks, cereal, cheese, and oats biscuits.

LABELLING

It is very important to label children belongs (bags, bottles, coats, hats, etc.)

TOILET TRAINING

Please contact us if you are starting toilet training at home with your child. We will continue to support your child during their time at the Preschool.

Please **do not** send children to Preschool in 'pull ups'.

PRECHOOL SESSION TIMES

Please note that the Preschool sessions for the children are:

- Mornings: 9.00am to 12.00pm
- Afternoons: 12.30pm to 3.30pm
- All Day: 9.00am to 3.00pm

To ensure that the Preschool team have time for their own lunch break and to maintain the staff to children ratio's we must be strict with the operating of these sessions and regrettably cannot enter bespoke arrangements with Parents and Carers and allow afternoon children to join the All-Day children for lunch.

For those children that have enjoyed these bespoke arrangements in the early weeks of the term, I regret that going forward this arrangement cannot be sustained. Parents and Carers, please therefore adhere to the session timings quoted above for the sessions that your children attend.

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LATE CHARGING

Parents and Carers are reminded that children must be collected on time. If you are going to be late, please telephone the Preschool to advise on **01293 403873**.

Please note that there is a late charge of **£5.50** that the Preschool will now begin to be charged from October. **You have been warned!**

PRESCHOOL MOBILE PHONE NUMBER

The Preschool mobile telephone number is **07305 375290**.

This telephone number should only be used in emergencies and only after you have called the main Preschool Landline on **01293 403873**

For general enquiries, these can be emailed to the Friary Preschool using the email address: info@friarypreschool.co.uk

CHILD SICKNESS

Parents and Carers are asked to contact the Preschool on the landline telephone number **01293 403873** if your child is sick or unable to attend the Preschool on the morning that they are due to attend.

PARENT AND CARER MOBILE PHONES

Please can all Parent and Carers kindly finish all telephone conversations and turn off all mobile phones before entering the Preschool playground to drop off or pick-up your child.

It is important that the Preschool Practitioners have your full attention at drop off and collection times.

HALF TERM

A gentle reminder that half-term is scheduled for the **25 October 2021 to 29 October 2021**.

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PRESCHOOL WEBSITE

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We would like to wish you and your children a positive and enjoyable start to the new school year.

Warmest wishes

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