



September 2023

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to those parents and carers whose children have return to us after the summer holidays and a very warm welcome to all our new parents and carers. We hope that the time your children spend at the Friary Preschool will be a happy, enjoyable, and successful experience and that you feel part of the community here.

In this first newsletter we have drawn your attention to some key information that you need to know. For further information we advise you to look at our prospectus that is available on Friary Preschool website.

Staff

Maryen Peiris is the preschool manager and Olivia Gailey is the deputy manager. If you have any concerns or worries, you should arrange to speak to either Mayren or Olivia. Preschool practitioners are Monika, Gaelle, Swati, Anoja and Moniza. Preschool administrator is Magdalena Bray.

Tapestry

Tapestry is our online journal. Activation emails have been sent to all parents last week, therefore all parents should be able to access and see their children's photos and observations. As parents/carers you can upload photos and observations to the journal so that the staff can see them as it will be a form of communication during the session with your children. If you have any issues logging into tapestry, please speak to the member of staff.

Book Bags

Next week children will come home with their book bags. We would like to encourage all parents to read books with children regularly. Please make a little comment in a book log provided or let your child draw a picture after reding together. Book bags will be sent home on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

September focus

This month children are learning some Preschool rules, such as good table manners, to be kind to all friends and to say please and thank you. Children are practising and learning of self-care by washing hands after going to the toilet and before eating. Children are supported in familiarising themselves with their pegs, trays, lunch bags etc.

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Snack

We encourage all the children to bring in a fruit to share with other children during snack time or donation of £2 per week. This may also include a variety of different fruits, breadsticks, crackers, cucumber, and carrots etc...

Healthy packed lunch

Please clearly label your child's lunch box. If your child is staying all day, they will need a packed lunch. To encourage healthy eating, we ask you not to include crisps, chocolates, cakes, or sweets in your child's packed lunch. Please cut grapes and tomatoes lengthways to protect your child from choking.

Due to extreme allergic reactions, we cannot allow children to bring peanut butter sandwiches or any form of nuts in their packed lunch as we are a NUT FREE Preschool. We would like to thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Water bottles

All children will need to bring a clearly named bottle of water to preschool each day. We encourage children to have water and not squash in their water bottles.

Sun cream

If we have some warm sunny weather at the start of term, please ensure that you apply sun cream before your child comes to preschool. Please can you also ensure that you provide us with sun cream labelled with your child's name so that we can reapply it if required.

Nappies

If your child is not yet toilet trained, please provide us with both nappies and baby wipes. These need to be in a bag with your child's name clearly labelled on it. If you are in the process of toilet training, please let a member of staff know so that we can support you in this process.

Wellies

We do have an outdoor covered area so that the children can play outside in all seasons. We also have access to the school field for some of the year and the playground at the front of the preschool so please provide your child with wellies so that they are not worried about getting their shoes muddy and can enjoy going in puddles. Once again these can be left at preschool in a named bag.

Contact numbers and change of phone numbers

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Please ensure that you keep all the contact numbers you have provided us with up to date. We need to be made aware in advance if another person is collecting your child who we do not know.

Safeguarding

We are taking safeguarding seriously. We ask you to write in our accident folder any accidents/injuries that happened outside preschool, date it, describe what happened and sign it. If any accidents happen at preschool, we have a duty to write it in the accident form, sign it and receive your signature to confirm you have been informed. Thank you for complying with our safeguarding procedures. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please speak to Maryen or Olivia.

Chaplaincy

We are most fortunate to have Fr Raymond Tumba, our Parish Priest, as the Chair of the Preschool Management Committee. Fr Raymond will be a frequent visitor to the preschool and will be supported by his assistant priests, Fr Joachim, and Fr Nelson.

Preschool website

For detailed information about the preschool please refer to our website:

<https://www.friarypreschool.co.uk/>

We also have a Facebook page that you will be able to see regular photos of activities during the week.

Friary Preschool Vacancy – Early Years Practitioner

We are looking for an Early Years Practitioner to join our team. Level 2/3 in childcare is essential and minimum of 3 years of childcare experience required. Please contact the preschool manager for more information.

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

With Our Warmest Wishes

The Friary Preschool Team

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