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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after October Half Term. We hope all children and their families had a fantastic time during the break. We are very excited for upcoming November days as we have lots of interesting activities planned for this month such as creating firework pictures, making smiley faces, and learning colours and patterns.

Important days celebrated in November.

All Saints Day – 1st November Bonfire Night – 5th November World Smile Day – 6th November Remembrance Day – 11th November Diwali Festival – 12th November World Kindness Day – 13th November

Safeguarding awareness week 6th -10th November. Children will be learning about safe touch and unkind touch, stranger/danger etc. using NSPCC resources to promote children's safety.

Fundraising Event – Christmas/Winter theme photo shoot $6^{th} - 10^{th}$ November

Please send your child's festive outfit/green/red etc. in a separate bag with your child's name clearly written on it. Each year our preschool relies on fundraising events. The funds raised from the event go towards educational resources and other opportunities for the children.

Parent / Carer consultation dates - December

A reminder that the Preschool Parent / Carer consultations will take place over three days on November 27th, 29th and 30th. Please speak to your child's key practitioner to book an appointment. This is an opportunity for the parents/carers to meet with children's key workers, discuss children's development and their next steps.

Staff changes

Following a recent resignation one of our staff members Monika Obhan, we are delighted to welcome two new staff members Magdalena Pieniadz who has joined our team on the 30th of October and Darlene Etienne who will join our team on the 13th of November.

Friary Preschool

Southgate Drive, Southgate Crawley, West Sussex, RH106HD Telephone: 01293 403873 <u>https://www.friarypreschool.co.uk/</u> <u>https://www.facebook.com/FriaryPreschoolCrawley/</u>



Online School Application Form

If your child is due to start school in September2024, you must apply online by visiting **westsussex.gov.uk/admissions** before the closing date – 15th January 2024.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - OPEN MORNING

St Francis of Assisi will be opening its door to prospective parents on Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 9.30am. This is for children applying for a place in Reception Class next September 2024. If you wish to book a place, please email: office@stfrancisassisi.org.uk.

Parent Partnership

We would like to hear your views, suggestions, or any feedback you may have. This is the best way for us to improve and implement good changes to our setting. Please feel free to email us at info@friarypreschool.co.uk.

Lunch

Please ensure your child has a healthy, substantial packed lunch. Can we remind all parents that children are not allowed to have chocolate, biscuits, and sweets in their lunch bags.

Collecting your child EARLY/LATE

We are kindly asking all parents/carers to collect children promptly at the time their session ends. Collection times are 12pm, 3pm or 3.30pm. This is due to staff and children taking part in activities throughout the sessions and are not always able to handover your child before their session ends.

If your child has an appointment and you need to collect your child at a different time to their session ends, please email or call the preschool office and we will make sure your child is ready when you turn up to collect them.

Preschool Contact Details

For general enquiries, these can be emailed to the Friary Preschool using the email address: <u>info@friarypreschool.co.uk</u> or by telephone on <u>01293 403873</u>.

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.

Warmest wishes,

The Friary Preschool Team

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