



Issue 120, December 2023

Dates for Diaries

08.02.24

Valentine's Day Disco

3.15-4.15pm

Following our successful Autumn Disco, we will be holding another disco for Valentine's Day. More information to follow closer to the event.

04.03.24-08.03.24

Mother's Day Shop

Children will have the opportunity to buy a gift for mum, nanny, auntie or other special grown-up. Details TBC.

14.03.24

Mill Cottage farm Experience Visit

08.30am-11.30am

As part of our learning about animals, the Mill Cottage team will be bringing a variety of farm animals in for us to see. Children who do not usually attend on a Thursday morning are also invited to come along. *(Please book this with the office the week before).*

23.03.24

Easter Family Fun Day

12pm-4pm

We are holding a family fun day at St Andrew's Church Hall. There will be games and activities for all the family. More information to follow.

09.05.24

Summer Outing

Please join us for a fun day out at Marwell Zoo. Parents and carers are invited to join us for the day, but we will also be able to offer spaces for children to attend with staff. More information to follow.

18.06.24 & 19.06.24

Sports Days

2pm-3.15pm

Parents and carers are encouraged to join us for Sports Days. The younger children (those not going to school in September 2024) will take part on Tuesday 18th June, and the Early Learners (those going to school in September 2024) will take part on Wednesday 19th June 2024. Each event will start at 2pm. If your child doesn't usually attend on the day, please bring them to pre-school at 2pm. The committee may also have some goodies to buy, so please remember to bring your change!

Dates for Diaries contd.

26.06.24

Parents Evening

6pm-8pm

Parents are invited to come and speak to their child's key person about their learning and development. More information about how to book your appointment nearer the time.

19.07.24

Early Learner's Leaver's Afternoon

1.30pm

We would like to invite all Early Learners to join us for an afternoon of fun activities to celebrate the end of their pre-school journey. Parents and carers are also invited to join us for afternoon tea in the garden. More details to follow.

Term Dates

2023-24

AUTUMN TERM: 01.09.23—15.12.23

HALF TERM: 23.10.23—29.10.23

SPRING TERM: 02.01.24—28.03.24

HALF TERM: 12.02.24—18.02.24

SUMMER TERM: 15.04.24—23.07.24

HALF TERM: 27.05.24—02.06.24

INSET DAYS

Friday 1st September 2023

Friday 26th April 2024

Tuesday 7th May 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Message From the Team

The autumn term has been full of fun. The children have had a lovely time and learnt lots.

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Being Healthy

Please help us try and combat the winter germs by helping the children learn good hygiene practises such as Catch it, Kill it, Bin it!



Funding Reminder

'30-hour funding'

If you are eligible, please ensure you have applied via the Government Gateway and provided us with your code and National Insurance number.

'Two-year old funding' for disadvantaged families

If you are eligible, please let us know by either providing your code (beginning TYF) or emailing us to apply on your behalf.

New 'Two-year old funding' for working families

The new funding for eligible 2-year olds comes into effect from April 2024.

If you are eligible, please ensure you have applied via the Government Gateway and provided us with your code and National Insurance number.

For Spring term funding please let us know by Friday 15th December 2023 to ensure we are able to claim.

For Summer term funding please let us know by Monday 25th March 2024 to ensure we are able to claim.

Development & Learning

Toilet training

All children develop differently which means they will all be ready to toilet train at different times. Although it can seem daunting, try to keep positive and do let us know if there is anything we can help.

Some signs that your child might be ready

- *Can they get on, off and sit on the toilet (with a step or a seat)?*
- *Are they showing signs they can hold their urine and be dry for a couple of hours?*
- *Are they going for a poo at similar times each day?*
- *Do they know when they have had a wee or poo?*

We are very happy to support toilet training, so as soon as you are ready to give it a go, let us know and we will copy your approach at pre-school.

If your child doesn't seem to get to grips with using the potty or the toilet don't let it get you or your child down. You can either go back to nappies and try again at another time, or just keep persevering. There's no right or wrong answer! If you decide to take a break, leave it a few weeks to avoid confusing your little one.

Help and support is available from pre-school staff, GPs and Health Visitors. You can also find lots of useful information on the ERIC website.



Reminders

CONTACT DETAILS:

Please ensure you keep us updated of any changes to your contact details, including emergency contact details to ensure we are able to contact someone AT ALL TIMES.

LUNCHBOXES, DRINK BOTTLES & BAGS:

Please ensure lunchboxes are NAMED ON THE OUTSIDE. Drink bottles must only contain water and also be named.

We are a NUT FREE ZONE due to life threatening allergies.

Please ensure bags only contain a change of clothes, nappies and a comforter if needed.

ILLNESS:

If your child has had diarrhoea or vomited, please keep them at home until 48 hours after the last episode.

MEDICATION:

Pre-school are only able to administer emergency reliever medication for asthma and allergies. We cannot administer any other medication unless prescribed, and only for children in receipt of 30 hour funding.

SUN CREAM:

Pre-school are able to apply Garnier Solaire Factor 30. If your child requires a different brand, please provide a named sun cream to leave at pre-school.

CAR PARKING:

Please DO NOT use the school car park or tennis club car park at any time. Please use the pull-in on the green.

SCHOOL CLIMBING FRAME/WOODLAND AREAS

Please do not allow your children to play on the large climbing equipment or in the school woodland areas. *The climbing frame is not suitable for children under 6 years.*

LATE COLLECTION:

Late pick-up will be charged at £8.00 per 15 minutes.

