

February Newsletter 2015

Dear all, thank you to everyone who came in on our Community Week. The children were very fortunate to be able to see people from our community that they might not otherwise have met and had the opportunity to ask lots of questions and play with the props! We were visited by a plumber, two dental nurses, policemen and firemen/women to name a few. Thank you all of you. We are collecting the Sainsbury's vouchers again this year so if you could save them when you next go shopping the children can then post them in the box and we will hopefully be able to get some lovely new resources for preschool. As you will see from our vouchers wish list we need lots and lots of them to make them count so please bring as many as you can! Thank you, Charlie.

Food Allergens

If your child is allergic to any of the 14 most common allergens listed below please do let us know so we can cater accordingly.

The allergens are; Celery, Cereals containing gluten, Crustaceans, Eggs, Fish, Lupin, Milk, Molluscs, Mustard, Nuts, Peanuts, Sesame Seeds, Soya, Sulphur Dioxide.

HALF TERM DATES

We will be closed for half term from Monday the 16th February to Friday 20th February. We will reopen on Monday 23rd February.

School Photos - 12th February

Our photographer is coming in on Thursday 12th February.

She will be here from 09.00 – 12.00. If you would like photos of any siblings please bring them in and she will be happy to take them.

The photos will be ready for collection before Mothers Day at the end of March.

Timekeeping

Please can we ask that you drop and collect your children to Pre-School on time.

In particular those children that are moving up to lower school in September need to be on time. We will be having lots of visits to Rainbows at the lower school and if the children do not leave promptly then it shortens their time in the new surroundings. To ease the transition we would like them to have as much time there as possible. If they are not in by 0915 then they will miss their visits altogether.

We ask parents every year at about this time to also start to leave their child at the door rather than coming in with them. It can be difficult for the little ones to see past all the grown ups and it also starts to help prepare them for big school.

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is coming! We will be taking the children to the post box to post their special cards and would like to ask for donations of stamps please.

If you could supply either a stamp or the pennies for one it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The children will also be making very special cookies for you and we would like to ask for a contribution of £1 each please.

Thank you



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SICKNESS AND DIAORHEA

Children are not permitted to return to pre-school until 48 hours after their last episode.

This will minimise the risk of infection to the other children.

Medication Policy

Our medication policy has had to change to reflect the most recent First Aid training. We are now no longer able to take bottles of medicine that have been previously opened in to Pre-School. If you would like to view the full policy it is available on our website or you can ask a member of staff for a copy.

FYI

Pre-school phone number
01582 883238

Please visit our website
www.bartonleclaypreschool.org

Toilet Roll Tubes/Egg Boxes

We would be grateful if you could please send in any cardboard toilet roll tubes and egg boxes. Thank you!



Progress Checker

For your information we have put a link on our website to a progress checker. The developmental stages in this progress checker have been produced by speech and language therapists based on research and their knowledge of communication development. Please visit our website or go to the link below if you should have any concerns.

www.talkingpoint.org.uk/par.../directory/progress-checker.aspx

Forest School Updates

Our Forest School handbook is now available for you to view on our website or alternatively you can borrow a hard copy from us.

We update our Facebook page weekly with our Forest School diary also. If you would like to know more about Forest School and its origins, Surrey County Council have put a video on You Tube entitled "An introduction to Forest School" that you might find useful.

Facebook Page

Please like our Facebook page, Barton Preschool Fundraising for regular updates and information

Recycled uniform!

We have a wide variety of good condition recycled uniform if you should need it. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to purchase any. All items are 50p.

Children's Scarves Please can we remind you that we prefer children not to have scarves in Pre-School and ask if they must wear them that they are taken away by the parent/carer once the child is in Pre-School. Thank you

POLICIES AND COMPLAINTS

Barton-le-Clay Pre-school has a very comprehensive set of policies that govern how we run the pre-school. These are regularly checked and updated where necessary. You are very welcome to request to see the folder and read through the policies at any time. Please just ask a member of staff or committee and they will get it from the office for you. Equally should there be any element of pre-school that you are unhappy with we would urge you to speak to a member of staff or committee. All of the committee's contact details are on the notice board in the foyer. We also have the suggestions box in the foyer that you may also like to use. We value all kinds of feedback.



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