

# September Newsletter 2015

A huge welcome back to you all and of course to all our new starters a huge welcome to our Pre School. I hope you are all settling in and looking forward to an exciting new term. It can be daunting for the new little ones, (not least for the parents!), but I am sure that once you all get to know our fabulous staff and routines that you will feel at home in no time. We would like to thank Evelina for looking after our nature garden in the summer and keeping it watered, Thank you! We hope our Newsletter will keep you informed of all our activities and upcoming events. If you have any queries at all please speak to a member of staff or our committee or myself. Thank you. Charlie

## Festive Fun Day

Further to the success of last year we are hosting our Festive Fun Day on

## Saturday 7th November!

We hope to see lots of you there to enjoy lots of festive treats and will send out further details soon.

#### **Junk Modelling**

We love to make fantastic creations using your recycling materials here at preschool. Please let us have any unwanted boxes or plastic containers and feel free to collect any pine cones or twigs for the children to get creative with! Thank you!

### Pre School Photos – 15<sup>th</sup> October

Our photographer will be here on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 0900 – 1100 to take some lovely Pre-School photos of your little ones. If you would like to bring any younger siblings in to be photographed at the same time you are more than welcome!

#### **School Dinners**

We are happy to be able to provide delicious and nutritious school dinners via Ramsey Manor Lower School. Dinners are £2.00 each and need to be ordered and paid for a week in advance. Please see Rachel in the office for any queries.

#### Sun Cream

In warm weather can we ask that you please apply 8 hour suncream to your children and provide them with a named sun hat.

#### Parent Helpers

If you would like to come in as a parent helper please put your name down on our rota and let us know, we would love to see you!

**Tidy Up Time?!** Are you having a clear out? We know from experience that a lot of parents start to have a sort out after the summer holidays and when their little ones start school and just wanted to remind you that we are always very grateful of any donations that come our way  $\odot$ 

On our wish list at the moment are puzzles, books, big cushions, and boys fancy dress outfits so if any of you are thinking of taking them to the charity shop or looking for a new home please do let us know as we would be happy to make use of them!

#### Wow Board.

Our Wow Board at Pre School helps us to work together to recognise, praise and reward your child's extra special achievements. E.g., learning to ride their bike, zipping up their coat. Anything your child has worked extra hard to do at home or Pre School. Please look out for a Wow letter and slip coming home soon in your child's book bag. Let's celebrate your child's special achievements together



Registered Charity Number (1023883)

#### Values Education

At pre-school we work very closely with Ramsey Manor Lower School. 'Values Education' has been successfully adopted by Ramsey and we believe it will support our commitment to creating a calm and positive environment for your child as well as improving continuity. With this in mind Pre School will also be adopting the Values Education to support your child's personal development.

We are amongst the first local pre schools to be using these values and hope it will further enhance your child's enjoyment at Pre School.

Values Education is a way of supporting children's first steps in becoming a member of the community. Using six basic values that are simple for young children to understand, Staff will use language, resources, books and displays that will reflect a different value each term.

Our current Value is 'Trust'

#### Sickness and Diarrhoea

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.



## Snack

As a charity it can be expensive to provide a healthy snack for the children every day and therefore we welcome any contributions you may have. All we ask is for £1.00 a week. If you could put your contribution in the envelope provided we would be very grateful, Thank you

#### **Preschool Website**

Our preschool has a very comprehensive website that is maintained by a volunteer. Please feel free to have a look and let us have your suggestions if you think there is anything to add to it.

www.bartonleclaypreschool.org

# Dates for your Diary

We will be closed from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30th October for half term. Preschool will reopen as usual on Monday 2nd November.

#### Show and tell

You will shortly be getting a letter about your child's Show and Tell day. You can check our website for the show and tell themes. Please can you ensure they bring 1 item only and that it fits into their book bag and is clearly labelled. Thank you



## E-Mail Letters

Don't forget that we are now able to send all your letters by email, if you would like to do your bit for the environment and have your letters emailed to you please let us know.

#### **Phonic support for Parents**

Please see website for Parents to support your Childs leaning of sounds. www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/reading-site/expert-help/phonics-made-easy

#### **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. Unfortunately we do not have the space to display the complete policy folder, a small selection of policies can be found on our Notice Board in the 'Our Space' foyer. You are very welcome to request to see the complete folder and read through the policies at any time, please request this from a member of staff. 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 a suggestion box in the foyer that you may also like to use. We value all kinds of feedback. Thank you.