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Summer Term newsletter 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well and starting to enjoy the sunshine! Thank you for your continued support at preschool with our fundraising which helps with replenishing resources and updating equipment for the children.

As you are aware we have just had an Ofsted Inspection and we are awaiting our report which will be shared with you in due course. We are very happy with the outcome and thank you for taking the time to speak with His Majesty's Inspector and emailing your thoughts which we shared.

Warm weather -

During the warm weather, please bring named sun hats and please apply sunscreen before your child's arrival to preschool, such as Soltan Kids Once 8hr Protect and Play SPF30, especially if your child attends preschool for the whole day. We will always ensure that children are not exposed to extreme heat.

Shoes - Please could we ask that, wherever possible, lace up shoes are not worn. This is to promote and support children's independence with clothing in preparation with their transition to primary school. Please continue to support your child's independence at home by encouraging dressing skills.

In the event of staff shortage, we will continue with the 3/4yr session and close the 2yr sessions as necessary.

Parent meetings – your child's key person will be organising a meeting during the summer term, which is a lovely opportunity to celebrate your child's progress.

Lunches-

Please could you ensure that your child's lunch box is named as some of the children have the same lunch boxes. This will avoid confusion for the children and staff, thank you. As a reminder please do not include sweets in lunch boxes and no nut products please.

Choking hazard - to avoid this please could you ensure that foods such as grapes, tomatoes are cut into either halves or quarters (depending on their size) to minimise the risk. A member of staff is always present with each table to monitor the children during food times.

Allotment-

Our preschool allotment needs some help! We are actively using this space which is located behind the main shed at the entrance. If anyone (including extended family) has any spare time

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during the week/weekends, we would welcome and be very grateful for any tidying so that we can start the preparation to plant seeds and plants with the children.

Medication – please ensure that we have a duplicate of any prescribed medication at the setting. This also includes any ‘temporary or occasional’ medication such as an inhaler. We are happy to support this in writing with your GP if you have any issues. This is to ensure that we keep your child safe whilst in our care. Failure to comply with this request may result with your child not being able to attend their sessions until medication is on site.

If your child's circumstances change please inform us in order that we can maintain up to date records and action any individual needs for your child. If your child requires prescribed medication such as an inhaler/auto injector pen, it is imperative that we retain a duplicate on site. This is to ensure that the child is not compromised in any way.

REMINDER -Please note that if your child is at all unwell do not bring your child to preschool. Calpol should not be administered unnecessarily. If your child discloses that medication has been administered prior to arrival we will contact you and we will reserve the right to send your child home. Safeguarding and the wellbeing of your child are paramount. Our contact number is 07849722670.

If you need to contact us at the weekend please email Sonja, thank you.

Registration details – Please ensure that you inform us of any changes in order to keep our records up to date. Please also ensure that we are able to contact you during the time that your child is in attendance at preschool.

Extended entitlement and 2yr codes - for those eligible please ensure that your code is updated with HMRC and new applications need to be submitted before the 31st August 2024 for the Autumn term 2024 (August to December funding period).

For the Spring term 2025 (January to March) applications need to be made before 31st December 2024.

For the Summer term 2025 (April - August) applications need to be made before 31st March 2025.

Failure to do this or update your code will result with fees having to be paid in full as we will not be able to claim until the next funding period.

Please contact Wiltshire Council if you qualify for 2yr means tested funding. We will need to see your award letter if your application is successful.

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Saturday 8th June 2024- Hilpertown Fete form 1pm,

We will be joining in with the fete holding stalls to fundraise for our preschool. The money raised is used by the preschool to purchase and replenish resources for the children.

We will need help from parents/guardians to assist with stalls on the day! Please let us know if you are able to help. Please could you collect jars and fill them up with items such as sweets/colouring pens etc to donate for the jar hoopla stall or provide empty jars that we can fill. We will also be holding a wine or water stall and would appreciate it if you would kindly donate a bottle of wine during the week commencing 22nd May 2024.

Sports day - Friday 28th June 2024 – this may change to the 5th July, dependent on the weather conditions. The races will take place in the morning, starting at approximately 10am. Children who attend on a Friday should arrive as usual and all other children to arrive at 9.30am. There will be races to also include 2-3yr olds. Please bring a packed lunch for a picnic, as it would be lovely for you to stay and meet one another and chat to the staff. **There will not be an afternoon session on this day.**

Leavers' trip – 10th July (all day).

Those children who will be moving on to Primary school at the end of this term will be going on a visit to the Holburne museum. Further information will be sent out shortly.

Please note - there will not be sessions for non-leavers on this day.

Leavers' service - Friday 19th July 1pm

Following on from last year, we would like to invite all those who will be moving on to Reception school to meet in the park area so that we can say our goodbyes and give the children their leaving present and journals. . **All Friday morning children in attendance will need to be collected at 12 noon please as there will not be an afternoon session on this day.**

Could all school leavers please arrive at 1pm and meet in the park area, thank you.

During the Summer term we will also be welcoming Reception Class teachers to visit their new cohort of children for September 2024 intake. This is a lovely opportunity for teaching staff to meet the children in their environment.

Themes:

W/C

15.04.24	Dinosaurs
22.04.24	Dinosaurs
29.04.24	Under the sea
06.05.24	Under the sea

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13.05.24 Minibeasts
20.05.24 Minibeasts

Half term week Monday 27th May 2024

03.06.24 Vets and pets
10.06.24 Vets and pets
17.06.24 Emergency services
24.06.24 Emergency services
01.07.24 Music and art
08.07.24 Music and art
15.07.24 Schools

End of term is Friday 19th July 2024 and we return on Monday 2nd September 2024. The first two weeks will be a 'settling in' time.

Kind regards,

Sonja, Lindsay, Stella, Heidi, Lisa, Iona and Cerys.
St.Michael's Staff team.

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