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Summer Term newsletter 2023

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.

Warm weather -

During the warm weather, please bring named sunhats 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.

From September 2023, on our return to preschool we will continue with children being welcomed at the gate however we would like to welcome you to come into the building to pick up your child/ren.

As you are aware some schools have closed due to the Teacher Strikes. To date this has not had an impact on us however in the event of staff shortage due to childcare, we will continue with the 3/4yr session and close the 2yr sessions as necessary. This also applies to staff illness, as we need to ensure the safety of the children which is paramount.

Parent meetings – you will have had or been in the process of having one to one meetings with your child's key worker. We hope that you have found these to be informative and thank you for your lovely verbal feedback. It would be really appreciated if you could put these lovely comments in writing for our evidence and email office@st-michaels-preschool.uk, thank you. If you have any other feedback, comments/questions please let us know.

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.

Peg bags -

We will be sending these home with you during this week to replenish over half term, thank you.

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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 during the May holiday, we would welcome and be very grateful for any tidying so that we can plant seeds and plants with the children on our return.

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 - for those eligible please ensure that your code is updated with HMRC and new applications need to be submitted before the 31st August 2023 for the Autumn term 2023 (August to December) funding period, before 31st December 2023 for the Spring term 2024 (January to March) and before 31st March 2024 for the Summer term 2024 (April to August). If you have any queries please speak to Sonja. Failure to do this will result with fees having to be paid in full as we will not be able to claim until the next funding period.

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

Sports day - Friday 7th July 2023 – this may change to the 14th 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, including 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 – 12th 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 a sessions for non-leavers on this day.

Leavers' service - Friday 21st 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. This maintains safety being in an open space and time for you to chat with your child's key person. **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.

We would value your views on how you feel we have addressed the current situation with keeping your child safe or any other comments that you would like to make, such as learning journals. If you would like to comment please email on contact@st-michaels-preschool.uk.

May half term - week commencing 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023.

We end our Summer term on Friday 21st July 2023 and return on Monday 4th September 2023.

Thank you.

St.Michael's Staff team.

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