Willaston Pre-school

Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome to Willaston Pre-School to all our new starters and welcome back to all our old friends! We hope you've had a lovely summer full of exciting things and are looking forward to coming to learn lots of new things with us.

We are focusing on colour, shape and foods this half term; the weeks will each have a book as the link to what we will be doing.

Week 1- settling in, sharing a range of books and finding out what you already know
Week 2- Handa's Surprise & red & orange- Learning to retell stories and tasting different fruits
Week 3- Yellow & green- Emily Green's garden-Learning about seeds and growing
Week 4- The blue balloon & blue and purple- science with balloons
Week 5- Pass the Jam Jim & pink- making jam sandwiches
Week 6- The greedy zebra & black and white- animal patterns
Week 7- Don't put your finger in the Jelly Nelly and all other colours
Week 8- Shape books- Learning properties of shape and shape names

Term dates

2020-21	**Break Up**	**INSET**	**Return**
Autumn 2020		Tues 1st Sept 2020	Wed 2nd Sept 2020
Autumn half term 2020	Fri 23rd Oct 2020	Mon 2nd Nov 2020	Tues 3rd Nov 2020
Christmas 2020-21	Fri 18th Dec 2020	Mon 4th Jan 2021	Tues 5th Jan 2021
Spring half term 2021	Fri 12th Feb 2021		Mon 22nd Feb 2021
Spring break 2021	Thu 1st Apr 2021		Mon 19th Apr 2021
May Day Bank Holiday	**Mon 3rd May 2021**		Tues 4th May 2021
Summer half term 2021	Friday 28th May 2021	Mon 7th / Tues 8th June 2021	Wed 9th June 2021
Summer holiday 2021	Wed 21st Jul 2021	Mon 6th Sept 2021	Tuesday 7th Sept 2021

Coronavirus We will be starting our sessions in the outside area- this is so that children who need extra support starting the session can have their parents with them without adults entering the building. Learning outdoors is fun and can be done through play but it is also a way of reducing the spread of the virus. Weather permitting, we will spend most of the session outside but will have snack and group time inside.

Dropping off- We will be continuing to use the back gate to enter. You will have a drop off time but if someone is still being welcomed into Pre-school please wait at least 2 metres away. Your child will be taken, by a member of staff, into Pre-school, their hands will be washed and their things from home will be put on their peg.
Picking up- At the time you have been given and at the same gate. If you need to come at a different time for any reason, please speak to a member of staff.

Safeguarding- Please remember to update us if you have changed any contact details.

According to Ofcom's recent survey on Children's Media Use and Attitude (2018), 52% of 3-4-year-olds use the internet for an average of 9 hours every week and 45% 3-4-year-olds use YouTube.

With technology becoming an integral part of our lives, it's important that children are familiarised with safe online practice from a young age. Apart from supervision, guidance and monitoring, it's also the responsibility of carers to set the right example for safe usage and privacy awareness. There is a lot of support for keeping your children safe online; this is one web page that could be useful

https://cheqdin.com/online-safety-for-children/

Uniform If you would like a Pre-school T shirt, polo short or sweatshirt please speak to your Keyworker Jacqueline or Jackie.
Please send your children dressed suitably for the weather because we will be using the outdoor area as much as possible. Wellies and waterproofs can be left at Pre-school for the week if necessary. It is also important to put your child's name in their clothes and other items that they bring to Pre-school.

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