



APSLEY PRE SCHOOL NEWS LETTER SEPTEMBER 2016

Welcome back everyone and welcome to our new families, we hope you have all had enjoyable summers, how typical that the hottest weather waited until we were all back!!! Everyone has settled into Pre-School beautifully so well done to all our children and parents!

So our big summer news is of course the arrival of Lucy's baby, Finley, who finally arrived on 27th August. They are both doing well and Lucy continues to keep in close contact with the pre-school, doing lots of 'behind the scenes work' and will return to the Pre-school in due course.

We have a really lovely website that was kindly created and donated by Andy Jones. www.apsleylockpreschool.co.uk which is updated regularly with news, photos and our on going blog. Please check it regularly to keep up to date with all our news and see exactly what your children have been up to all day.

Themes

We have lots of interesting and fun themes and activities coming up this term. All our themes are on the website under the 'planning' tab for you to keep up to date. Week beginning 19/9 we will be looking at colours and shape. Weeks beginning 26/9 and 3/10 we will be learning about Autumn and Harvest. We would like the children to be involved in making up a harvest basket to give to local charities in our community and would appreciate any donations of tins or packet of food during these weeks. Week beginning 10/10 we will continue with our shape and colour theme and week beginning 17/10 we will be learning about Diwali. We also focus on a different colour, number and letter each week, using simple and repetitive songs, stories, rhymes and activities. I am sure your children will be telling you about these and singing lots of new songs!

Lunch Club

We will re start Lunch club on Thursday 22nd September. Lunch club will run from Monday to Thursday. Please bring in a named lunch bag and drink with a healthy lunch and small treat that your child will enjoy. Please no nuts or nut products. Lunch club cost £2 per day and finishes at 12:55. We do need a minimum of two children to run lunch club so please check with a member of staff that lunch club is on each day.

Applying for Schools

If your child will turn 4 years old between September 2016 - August 2017 it is time to apply for a place for them at School. You can apply by going online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions . The application deadline is Sunday 15th January 2017. Schools are currently making appointments to show prospective families around their school. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like any advice or help in completing your application.

Dressing up Day

As I am sure you are aware, Apsley Lock Pre-school is a charity run by a committee of current and past parents. We are a 'not for profit' Pre school and therefore rely on prompt payment of fees, donations and fund raising events. We have decided this term we will have a fund raising dressing up day on Thursday 20th October. Your child (and you?) can come to Pre School dressed in their favourite dressing up outfit, we will have some fun activities on this day and we would appreciate a minimum donation of £1 . Thank you.

If any parent would like to join our committee and support the Pre School, especially with fund raising, please talk to Lucy or Jacquie.

Reminders

Please remember to sign your child in and out of Pre School each day.

We have an informative notice board and table (by the main door) with different booklets and leaflets that you may find of interest, please feel free to have a look and take any leaflet of interest with you.

Please can you ensure your child's bag, coat and shoes are labelled with their name and that you always bring clothing and shoes that are suitable for going out as we like to go out for walks and trips to the park as often as we can.

It is also very helpful if you child wears shoes to Pre School that they would be able to put on themselves. We support and encourage the children to become more independent whilst at Pre School in preparation for Nursery and School and being able to put their shoes on independently is a really big part of this. Thank you.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Your child having a happy, safe and stimulating morning is our aim. Please talk to Lucy, Jacquie or any of the staff if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

TERM DATES

Our term dates are as follows this year:

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October - Closed for half term

Wednesday 21st December - Thursday 5th January - Closed for Christmas. (Wednesday 4th January - INSET Day - Pre-school re-opens on Thursday 5th January)

Tuesday 20th December - End of term celebrations at 11am

Wednesday 21st December Parents Consultations

Monday 13th February - Tuesday 21st February - Closed for half term (Monday 20th February - INSET Day - Pre-school re opens Tuesday 21st February)

31st March - End of term celebrations

Monday 3rd April - Tuesday 18th April (Monday 17th April - INSET Day - Pre-school re open Tuesday 18th April)

Monday 1st May - closed for Bank Holiday

Monday 29th May - Tuesday 6th June - Closed for half term Monday 5th June - INSET Day (Pre-school re opens Tuesday 6th June)

Thursday 20th July - End of term celebrations. Pre-school closes for summer

Friday 21st July - Parent consultations