



APSLEY PRE SCHOOL NEWS LETTER NOVEMBER 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term we have had so far! We are now preparing for Christmas and the next few weeks are going to be very busy so make sure you keep an eye on our noticeboard and Facebook page to see what is going on.

End of Term Key Dates

Friday 29 November - Preschool closed for occasional day. This is in line with the local primary schools in Hertfordshire which we try to take into account when planning our calendar.

Thursday 19 December – Nativity Play at 11am. If your child does not normally attend on Thursdays but you would like them to take part then please let Lucy know. They will need to be dropped off at preschool at around 10.45 to get into costume.

Friday 20 December – Parent Consultations 9-10.30am (preschool closed for children)
There will be a list up for you to sign up for a consultation time with your child's key worker in the next couple of weeks.

***Please note there will be no lunch club on Wednesday 4th December due to staff attending a course and Tuesday 10th December due to our Settling In session for new starters. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.**

Themes

We have had some very exciting themes this term including Remembrance and poppies, Bonfire and Fireworks and Shapes and Colours. We have also learnt about Diwali and Rosh Hashana.

Over the next few weeks we will be learning about St Andrew's Day, The Gingerbread Man story and of course Christmas and the Nativity. We will also be taking part in the Angel Festival at St Mary's Church in Apsley. Your children's work will be on the display at the church on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December for you to go and look at.

Staff Training/Recent Successes!

3 of our staff have completed Makaton training this term. Lucy and Jacquie completed their Fire Safety training which we have to do every 3 years. We also had a visit from Environmental Health and we are proud that we have maintained our 5 star rating for the 3rd time.

Tapestry

We sent out our first online journals to you all a few weeks ago so that you can see your child's progress. We are using a new system so we really appreciate everyone who took the time to comment and leave feedback. We will be sending out the latest version of the journals half termly so there will be another one before Christmas.

Fees

Please ensure that all outstanding fees are settled by the end of term. If you have any problems please contact our Treasurer Nick.

Lunch Club

Lunch Club runs from Monday to Thursday. Please bring in a named lunch bag and drink with a healthy lunch. Please no nuts or nut products. Lunch club cost £2 per day and finishes at 12:55. Thank you to everyone who has supported our lunch club this year so far. Last year we were able to buy some fantastic resources for the preschool from the money raised which we would not have normally been able to buy.

Going Outside

Please can you ensure your child has a hat, gloves and warm coat in preschool as we have to go outside as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The learning that takes place on our trips to the park and walks in the local area is invaluable for road safety and for the children's physical skills. This term we have also been able to observe the changes in the environment during the Autumn and we walked to the Remembrance garden in Apsley. As we have no outdoor area we try to go out as often as we can and our trips are well planned out to link with our learning and themes.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards.

Lucy and the Team

TERM DATES

Our term dates are as follows this year:

Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7 January - Friday 3 April

Monday 6 January – Preschool closed for INSET

Half Term Monday 17 - Friday 21 February

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 April - Friday 17 July

Half Term Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May

Monday 1 June - Preschool closed for INSET

Thursday 16 July – Graduation Ceremony

Friday 17 July – Parent Consultations (preschool closed for children)