

# Brookhurst Preschool Newsletter September 2023

## **Welcome back**

Hello we hope you all have had an enjoyable summer. It has been lovely to return and to be able to welcome all our children back in to their Pre-School Year.

A big welcome to all our new children and families who are joining us too.

The children are all settling really well and enjoying free play, adult led activities and lots of outdoor play. When we refer to the groups of children at Brookhurst Preschool, the children born Sept 2019 –August 2020 we call Preschool and the children born September 2020 – August 2021 we call Playgroup

## **Play & Learning**

During each session the children play freely and are invited to do many activities. We have a focus for our activities which generally changes fortnightly; some of the work they do will be for group displays and some to be taken home.

This half term we have started with 'Settling in and the Gruffalo'; Our focuses for the rest of this half term are Harvest and Transport

## **Tapestry**

We will share your children's experience through Tapestry. Each key person is allocated office time to collate the information during the focus fortnight and will send them out to you. This maybe at various times within that fortnight.

We will also on occasions send out group observations.

Your child's Learning Journal is available to download at any time or it can be downloaded at the end of the school year as one document.

If you have any questions relating to Tapestry please telephone or email the setting.

You are more than welcome to arrange to speak to your child's Key Person or any staff member at any time by asking for a telephone call. Please email and we will be able to give you a convenient time.

For the children in their playgroup year we will be sending out a 'Two Year Progress Check – Settling in Summary.' A playgroup parents evening will be held in the summer term. For the children in their Pre-School Year we will be holding a parents evening in the spring term to discuss your child progress.

Please if you have any questions, or concerns at any time ring 01513430451 or email [carol-kerry@brookstep.co.uk](mailto:carol-kerry@brookstep.co.uk)

## **Facebook**

Since starting Tapestry we have not used Facebook much, however we feel it is a valuable way of having a different communication between preschool and parents and parents and parents.

If you would like to join the group please copy the link into your browser and follow the instructions.

[https://m.facebook.com/groups/524058351616663#\\_=\\_](https://m.facebook.com/groups/524058351616663#_=_)

If you're not accepted straight away could you email to say which child the account is linked to

We will from time to time share experiences from within the group.

We will also add photographs and information on our website.

Please email us if you do not wish your child to appear

## **Updating information**

Please can those families returning ensure that the information we hold regarding addresses, contact information and medical information is correct and up to date

## **Brookhurst Preschool Committee**

Our group is run by parents. We hold half termly meetings (usually no longer than 1 ½ hours) (zoom at the moment)

We do need more members, if you are interested please speak to Kerry or Carol for more information.

## **Policies and Procedures**

These can be found on our website [www.brookhurstpreschool.co.uk](http://www.brookhurstpreschool.co.uk) and these are subject to review and

change. We have recently up dated our lockdown policy along with others.

## **Lunch Boxes**

Children staying for lunch; lunch boxes are stored on a trolley in the cloakroom. The cloakroom can get very warm so we recommend if possible placing a small icepack in their lunch box. Please ensure grapes, berries or tomatoes are cut/quartered.

Drinks need to be stored within the named lunch box or in a named bottle.

The children seem to have settled well into the lunchtime routine. We will return all uneaten food and packaging so you can monitor how much your child needs.

Please provide a healthy lunch box

## **Clothing**

Please can you make sure your child has a coat each day to enable them to play outside which is named **Please ensure all removable clothing is labelled clearly with your child's name.**

We require a change of clothes to be left in the cloakroom. We will place this in the symbol bag we provide. Please ensure that their clothing is easy for the children to manage when toileting; this will help with their independence

If your child requires nappies, please could you provide us with enough nappies for the week, we do provide wipes and nappy bags

## **Illness**

If your child has been sick, has had continuous diarrhoea (two or more occasions) or has a temperature, (37.8C or greater) we ask that they be kept at home for 48 hours to ensure that any bugs are not being passed on

Please telephone or email to let us know of their absence

## **Medication**

If your child is taking antibiotics or any medication for example Calpol, please ring to speak to Kerry/Carol Please also consider if they are well enough to come.

If your child has prescribed medication that requires to be given during the day you will need to complete a form with directions and consent

## **Accidents at Home**

Please telephone or email if your child has had an accident at home, so we are able to update records at Pre-School

Term dates for the year will be available to be see on our Web site [www.brookhurstpreschool.co.uk](http://www.brookhurstpreschool.co.uk)

## **Dates to remember for this term:**

<b>Last day of half term</b>	<b>Friday 20th October 2023</b>
<b>Re- open</b>	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>
<b>AGM</b>	<b>Tuesday 21st November 2023</b>
<b>Closed Planning</b>	<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
<b>Preschool AM only Party 8.50 to 11.30am</b>	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>
<b>Playgroup PM only Party 1 to 3pm</b>	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>

**We return after Christmas Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**