



March 21

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we enter the second half of the Spring term, I would like to welcome all of our new parents and share the following information that will concern you over the next few weeks.

2021 Term Dates

I have included the upcoming term dates and important dates for your diary, these are also available on the website throughout the year under the parent's area drop down menu.

Spring Term	Begins – Tuesday 5 th January Half Term – Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th February Ends – Thursday 25 th March (There will be NO afternoon session on this day)
Summer Term	Begins – Tuesday 13 th April Inset Day – Monday 12 th April Half Term – Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June Ends – Thursday 15 th July Sports Day & Family Picnic – Thursday 15 th July, weather and lockdown dependent – more information to follow! (There will be no lunch club or afternoon session on this day)

Drop Off & Pick Up Times

Please remember to queue around the back of the church and do not enter the premises before you are called forward. If you would like to avoid a queue, please come towards the end of the drop off and pick up periods.

Drop Off	9am to 9.20am
Morning Session Pick Up	12pm
Lunch Club Pick Up	1pm to 1.20pm
Afternoon Session Pick Up	3pm to 3.20pm

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March

World Book Day takes place this Thursday the 4th of March, we thought it would be nice if the children could dress up as one of their favourite characters to celebrate in return for a £1 donation that will be given to the World Book Day charity.

Covid-19 Update

To protect all of our families and our staff, we continue to ask all adults to wear a face mask whilst on the premises. Please could I remind you to wear a face covering during drop off and pick up until you have left the gate on Vaughan Road, this includes whilst you are queuing around the back of the church.

Lunch Club

Please remember that you should not give your child anything that contains nuts or sesame in their lunch box. Things that may include nuts and sesame include certain types of pesto, tahini and nut butters. Please remember to cut up fruit and vegetables such as tomatoes and grapes (lengthways) to prevent choking. At this time, we also ask that children bring their lunch in a hard, plastic box as they are easier to clean upon their arrival.

Website

Please remember that our website www.urcpreschool.com is updated regularly with news and information about both the preschool and our PTA. You will be able to find most of the information relevant to our existing parents under the parent's area drop down menu, along with links to websites that might be of interest to you such as the Tapestry login page. On the website, we have a blog that is regularly updated with information about what the children learn about during their time at Preschool and other exciting news that we would like to share with you!

Tapestry

We use Tapestry regularly to send updates about your child's time with us at Preschool, we also use it to inform you of what activities your child will be participating in. Please check your child's journal regularly and add a comment when you receive an observation, photo or video. We would also like you to add photos and videos of the things the children do outside of Preschool too. By doing this it will enable you and your child's key person to work closely in partnership together to provide the best support for your child. Due to the current situation, this will also be the main point of communication between you and your key person if you need to discuss anything, use the observation tool to add any information that you would like to share with us and we will get back to you. Please note that these comments will not go into your child's learning journal and will be deleted once resolved.

Kind Regards,

Lorraine Robinson (Manager).