



Autumn News

Welcome everyone to our first newsletter of the academic year! We are SO proud of the children, both existing and new, as they have settled brilliantly into Preschool life.

We have had lots of fun over the last few weeks, exploring our new rooms, getting messy, playing outdoors, singing, dancing and getting creative.

We have lots of exciting things coming up over the next few months.

Availability

We still have availability in both rooms – **Butterflies** have spaces available every day, for full or half day sessions. **Caterpillars** have a few sessions on Wednesday morning or sessions available in the afternoons every day.

If you would like to discuss increasing your child's sessions; please email/speak to Miss Rachel.

Famly

We hope you are all getting used to using Famly. You should all now have your own login and have downloaded the app to your preferred device. The staff at Preschool use Famly each day to post photos and observations of your little ones. We also use it to send private messages and to post on the newsfeed with updates, events, newsletters and more.....

For you as parents it is also a fantastic way to communicate with the team. We love it when you like and comment on your children's observations, you can send messages, inform us of sickness or absences and view your child's account and their invoices.

If you would like a 2nd parent signing up to Famly, please message/email Miss Rachel who can get this sorted for you.



Committee Update

The Committee will be holding the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday 18th October at 4pm at Preschool. At the AGM the trustees give reports on the last academic year and the committee for the year ahead is elected. All parents are welcome to attend the AGM (adults only).

If any parents in the Caterpillar or Butterfly room are interested in joining our committee, please talk to Miss Rachel or our email our Chairperson Charlotte Booth at lottiegrindon@hotmail.com. We can provide you with some information before the Annual General Meeting which will outline the three possible levels of commitment - any support is greatly appreciated!

Children's Hospital Pyjamas Charity

This year we are again supporting our friend Essie and the Children's Hospital Pyjamas Charity. Last year Essie successfully donated over 100 pairs of pyjamas to the children's ward at the Royal Stoke Hospital in time for Christmas.



This year we will be holding a PJ Party on **Monday 21st October**, the children are invited to attend preschool in their pj's for a day of movies, cookies, hot chocolate and fun! We are asking for donations of brand new PJ's or a small monetary donation so we can purchase some pyjamas for the children who spend their Christmas in hospital. We are collecting both boys and girls pyjamas; from newborn up to young teens.

Garden Makeover

We are super excited to announce that during October half term we will be having the first part of our garden makeover completed. We have been very lucky to secure Alex Parr from AParr Landscaping and Chris Pointon Fencing, who will be working their magic on our outdoor area. Keep your eyes peeled over the coming weeks as it starts to take shape.

Reminders

- Preschool now opens at 8.50am each day and closes at 3.20pm. If you are collecting or dropping off at 12, please use the zebra crossing gate.
- Children need a named bottle, filled with water, for every day they are at Preschool please
- **Butterflies** – to support the children's independence please can you encourage your child to come into Preschool with their bag on their back. The staff will then support them with finding pegs and hanging everything up.
- **Caterpillars** – Please can children have wellies or suitable outdoor shoes with them each day as we will be going on regular walks during the autumn/winter months (you are welcome to leave them on pegs)
- If you would like to speak to your child's room directly, for messages/updates etc. please call – Caterpillars 01538 714994, Butterflies 01538 714996.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th October – Preschool AGM 4pm

Monday 21st October – PJ Party (wear your pj's and bring a donation)

Friday 25th October – Halloween Party (fancy dress welcome)

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – Half Term, Preschool Closed

Monday 4th November – Inset Day, Preschool closed to children

Please follow our Facebook page; Westwood Pre-school & Kids Club!