**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Welcome to Term 3 and Happy New Year!**

We would like to thank you for your support and patience towards the end of last term, as we unfortunately had to close. We will continue to adhere to strict hygiene and cleaning procedures within Pre-School to protect everyone and play outside as much as possible. As children Do Not always seem to present with the same symptoms as adults if with any at all, Please, if you or anyone in your household is feeling unwell, you keep your little one at home.

**Sickness**

If your child is absent due to illness, please could you ring Pre-school to advise us by 9:30, answerphone messages are also fine if it is out of hours. For sickness / illness guidelines we refer to our Policy which can be found on our website. If you need advice on how long your child will need to be away from Pre-school due to an infectious illness or stomach complaint, please ring and speak to a member of staff. We follow ‘Government Health Guidance’. If your child or a member of your family presents with coronavirus symptoms, please advise us, we will follow government guidelines. We will need you to collect your child promptly should they present with possible coronavirus symptoms while in pre-school.

**Wellie Boots & Coats**

As we continue to use our outdoor areas in all weather, please can we ask you to bring in wellies for rainy days and warm coats/hats & gloves.

**Labels from home**

In term 1 and 2 we sent home labels for you to write about something your child has done, it can be anything from going on holiday to giving up their dummy, we would like to celebrate all children’s news/achievements during large group and stick them into their learning diary. We will send home 2 labels each term and look forward to reading what your child has been up to at home.

**Pyjama/Onsie Day**

WOW we would like to thank you all for your kind support and hard work in securing donations for Crackerjacks Children’s Trust, together we raised a WHOPPING £649.00 which I am told by Lin at Crackerjack’s will put the little chap well on his way to getting his first wheelchair. Marshmallow claps and a pat on the back all round.

**Holidays**

Please advise us in advance of any holidays pending for us to have accurate information in the register.

**Lunches**

We encourage ‘healthy eating’ at Pre-school, so please can we request no fizzy drinks, chocolate items, sweets, or crisps in your child’s lunch bag. If your child prefers apples with no skin/cut up, please can you pre-cut at home. We follow health advice for grapes & sausages to be quartered to safeguard against choking.

**Primary School Application**

Primary School application is due by 15th January 2021. You will need to apply online through Bristol City Council at [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions).

**Term 3 Topics/Curriculum: Book of the term: Dog’s Colourful Day**

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| **Date** | **Topic** | | **Resources and activities** |
| 4th – 15th Jan  Weeks 1 & 2 | Recycling, What Christmas was like for us?  Colour and Water experiments  Ice, freezing and melting/Artic animals. Animals around the world | | Cardboard, plastic, paper, glass, and crusts/peel to recycle and create bird feeders using recycled objects.  Paint: mixing colours, painting, floating/sinking objects. Water experiments  Artic animals, painting with ice, experiment how ice melts.  Map of the world, animals and where they live, what they eat/their natural habitat. |
| 18 – 22 Jan | ‘Dog’s Colourful Day’ | | Activities around the story |
| 25 – 29 Jan | Music and Movement | | Songs, actions, ring games, musical instruments |
| 1 – 5 Feb | Healthy eating | | Try new healthy foods, use ingredients to make own wrap/sandwich and snack |
| 8 – 12 Feb | Chinese New Year  Pancake Day | | Chinese restaurant, dressing up, story of how the first Chinese New Year was named  Create our own pancake pictures, try pancakes for snack with different toppings. Why we celebrate pancake day |
| **Letters and Sounds** | | We will be continuing our treasure hunt game around Pre-school to find the first letter of our names. | |

**Academic Year**

**Sept 2020→July 2021 - Term Dates**

**Term 3 Term 4**

Monday 4th January to Monday 22nd February to

Friday 12th February 2021 Thursday 1st April 2021

**Term 5 Term 6**

Monday 19th April to Monday 7th June to

Friday 28th May 2021 Wednesday 14th July 2021

(Bank holiday Monday 3rd May)

We hope you enjoyed the break and had a lovely Christmas; we would like to thank you for the cards and gifts we received.