**Welcome to all our new starters and welcome back to those returners.**

**Signpost to information: via Prospectus and website**

Our Prospectus is in our creative room, or a web version can be accessed on whitchurchunderfives.co.uk. We have a closed Facebook page, which is ran by ourselves – please request to join the Class of 21/22

**Policies**

To keep everyone safe, we have specific policies that require signature after reading, such as Safeguarding Children - Photo / Videoing / Mobile phone policies. These will be emailed next week, please email your consent (I have read and understand the policies followed by your name) or request a consent form which can be sent home for signing.

**Curriculum**

Please take a moment to look at our window display for your child’s work, we will be sending invitations to learn (this is our invitation to the children to learn chosen themes or topics of interest via pictures or visual prompts on our display board) via our Facebook page. For term topics please see the bottom of this newsletter. Your child’s key person will send home ‘Next steps’ they would like to support your child’s development of with your support and will ask you for feedback comments or concerns you have or would like us to support you with at home.

**Labels from home and Home learning**

We are sending 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, to a new arrival in the home! 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. We will also support ‘next steps’ with resources so your little one can ‘have a go’ at home as well as in pre-school, this could be a sticker chart, their name to write over once they have mastered the art of the pincer grip or just simply the label for you to tell us how they have been super helpful! We really value the power of working in partnership with you at home!

**Sickness**

If your child is poorly and needs to stay at home, 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 or attached with the other policies you will receive 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.

**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.

**Environment Friendly**

We have chosen to send newsletters and notes home via email to aim to reduce the amount of paper we use– paper copies will be supplied upon request.

**Social / Fund Raising Events**

We are a community run Pre-school which relies on parents and carers to support fund raising events, so please support your child’s Pre-school when events take place.

**Committee –**

**Becoming a Committee Member.**

As a Charitable run group, we rely on a well-supported Committee of parents to maintain our successful Pre-school. If you are interested in becoming a Committee Member, we have around 6 meetings each academic year, lasting no more than 1½hours.

**Session Times**

Prompt arrival at all sessions sets a good example to your child and we would ask that children arrive on time, but we do understand how busy you can be on a morning getting out of the house! If the large gate is shut, please ring the pre-School number to let us know you are out there. Please collect your child promptly especially for 12 o’clock pick up as staff have a very short lunch break - thank you in advance.

**Fees / Funding**

Fee’s & Insurance are payable each Term (6 Terms in total). You will receive a bill detailing the amount due within the 1st week of each term (this will be in week 2 for Term 1). Payment is due 2 weeks before the end of term. There are no refunds for holidays or sickness. Sam will be able to answer any queries you have regarding Government funding. 30-hour codes need renewing every 3 months and you are responsible for renewing this code on time, HMRC send reminder emails to you.

**Parking**

Please be aware School Close is closed to cars during 8.30 – 9.15 and 14:45 – 15:30. Wansdyke Primary is working together with Bristol City Council in a pilot ‘School Streets’ scheme and wardens regularly visit. Please do not obstruct driveways of the surrounding streets.

**Primary School Application – Wow already!**

Primary School application is due by 15th January 2022. You will need to apply online through Bristol City Council at [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions).

**Possible Term 1 Topics/Curriculum: Book of the term: Shark in the park by Nick Sharratt.**

**We will be talking about pollution and how we can help our planet this term with our back garden sand pit as our polluted ocean!**

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| **Date** | **Topic** | | **What’s on offer!** |
| Monday 6th – 17th September | Settling into Pre-School  This is Me | | Exploring my new environment, learning a new routine, and meeting new friends.  Creating pictures of myself for around the setting |
| Week three to end of term will be interchanging, going with interests of the children and where they lead us! | Who’s in my family  Who lives in my house?  My likes, dislikes, interests  Holliday & family time  My body and same/differences to others | | Talk about my family and me – create handprints and draw around myself, height charts, display boards showing me & my friends.  Leading with children’s interests we will explore mathematical language and link in with water play to encourage… big, small, fill, empty, up, down, fast, slow, high and ….. lift off! |
| **Letters and Sounds** | | To support early Literacy, we will be exploring sounds we hear around us, sounds we can make and sounds we can create with objects. We will explore letters in our name and explore signs and pictures in our setting. | |

**Sept 2021→July 2022 - Term Dates**

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| Term 1 Thurs 2/9/21 to Fri 22/10/21 | Term 3 Tues 4/1/22 to Fri 17/2/22 | Term 5 Mon 25/4/22 to Fri 27/5/22 |
| Term 2 Mon 1/11/21 to Fri 17/12/21 | Term 4 Mon 28/2/22 to Fri 8/4/22 | Term 6 Mon 6/6/22 to Fri 15/7/22 |

We are closed on Bank holidays