**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Welcome to Term 4**

 We are returning to open Monday – Thursday 8.30 – 3.30 from this term. As Wansdyke maybe returning to more normal opening times please be aware School Close may be closed to cars during 8.30 – 9.15 and 3.00 – 3.45. We are continuing to adhere to strict hygiene and cleaning procedures within Pre-School to protect everyone and play outside as much as possible, we will continue to shut for a deep clean on a Friday for this term. 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, 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 or if a member of your household presents with possible coronavirus symptoms or tests positive while your child is 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. We do have spare sets of wellies if you don’t have any.

**Labels from home**

In previous terms, we sent home labels for you to write about something your child has done, it can be anything from giving up their dummy to helping tidy up, 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.

**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 (grapes cut in half can still get stuck as they have a flat surface).

**Learning Diaries**

We will be sending home your child’s Learning Diary for you to look through, as these are working documents that Ofsted will look at when they visit we ask that you return them as soon as possible and ask you write a comment on the comment page. Your child’s key person will be in touch to let you know the date the Learning Diary needs to be returned. We hope you enjoy looking at some of the things your child has done so far.

**Possible Term 4 Topics/Curriculum: Book of the term: Mr Wolf’s Pancakes**

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| **Date** | **Topic** | **Resources and activities** |
| 22nd – 26th FebWeek 1 | This Is MeHow am I Feeling? |  Mirrors, emotions faces ‘Colour Monster’ & ‘I Feel Sad’ books. Mr Wolf’s Pancakes how does Mr Wolf feel when his neighbours won’t help him. Draw on face/body … How I feel for our inside display board. |
| 1st – 5th March | St David’s DayThursday 4th March World Book Day | Create Daffodil pictures talk about how St David became the Patron St of Wales.Dress up as my favourite book character. Create my own book. |
| 8th – 12th March | Mother’s DayUnder the Sea | Surprise!!! New life under the sea |
| 15th – 19th March | Mon/TueSt Patrick’s DayComic Relief (celebrate Thurs) | Continue Under the Sea New life.Who was St Patrick? Rainbows, lucky clover, treasure hunt with a surpriseWear something red on Thursday, decorate a biscuit face, talk about how we can help others. |
| 22nd – 26th March | New Life on the farm | Baby animals match the with their mummy. Look at their size, how many legs they have, how do they move/can they walk as soon as they are born? Do we do any of the same things as animals?  |
|  29th March - 1st April | Easter | Easter egg hunt, why we celebrate Easter, decorate egg/bunny shapes. |
| **Letters and Sounds** | We will be continuing our treasure hunt game around Pre-school to find the first letter of our names, extending to other letters in our names and begin to think about letter sounds of other objects during large group. |

**Academic Year**

**Sept 2020→July 2021 - Term Dates**

**Term 4** **Term 5 Term 6**

 Monday 22nd February to Monday 19th April to Monday 7th June to

 Thursday 1st April 2021 Friday 28th May 2021 Wednesday 14th July 2021

 (Bank holiday Monday 3rd May)