**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Welcome to Term 5 and to our newest members of Pre-School**

We are returning to open Monday – Friday from 8.30 starts, please adhere to your drop off and pick up times to help us run smoothly. Please be aware School Close may be closed to cars during 8.30 – 9.15 and 3.00 – 3.45. We are continuing to keep 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, keep your little one at home. Staff are testing twice weekly to support government advice.

**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**

If you have old wellie boots any size (adult or child) We would love to have them to use as plant pots to brighten up our garden.

**Personal Items**

**Please can you label your child’s bag, coat, lunch box and bottle to avoid them going home with the wrong person as we have a few that are the same. We will write names on in Pre-School for any that have not been labelled, please let us know if you have any objection.**

**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).**

**Primary School Allocations**

Thank you for letting us know which primary school your child will be attending in September 2021, we will talk about this in large and small groups so the childrn know which friends they will be moving to their new school with.

**Possible Term 5 Topics/Curriculum: Book of the term: The Very Hungry Caterpillar**

**We will be talking about pollution and how we can help our planet throughout this term.**

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| **Date** | **Topic** | | **Resources and activities** |
| 19th – 30th April  Week 1 & 2 | Mini Beasts/Bug hunts  St Georges Day 23rd April | | Magnifying glasses to search for bugs and minibeasts. Use picture sheets and iPads to identify what we have found.  George and the Dragon, measure my feet, Dragon’s footprint, and mouse footprint. |
| Tuesday 4th – 14th May  Week 3 & 4 | Planting & Life Cycles | | Use old wellie boots as plant pots to brighten up Pre-School. Watch our plants grow.  Look at the life cycles of a frog and caterpillar |
| 17th – 28th May Week 5 & 6 | The Gingerbread Man  Baking  Father’s Day | | Reading and recreating the story of The Gingerbread Man  Baking different recipes measuring, weighing, mixing ingredients best of all tasting them.  Begin to think about what we can surprise Daddy with and what I want to create on my Father’s Day card. |
| **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 and throughout free flow play. | |

**A HUGE THANK YOU!!!**

**Easter Olympics:** Once all sponsors are in You have raised an amazing £830.00 for us to be able to buy new resources. THANK YOU!! For all your support

**Academic Year**

**Sept 2020→July 2021 - Term Dates**

**Term 5 Term 6**  Monday 19th April to Monday 7th June to

Friday 28th May 2021 Wednesday 14th July 2021

(Closed Bank holiday Monday 3rd May)