



# Acorn Newsletter



Autumn term 2021

Hello and a big welcome to our old and new Acorns!

It has been wonderful to see such big smiles coming through the door each day. We are very proud of all the children and they are settling in extremely well. There are a few tears during the 'parent goodbye', but this is quite normal and the children generally settle quickly once their parent has said goodbye.

This week we have introduced the pre-school rules and routines. The children have enjoyed making new friends and exploring all the pre-school learning areas using the various toys and games.

Thank you for your patience with our start and end of day routines, we acknowledge that these can be quite time consuming, especially for the parents and carers who need to get to work or collect other siblings. We kindly ask that when dropping your child to class, that you drop them right to the door and hand them over to a member of the pre-school team.

Our 'theme' this term is '**All About Me**'. This week we have been learning about families. Next week we be thinking about farming and harvesting.

**Nursery Funding forms** need to be completed as soon as possible. Please ensure that you have your National Insurance Number to hand so that you can complete the form when dropping off your child.

## PE

Due to the rapid expansion of the school and the difficulty in timetabling all the classes, our PE day will change to a '**Wednesday**' from next week. So, please send your child in their PE clothes each Wednesday. The **PE kit** for pre-school is comfortable sportswear (joggers, leggings, t-shirt, sweatshirt and trainers - no sandals please).

## A Few Extra Reminders...

- If your child is going home with a different adult to the usual person or people who collect them from school, please inform the key workers. This can be done either verbally or note via the class teacher, or an email or telephone message via the school office.
- Snacks - The school healthy fruit and vegetable snack scheme is already in operation. We offer one type of snack each day, this might be crackers and cheese, rice cakes, cereal or a piece of fruit. If your child is particular about food, or you would prefer your child to bring in an additional snack from home, please ensure it is in a container clearly labelled with your child's name. The home snack needs to be either fruit or vegetables, crackers, cheese or a yoghurt pouch - no cake, croissants or treats! All the children will be offered milk (if permitted) or water to drink. Please do not send any separate water bottles into school.
- Tempting as it is, please do not allow your children to play with or use the equipment in our EYFS outside area when dropping off and picking up.
- Handwashing is really important to promote good health, especially in this current climate. Here is a great link to a video and song to share with your child at home to learn the effective way to wash hands: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>
- When waiting to collect your child from the afternoon session, we kindly ask you to wait outside the green gate until we open the pre-school door. It can be very distracting for the children to have parents waiting outside the window.
- The turnaround between the morning and afternoon pre-school sessions is very tight and the staff have a very short lunch break. We ask kindly, particularly the morning parents, to collect their child promptly from pre-school, otherwise the staff do not have a sufficient break between sessions. Many thanks.

## Key Dates

Autumn Term Key Worker Meetings - dates and details to be confirmed.	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	October - HALF TERM
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	INSET (preschool closed for children)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021	Children return to preschool
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Last day of term
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Children return to preschool for the spring term

If you have any queries at any time, please do not hesitate to talk to a key worker. If you do need to talk to us, we kindly ask that you wait until all the children are in school or we have dismissed all the children at home time.

Miss Bartaby, Miss Wadsworth and Mrs Herbert.