



## AUTUMN TERM 2019

**Welcome back to all our children after the summer break. And welcome to all the new children and their families starting with us.**

**They have been settling well.**

**You may notice we are quiet this term and numbers will be increasing for January, when we have more children starting.**

### **Dressing for the Weather**

Typical British weather, we have sunshine one minute & thunderstorms the next! We can never predict how the day will be especially in the Autumn. The children have access to the garden throughout the day during free flow play, this is all year round in all weathers.

We ask that parents dress their child for the weather, ensuring they have a coat in case it is needed. Layers are better so that if they get cold, they can add to them, if they are too hot they can remove them!

Make sure you also provide your child with wellies & rain suits, so they can enjoy whatever the weather.

### **Facebook**

If you haven't already, make sure you join the Facebook group to keep up with all the latest news and to see what the children have been doing. The Facebook group is for family & friends of children currently at the setting. If you join the group, you will need to answer the questions before we can accept you.

Look for '*Cheylesmore Pre-school Family & Friends*'

### **Front Door/Entrance Area**

We are also asking that parents bring their child into pre-school but say their goodbyes in the corridor, then a member of staff will let your child through the gate. This will also promote independence with the children, coming into pre-school.

If your child is upset at separating in the morning, then you will be able to go through with them, but please let a member of staff open the gate.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10-11am

We are inviting you to join us and eat cake!

We would love for you to help raise money for this very special charity

This is a great opportunity for parents and families to meet and have a cuppa...in exchange we would be very grateful if you could donate some cakes and biscuits from the beginning of next week or if you're brave enough....bake some and bring them on the day!!

## Lunchboxes

### **A reminder of our lunchbox policy**

- No fruit shoots or drinks need to be brought in, we will provide drinks throughout the day and at lunch time.
- No nut products or products that may contain nuts, this includes chocolate spread.
- Grapes and cherry tomatoes will need to be cut in half.
- If there is warm food in the lunchbox please let staff know so it is kept out of the fridge.

**Please also ensure that your child's lunchbox has their name on it.**

## Drama Tots

Drama Tots is continuing on a Thursday Morning. The children are always very excited to see what adventures they will be going on each week with Helen. If you would like your child to join in with the session, we are asking for £ donation to cover the costs. Please give this to a member of staff on a Thursday morning.

## Family Albums

The children will be making family books with their key groups, can you please send some family photos in to support this, you can email photos to us to print off at pre-school.

## Reminders

- **All children need a bag with spare clothes, you never know when your child may need them!**
- **Please encourage children to leave toys and personal belongings at home, so they do not get broken or lost.**
- **Please ensure your child's fees are paid by the 4<sup>th</sup> of the month.**
- **Mobile phones are not to be used in pre-school, please end your call before you enter.**
- **If your child has had a high temperature or needed medicine, such as paracetamol or ibuprofen prior to their session they will not be able to attend until they are well enough.**

## Absent from Pre-school

If your child is absent from pre-school for any reason such as illness, family occasions, days out, etc. Can you please let pre-school know as we are still required to monitor attendance and this will help to keep track of when children are off pre-school.

## Dates for your Diary

27<sup>th</sup> September-Macmillan  
Coffee Morning

6<sup>th</sup> October-Grandparents Day,  
Afternoon Tea-details to follow.

19<sup>th</sup> October- Half Term