

NEWSLETTER

30TH OCTOBER TO 15TH DECEMBER 2023 | TERM 2



Welcome to our first newsletter of the year and we hope that you and your children have enjoyed the first term, we have enjoyed getting to know our new families and looking through our returning children's summer holiday books.

Your child's online observation account will be launched after the half term holiday, we are excited to have a more interactive way to share with you your child's time at pre school. If you haven't returned your permission form yet please do so as soon as possible.

Important information.

- It is very important that we keep our records up to date so please let us know if you change your address or telephone number (including mobile number). Also ensure your mobile is switched on just in case we need to get in touch.
- Each child needs a change of indoor shoes, an individual towel, a complete change of clothes and a water bottle (filled with water only). Please make sure all your child's belongings are clearly named.
- If you wish to purchase a pre-school T-shirt, sweatshirt or towel please see a member of staff.
- **Please note that mobile phones are not permitted to be used at pre-school, please do not use them when you drop off or pick up from the setting as this is a safeguarding concern especially now parents/carers are coming into the building more.**
- Just a reminder that we ask you to put a small plate in your child's lunch box and please try to keep your child's lunch as healthy as possible, we do not allow sweets or solid chocolate bars in their lunch boxes. Lunch boxes are kept in the fridge during the morning to ensure they remain fresh until lunchtime.



Matt and Vicky from Switch Rugby have been coming in on Wednesday mornings to take a rugby based class with the children giving them a chance to play games and learn new skills through physical activities. This will continue again in Term 2.

Committee Members.

We are a committee run pre school and we are very keen to have current parents as representatives on the committee. They can help us to give a parent's perspective of what is important for the children to experience whilst with us. If you feel this is something you would be interested in doing please speak to Kate Sheppard for more information.

Another way to get involved is we are always keen to raise money to buy new toys and equipment for the pre school and have a small number of parents who help us to do this by organising fundraising events. If you feel that you could help out please speak to a member of staff who could pass your details on to our current fundraising team.

One way that you could help to raise some money is to use easyfundraising every time you shop online....Great news! We've registered Queens Road Methodist Church Pre School with #easyfundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help so much, so please sign up to support us - it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. Sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdek6rme>



Kate Sheppard
Pre-School
Manager



TERM DATES - 2023/24

TERM 1: Tues 5th Sep to Fri 20th Oct
TERM 2: Mon 30th Oct to Fri 15th Dec
TERM 3: Mon 8th Jan to Fri 9th Feb
TERM 4: Mon 19th Feb to Thurs 28th Mar
TERM 5: Mon 15th April to Fri 24th May
TERM 6: Mon 3rd June to Fri 19th July



TOPICS FOR THIS TERM

In our first term we have been following the topics All About Me, Harvest and Autumn.

Our topics for Term 2 will include **OUR FAVORITE STORIES, KEYNSHAM AND CHRISTMAS.**

To go alongside our topics, we have a colour and number of the week and a letter sound for each term. (The information about these can be found on the noticeboard in the entrance to the building.)

Our sound we will be focussing on is 'A', we introduce this with our song 'Ants on my arm' sung to the tune of 'Skip to my loo'

**A-a-ants on my arm,
A-a-ants on my arm,
A-a ants on my arm
They're causing me alarm!**

**Action-run your fingers up
your arm.**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th to Friday 17th November- Children in Need Week. Children are invited to wear something spotty all week and if possible bring in a small donation for this important charity.

Monday 11th December-AGM and Christmas Party 11am-1pm (no normal pre-school that day)

Friday 15th December-Nativity performance 2pm with Term 2 finishing after the performance.

We will send out more information about our Christmas events shortly.