



Where Learning is Fun!

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The staff Team

Heather Clarke – Manager and Safeguarding and Child Protection Officer

Wendy Lewis – Deputy Manager and Designated Safe Guarding and Child Protection Lead

Emma Buckland – Leader and Health and Safety Officer

Lisa Jefferson- Health and Safety Officer and Admin assistant

Sarah Naylor – SENCO and Key Person Assistant

Kirsten Turner – Key Person Assistant and Lunch Link Supervisor

Rosemary Jennings – Key Person Assistant

Claire Palmer – Key Person Assistant

Irene Slade – Key Person Assistant

Emma Brown – Bank Staff

Lisa Taylor – Admin Assistant

Although it may only be March we have had to plan for September 2018. Thank you for getting your acceptance forms to me on time.

This term committee are planning a fun family 'Spring Fair' to be held on Saturday 21st April. Please look out for further information regarding this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday pm 12th and Thursday pm 15th March: Bring your favourite teddy/cuddly toy to pre-school (main hall) sessions

Thursday 15th March: Pre-school photographer in all day. Email has been sent out previously with information.

Monday 26th March – Thursday 29th March: Family Easter Bonnet Competition. Email has been sent out previously with this information.

Friday 30th March: Closed (Bank Holiday)

PARKING:

Once again a parent has brought the inconsiderate dangerous parking outside of pre-school to my attention. Directly opposite the hall car park is the footpath for parents to cross the road with their child/ren. This morning parents had to walk through mud because a parent had parked across the path way. Please park well away from the path so that parents can view oncoming traffic from both up and down the road. Traffic at times speeds along this road. Unfortunately we do not have enough staff to come outside and monitor this. There is a car park up the road opposite the cricket club which is a safer option than taking children out of cars on a busy road. Please park with safety of all in mind. Thank You

ADHOC SESSIONS:

Did you know that we offer adhoc sessions? You may have an appointment where it would be easier without a child in tow, decorating at home, taking on temporary extra hours at work etc. If you would like any extra sessions please contact pre-school to check availability. These sessions are £15.50. Adhoc sessions can only be agreed if your fees are paid to date.

THIS WEEK:

In the main hall this week children have been fire fighters, police officers doctors and nurses. We still have a few children that need convincing that girls can be fire fighters or doctors and boys can be nurses.

Children have continued to make black and white pictures for a display in Southwater Library. This afternoon we have been experimenting with rainbow bread. Using primary coloured paint and pipettes children were discovering how colours mixed and changed colour when squirted onto bread.

Imaginations have been used to turn our wooden buildings into train stations, fire stations, police stations, barns, super hero caves and much more proving that we do not need separate resources for imaginative small world play.

Children in the plus (back room sessions) really enjoy doing their letters and looking at all the things staff and other children bring in from home. There has been a little confusion about who and when children should bring in something from home for letter of the week. When it is your child's turn to bring something in you will receive a letter stating which week and the letter being covered.

P.E sessions will be introduced into plus sessions from after Easter. Information about this will be sent out separately.

REMINDERS:

Fees

- All fees for non funded children and all membership subscriptions if applicable are due by the end of the second week of term. Payment can be paid via cash or cheque. We also accept fees via on-line banking. If you would like to do this, our account details are:

Bank Name: Nat West

Account Name: Southwater Village Hall Pre-School

Sort Code: 60 11 17

Account Number: 19605560

Reference: 'Child's Name'

- If you wish to pay by instalments a written request must be put in writing to Lisa Taylor before the start of term and a payment agreement signed. The first instalment must be paid by the end of the second week of term.

Dogs

- If you have a pet dog that you will be walking to pre-school please be aware that they are not permitted in pre-school or in the car park area. Please tie them securely to the cricket field fence by the bench.

Collection

- Preschool Plus children are sent out to meet their parent/carer, so please make sure that you are visible to staff from the side door by the ramp.
- Pre-school children are collected from inside by their parent/carer. The children will be waiting on the mat. Please do not call them to you as this causes accidents. The children will have been told to wait for you to come to the mat.
- If you need to send someone other than named persons who can collect your child/ren they will need your password.

Parent Helpers

- Once your child has settled in you are very welcome to come in as a parent helper. This is a good insight to what your child does at preschool and gives you time to speak to your key person and other staff that work with your child.
- We would love to welcome in parents who would like to share their interests or hobbies with the children. If this is something that you would like to do please do not hesitate to speak to staff.
- Visits to the library, shops, church and Country Park is something that we would like to do more often but we can only do this with help from parents. We will send out letters when we need help. Unfortunately younger siblings would not be able to come so we appreciate that for some parents helping can be tricky.
- Cooking/baking the children love and we aim to do more of these activities but may need some help from parents; helping the children to wash their hands, measuring ingredients and washing up etc.

Please do not hesitate to speak to staff at any time if you are unsure of anything.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Mother's Day

Heather Clarke

Pre-School Manger