

Chudleigh Pre-School Spring1

February 2020



Chudleigh Pre-School
play & learn together



There are lots of special events happening this term that we hope you will support and the children will enjoy taking part in!

Rhythm and Rhyme

This is our special theme running throughout this term. Learning traditional rhymes and about 'Rhythm and Rhyme' is a vital part in supporting young children's language development and pre-reading and writing skills. It helps children begin to distinguish clearly between sounds and to hear sound patterns in words. We will shortly be sending out our 'Song Book' which has the rhymes that we are singing regularly with the children on our sessions. It would be great if you can have fun singing these rhymes with your children at home as well.

World Book Day

On Thursday 5^h March it is World Book Day. As part of this special day of celebrating 'books and stories' we invite the children to bring in their favourite books and stories from home to share with one another and for them to come dressed in a simple costume as a character from a story. Watch out for the staff hopefully dressed up too! All children will be given a voucher towards a book of their choice on Book Day or during a session this week.



Bandana Week

During the week of 9th– 13th March, we will have a special 'Bandana Week' in support of the Brain Tumour Charity. This is a charity we support each year, that is close to our hearts and we hope you will all support us in trying to raise as much money as possible for this crucial charity. This year we have decided to create a whole 'Bandana Week' (or Pirate Week as we often call it at Pre-School!), so that all children are able to take part if they wish. During the week it would be great fun if your child wants to come to Pre-School dressed as a pirate and wearing a 'bandana'. We ask that you might consider sending in a donation at some point during the week, if your child comes dressed up. Children from each family will receive a 'Head Smart' card outlining the symptoms and giving more information about early diagnosis. Please can we thank you in advance for your support of this charity.



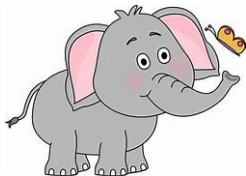
Chudleigh Library

One great way to celebrate World Book Day would be to join Chudleigh Library. The library has a great selection of children's books, and it's all for free! Sharing books and stories is another wonderful way to develop children's speech and extend their vocabulary. As you read a new word stop and explain it to your child, try to reuse the word in general play. See how many new words you can introduce to your child each week to extend their vocabulary.

Thank you

Have you spotted the large ELEPHANT' in the room at the Town Hall , literally!

A huge thank you to Annette and David Martin who made a donation to Preschool and a Thank you to Ian Stirrat who has made us a wonderful new art easel in the shape of an ELEPHANT. Using some of the donated money.



“Let’s Talk More”

Tips for February

Be face to face with your child

Every time you talk to your child make sure you are face to face with them and down at their level.

Why?

This makes it easier for them to hear what you say and see your mouth moving so that they can copy your sounds

Save the Date - Easter Open Afternoon



On Friday 27th March we will be holding our annual Easter open afternoon at the Town Hall 1.45pm - 3pm. It will be a fun afternoon of Easter egg hunts, refreshments and Easter craft activities. This is open to all under five children in our community, not just those that attend our Pre-School. More information to follow!

Please can we remind everyone that we are a setting that Promotes Healthy Eating. We know that some children can be fussy eaters at this age but no sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches please.

healthy eating

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

FINANCE



Please pay any outstanding invoices before the end of term. If you have any concerns over the payment, please do not hesitate to come to the office where we can discuss a payment plan.

FUNDING

If your child turns 3 between 1st January and 31st March, we will need you to complete a Parent Declaration form allowing us to claim funding from Devon County. This is particularly important if your child is entitled to 30 hours funding from April 2020 - please make sure you have filled in a funding form, complete with your 30 hour entitlement code and National Insurance Number, and returned it to the office as soon as possible. **Codes are needed by end of term (deadline is 31st March - however, codes need to be validated before this time, so please return your funding form by 23rd March).** If you are unsure about whether your child qualifies, you can check your eligibility online.



PARENTS NEED TO CONFIRM THEIR ELIGIBILITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS CODES NEED TO BE VERIFIED BY THE PROVIDER WITH DCC BY 31ST MARCH FOR THEM TO ACCESS THEIR FUNDING FROM 1ST APRIL. ANY VERIFIED FROM 1ST APRIL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET THEIR FUNDED TIME UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2020.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPRING TERM 2020

Half term: Monday 17th – Friday 21st February
Last day of term: Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM 2020

First day of term Tuesday 14th April
Bank Holiday Friday 8th May – **Please note change of day**
Half term Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
Non pupil day Monday 1st June
Last day of term Friday 17th July

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Non Pupil days Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September
First day of term Monday 7th September
Half term Monday 26th- Friday 30th October
Last day of term Friday 18th December

SPRING TERM 2021

Non pupil days Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th January
First day of term Wednesday 6th January
Half term Monday 15th – Friday 19th February
Last day of term Thursday 1st April

SUMMER TERM 2021

First day of term Monday 19th April
Bank holiday Monday 3rd May
Half term Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
Non Pupil day Monday 7th June
Last day of term Friday 23rd July



Pre-School Committee: If you are interested in joining the Committee, getting more involved in the running of our Pre-School or fundraising, do email admin@chudleighpreschool.org.uk and we can give you more information about how to join us!