

Chudleigh Pre-School Autumn Term 2020

November 2020



Chudleigh Pre-School Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 17th November 2020 – 7.30pm

Due to the Covid restrictions the AGM will take place via Zoom. If you would like to attend please could you confirm via email to admin@chudleighpreschool.org.uk and a link will be sent on the day.

Did you realise that Chudleigh Pre-School is a registered Charity, that by law require Committee members to help with over-seeing the running of the Pre-School?

- 60% of the committee must be made up of current parents.
- Can you spare a couple of hours a month?
- Would you like to ask our current Committee about their involvement?

If you would like to be considered for the role and help build our Pre-School for future generations, please contact us for further information.

What is it like to be a Committee Member?

“I joined the Pre-school committee back in February... when none of us could have predicted the pressure and instability the setting would face in the coming months. I am extremely proud to have been able to offer a tiny element of guidance to the pre-school through the Committee Zoom meetings. As a parent I have a vested interest in the success of preschool, but also as a member of the Chudleigh community it has been a real privilege to play a part too.

In more normal times I look forward to being able to support the bake sales, Late night Christmas shopping fundraisers etc, but for now ensuring the Pre-School is able to continue to thrive in our community, through the uncertainty of Covid is our priority! I'd encourage you to sign up, by law the pre-school must have a functioning committee; I can honestly say the fantastic efforts of the Pre-School team mean your contribution can be light touch from a time perspective, but will still be hugely valuable.”

Charlotte Hall – Committee Member since February 2020



Autumn in Devon -Harvest Time

The children at both sites have had lots of fun exploring 'Autumn Time' sweeping up the leaves in our Pre-School gardens, playing with acorns and conkers as counting objects or ingredients in Mud Kitchen Recipes! The children have been making their own Autumn leaves, having lots of fun learning how to 'mix colours', make leaves using all different sorts of media.



We have been using our senses to explore different vegetables and the children have created super Autumn displays at both sites



Now we are beginning to find out about different Autumn Festivals and celebrations at levels appropriate to the children's ages. We've done lots of creative firework and bonfire pictures this week, are making poppies and beginning to explore the festival of Diwali then it will be into Advent time and Christmas.

GOOD NEWS

We have heard in the last week that our CO OP grant is now closed at the wonderful figure of £2,566.12. This money will be used to support the further development of our outdoor play area at the Town Hall. The hope once Covid settles is to add a large walk in sand pit and a sensory garden area. Thank you to everyone who choose us as their charity for the grant.



Coronavirus update: -

As a Pre-School we now must notify Devon Public Health of both NEGATIVE and POSITIVE test results of any of our children. If you suspect that your child or anyone in your family has possible Covid-19 symptoms or has been in contact with someone with symptoms', please follow the government guidance very strictly. If you are waiting on test results that are likely to come through over a weekend if you alert us to this by phoning either of our sites then a staff member will take the work phone home with them over the weekend so that in an emergency Pre-School can be contacted and take appropriate action.



We are not taking a collection at Pre-School this year, please donate privately if you would like to like to support this wonderful cause. If the children would like to come in fancy dress to celebrate the day, we are more than happy for then to do so.

However – please save the dates of 7th – 11th December. Its wear a CHRISTMAS JUMPER week! During the week we will be collecting donations for the charity 'SAVE THE CHILDREN'.



FUNDING



If your child turns 3 between 1st September and 31st December, 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 January 2021 – 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 (as they need to be validated before this time, so please return your funding form by 15th December).** If you are unsure about whether your child qualifies, you can check your eligibility online.

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.



PRICE INCREASE FOR NON-FUNDED SESSIONS

Unfortunately, due to price increases in our overheads, we have had to make a small rise to our non-funded sessions. As from the 1st January 2021 our non-funded sessions will rise from £4.70 to £4.80

Tapestry at Pre-School enables us to create a shared picture of your child, so don't forget you can 'comment' on our observations (tell us about similar things that they do at home, for instance) and also add your own observations (of something new or special that you – or they! - would like to celebrate and share with us). There are times when the photos and observations that we add to your child's Tapestry journal may contain images or names of other children: may we take this opportunity to remind you that these must not be shared on social media without the express, written permission of those children's parents/carers.



Chudleigh Pre-School POLO SHIRTS



If you get in quickly, we have a small number of Polo shirts left in our current batch that we are selling on special offer for £5.00 instead of £7.50. The shirts come in the sizes age 3-4 & 5-6 (size 5-6 aren't a lot bigger mainly longer). Please ask the teams working at either site if you would like to purchase one.

AUTUMN TERM 2020

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

