



Firstly we would like to thank all our parents for their understanding and co-operation during the recent case of COVID we had in Pre-School. It certainly was an extremely difficult and stressful time for everyone and we were just so sorry so many of you were robbed of being able to get out at a half term. We would like to assure you we employed a cleaning company during the holiday, which involved a deep clean and all areas and equipment were thoroughly sanitised with a fog machine. To our absolute relief we had the support of the church, which was hugely reassuring at such a worrying time. We are doing everything in our power to ensure Pre-School is as safe as we can possibly make it, our daily cleaning regime is rigorous and we have now decided to wear face masks on the gate, a measure that only happens at this time. Sadly the children seem to be accepting the endless hand washing, sanitising and coughing into their arms as the norm and COVID certainly doesn't seem to be effecting their learning or happiness in Pre-School. We really do understand this is a massively difficult time, we now know first-hand how hard isolation is and mental health is a worry to all. It's so hard to plan things to look forward to and stay upbeat. We appreciate we can't invite you in, but we mean it when we say we are here for you. Try and stay positive, stay well and take care. ❤️

It is with a heavy heart and after much deliberation we have decided not to go ahead with the Christmas party or Christmas nativity. We have weighed up the risks and feel they outweigh the positives of both events. Our children's health will always come first. We promise we will plan lots of fun activities during the last week, in the build up to Christmas and will ensure ALL children have some kind of party day on their allotted day. We are in talks with Father Christmas and are discussing how we can arrange a socially distanced visit too!

As part of our agreement to return to Pre-School after the summer lockdown with the church, we agreed that we would not permit any adults on the premises.

As a direct result of this we are unable to show prospective families around. This seems to be having a big effect on our numbers. We would therefore really appreciate any verbal recommendations, reviews on Spotted, Netmums or Facebook. If you would like to increase your child's session this would also be great for us too. Please see Kelly.

We would be extremely grateful if any families could donate a raffle or auction prize. Contributions of chocolate for the chocolate hampers and unwanted gifts would also be very much appreciated too.

Please read the letter that will be coming home soon regarding our Christmas Auction and raffle. A list of auction lots, together with some bidding slips will be coming home too. Lots will be won by the highest bidder. Raffle tickets will be coming home next week too. We appreciate this is yet another fundraiser we are asking you to support.

Thank you so, so much for your phenomenal support with the sponsored scoot, we raised a staggering £1246.50 an amazing amount! A big thank you also goes to Lindsey (Millie's mummy) who recently raffled a beautiful christmas crate from her business Chunkymoo. She raised £50 and very kindly donated it to Pre-School. Thank you

We are hoping we have seen all parents this term for a chat about your child's progress and Next steps. If we have somehow missed you please let us know. We are always here to chat through any worries you have about your child's happiness and development. We also continue to enjoy your photos and comments on Tapestry, it is a great of keeping in touch in these tricky times.

Now the weather is turning cold, please can you ensure coats and children's items are named, please also try to ensure your child knows what their wellies, hats, gloves etc look like too! We also ask you to check that your child's bag has been replenished with a change of clothes in it when it comes home at the weekend.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Term Ends	Wednesday 16 th December
Christmas holiday	Thursday 17 th December – Monday 4 th January 2021

Spring Term 2021

Term Starts	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Half Term	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February
Term Ends	Thursday 1 st April
Easter holiday	Friday 2 nd April – Monday 19 th April

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts	Tuesday 20 th April 2021
Half Term	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June
Term Ends	Wednesday 14 th July

2 staff training days Monday 4th January and Monday 19th April 2021