



Wallisdean Pre-School



Autumn 1 - 2021

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Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year at Pre-School. We are very pleased to finally meet all our new families and also welcome back our existing children. The new children have settled in so well and are enjoying taking part in all the fun. Just to say if your child has a wobble or becomes upset at drop off, this is very normal for when they start at Pre-School, this is them adjusting to being away from their parent/ carer. It is harder for the adults to deal with and we really have every sympathy with you but you are all doing so well. Although it is very hard, the best thing you can do is say goodbye and leave quickly. It really helps the child in the long run. Please ring if you are worried and we can tell you how they are.

Our first topic is 'Nursery Rhymes' and a curriculum overview will be sent home separately informing you what the children will be learning about.

We have a fun packed term ahead at Pre-School and we regularly post photographs of what is happening at Pre-School via Wallisdean Pre-School Facebook page, so please 'like' our page to be kept up to date. No children can be identified in the photos and this is a way of us showing you what activities the children take part in.

We are all very much looking forward to the term ahead. If you have any questions or worries, please see Mrs Privett or any of the Pre-School team and we can happily help you out.

Mrs Privett

The children may come home and tell you about the exciting things they have done at Pre-School. We will be introducing things very slowly so not all have been introduced yet but to try and help you understand we have outlined a few key times to our session.

Wake & Shake – short music/dance activity to wake all the children up ready for the busy session ahead.

Busy Time – Children choose where they explore, playing in both the inside and outside classroom (includes a snack if the children choose to have it).

Silver Time – fun activity (chosen by the children) to enjoy if they have followed our Pre-School rules and their name has stayed on the happy face or warning triangle.

Family Time – Small focused activity with their Keyworkers focussing on personal/social skills.

Home Time/Lunch Time – dependent upon which sessions the children are booked in for.

To date we have introduced Busy Time, Silver Time and also PE. All activities, planned or self-selected that the children choose to play with have an educational purpose and link to the EYFS 7 areas of learning. The children just don't realise they are learning through their play.

PE and Wellie Walks

This term our PE slots will be Monday morning, Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning. If your child attends Pre-School on these sessions, please ensure your child has shorts and trainers/plimsolls (Velcro) to change into.

Our Wellie Walks are on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure the children have a pair of wellie boots to be kept at school and, as the weather begins to change, that they also have a suitable outdoor coat with them as we still venture outside in the rain.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please inform us on ParentMail - click the absences tab.

Alternatively, you can call on the Pre-School telephone number to let us know:

01329 282073

Clothes - Please ensure **ALL** cardigans/sweatshirts/PE clothes/wellie boots/ bags /coats are clearly NAMED and if your child takes the wrong item home would you please let us know and return it to Pre-School as soon as possible.
Unfortunately, Pre-School cannot take responsibility for lost clothing.

Lunchboxes – Please label with child’s name on the outside and provide an ice pack to keep the food cool.

Home –link

In Pre-School we have a ‘Home-link’ display board and we are hoping to cover this in photos and ‘Proud Clouds’ from home. We would like a photo of your child playing with their favourite toy, or a picture of a farm visit or holding animals or perhaps a photo with a member of their family, which is important to them. We would like the child to talk about their photo during Family Times (if they are comfortable with this) and then we can proudly display it on the board. Please either send a photo in or email it to preschool@wallisdean-inf.hants.sch.uk and we can print for you.

Proud Clouds will also be coming home in their bags if you could fill it out and return. It could be something as simple as they have tidied their toys, used the toilet, a new sibling has arrived – anything you are proud of.

Happy face, warning triangle, sad face – We have had a number of parents ask us if they can have a copy of our behaviour system to use at home. We have attached a copy of this in case it is something you would like to use.

Please speak to a member of staff if you would like clarification on how to use this.

Dates for your diary for Autumn term 2021	Event
Monday 27 th September	School Photographer
Wednesday 6 th October	INSET DAY – PRE-SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 22 nd October	Last day of half term
Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October	Half term Pre-School is closed
TBC	Parents’ Evening
Monday 1st November	First day of second half term
Tuesday 14 th December	Christmas party
Friday 17th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 20th December – Monday 3 rd January 2022	Christmas holidays
Tuesday 4th January 2022	First day of Spring Term

5 INSET days – School is closed for staff training on Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd September 2021 and

WEDNESDAY 6th OCTOBER. TWO further dates to be confirmed.

