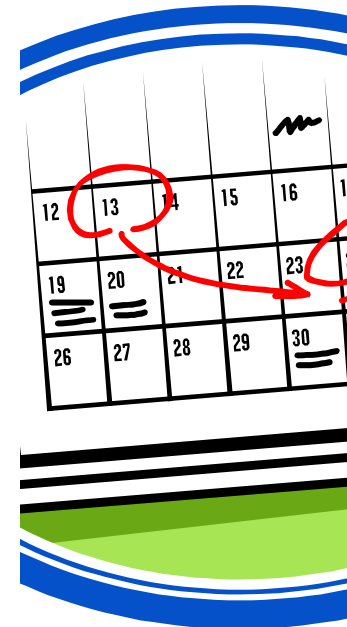




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TERM DATES

- Friday 26th October Closed
- 29th October—2nd November Half Term
- Thursday 20th January Christmas holidays
- Tuesday 8th January 1st day of term
- Monday 18th—22nd February Half Term
- Friday 29th March Easter Holidays
- Monday 15th April 1st day of term
- Monday 27th May— Wednesday 5th June Half Term
- Friday 19th July Last day of term.

EYFS

The Early years Foundation stage (EYFS) sets the curriculum for children between 0-5 years of age. The Government made amendments to the framework that came in to effect from 1st September 2012. Heavitree Community Pre-school has 3 copies available for you to view. We have a copy on the library book stand in the porch, a copy on the wall under the porch and also a copy in the parent file inside the play room. If you have any questions in regard to the EYFS or the documentation please see a member of staff.

Snack

The children are really enjoying the snack that is provided from home. We will continue to provide the second snack of the day.



DONATION

We have a Donation tin on the window sill of the playroom we would be very grateful if you are able to make a small donation (recommended 10p per session) to help contribute with the planning resources such as cooking and art and craft materials that we provide for your children. The Donations also contribute to the additional snack that we provide for your children if they do attend an all day session.

Heavitree Community Pre-school is a charity and we rely heavily on donations and support from families in order to keep our session charges low.



AGM

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting within the next couple of weeks date and time to follow

This event is very important to the future success and running of the pre-school and we need as many parents to attend as possible. We will be giving feedback on the questionnaires that have recently been sent out to parents, showing photos of your children playing and the activities that they get up to. The meeting will also be an op-

What's happening at Pre-school

We have spent the first few weeks of the new term settling in, getting to know each other, establishing rules and routines and most of all having some fun.

We will now be looking at healthy Living: this will include looking at food, making a scarecrow, harvest festival and looking at our bodies.

Suggested ideas to do at home to support our learning:

- **Encourage the children to help make their packed lunch or any other meal**
- **Talk about the food you are eating e.g. apples and carrots are healthy foods.**
- **When out walking such as to or from pre-school look at what's around you are the leaves falling from the trees, can you find any fir cones etc..**

Resources

To support our topics we would be grateful for any magazines or brochures of food that you could bring in for the children to use.

CLOTHING

Please can you make sure that you send your child to pre-school in clothes that are easy to go to the toilet in Dungarees or very tight trousers are difficult for little hands, leggings, tracksuit bottoms or other elasticated trousers are perfect.

Also just a reminder we do recommend that you send your child to pre-school in the blue uniform. We do have supplies for you to purchase at pre-school. The staff make every effort to make sure that the children are wearing aprons but sometimes they cant get there in time so please if you are not using the uniform send them in old clothes.

Please Please Please can you make sure that everything is named the children often struggle to identify their lunchboxes and coats, the more things you can name the better.

Please remember to check your child's tray each day for important letters and of course their lovely art work!!!!



COME AND PLAY

If you would like to spend some time with your child at pre-school please join us by signing up on the parent help rota outside.

There is no expectation on what you should or should not do. If you want to come and play for half an hour or 3 hours its up to you. Also if you have a younger child they are more than welcome to come and play too but they must remain your responsibility.

If you have any questions regarding helping please see a member of staff.

You may have a favourite story or an interesting occupation that you would like to share with the children, if so please see a member of staff.

