

Heavitree Community Pre-School News Letter



EYFS

Personal, social and emotional development : Making Relationships.

This area of learning looks to support children in developing positive relationships by encouraging children to play with a variety of friends.

Snack

Please can you make sure that you put your child's named fruit snack in the snack box in the playroom at the start of your session. Thanks for your co-operation.



TERM DATES

Monday 6th May Closed Bank Holiday

Monday 27th May— Wednesday 5th June
Half Term

Friday 19th July Last day of term.



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WELCOME

We would like to welcome all the new children and their families that have started at pre-school for the summer term. This can be an emotional time for both parents and children. If you have any concerns at all or want to find out more about how your child is settling in then please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

We would also like to invite all new parents to a “new parent evening” Thursday 1st may at 7.30.



We are also delighted to welcome a new member of staff to our team Amanda Teague. Amanda is a Level 3 qualified practitioner with years of experience working with children from birth to 5 years.

Parking

Please **DO NOT** park on the pre-school drive at any time of the day, thank you for your co-operation with this.

Pushchairs

If you are leaving your pushchair at pre-school for the session please can you make sure they are collapsed and preferably stored under the bench. Also just a polite reminder please do not bring pushchairs into the playroom as this does pose a health and safety hazard, however we do not expect you to leave a sleeping baby outside so on occasions where you do need to bring one in please see a member of staff: Many Thanks.

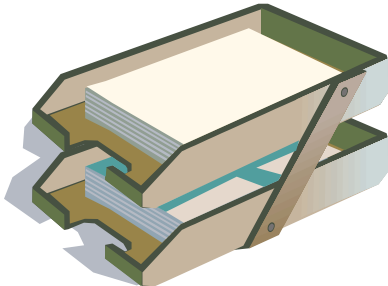


RESOURCES

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.

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.

Children's Trays



Please can you make sure that you check your child's tray at the end of each session, not only does it contain their lovely art work, but we also use the trays to communicate important information with you.

REMINDERS

Names

Please can we ask that you name **everything** that your child comes to pre-school in or with; hats, coats, shoes if it belongs to your child please label it.

Clothing

We encourage the children to be independent when using the toilets at pre-school and it would be really helpful if they could wear clothing that is easy to pull up and down.

Many of the activities involve water play especially at this time of year please could you provide a change of clothes just in case. Thank you.

WEATHER

It looks like the Sun has finally decided to shine . This year we have decided that we would like to buy one very large bottle of Sun cream to use on the children during their session at pre-school. We have made this decision for a couple of reasons firstly we have 81 children attending the pre-school over the week which would mean that we would have to store 81 bottles!! Secondly we are aware that sun cream is expensive and wanted to save parents the cost of buying sun cream just for pre-school. With this in mind we ask that every child attending the pre-school donates 50p—£1 to help cover the cost of buying the pre-school sun cream. However if your child has an allergy or skin condition that requires them to use their own lotion please bring in a named bottle.

We will apply the sun cream to the children at lunch time please make sure your child arrives to pre-school with sun cream already on and a named sun hat.

WHATS HAPPENING AT PRE-SCHOOL

Our theme at the moment is hot and cold. We will be looking at places that are hot and cold, water and land. We will be playing with ice making volcanos among other exciting activities.

Suggested ideas to do at home to support our learning:

- **Discuss the weather together we seem to have the extremes at the moments!!**
- **Visit the beach—Is the sand hot and the sea cold?**

Resources

Please bring in some Seaweed that you have collected at the beach.

We would also be grateful for any holiday brochures that you could bring in for the children to play with.

Ideas

We are always looking for new ideas and themes so please let us know if you have any ideas, skills or resources that we could use.

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.

