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# NEWSLETTER



Where Milestones are Achieved

Welcome to all our parents, carers, and children.

It seems difficult to believe that we have returned to Pre-school, and it is already October. We hope that those children who attended last year are pleased to be back, and our new children have settled well in their new learning environment.

We have allocated your child a keyworker who will be supporting them in their new learning experiences and taking part in stimulating activities, as well as keeping you in touch with their progression via the EY Log platform. A letter will be sent out shortly explaining the role of a keyworker in more detail.

Kathryn and I are also here to answer any queries or concerns you may have over the coming weeks. Our aim is to provide a memorable first learning experience for your child and we look forward to working with you on this journey.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. We are grateful to have such wonderful parents and carers as part of our Pre-school community.

Sarah

## Welcome to Little Wandle!

We are excited to be implementing the Little Wandle phonics programme as part of our daily activities. It is a fantastic way to introduce your child to the world of letters and sounds before they start their journey to primary school. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of our Pre-school – Little Wandle, our adorable goldfish. We are sure that the children will be captivated by their new underwater friend!

## Lending Library and bookbags:

Please remember the importance of returning your child's library book after each lending session. This ensures all children can enjoy new and exciting stories when they visit. Also, please check your child's bookbag regularly and bring it in daily to help with this process. Your support in teaching responsibility and respect for shared resources is much appreciated as we nurture a love for reading in our young ones.

Your keyworker will also be reading a story with your child once a week in our book corner to further explore words and the fun of stories.

## A Grateful Note:

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to parents and carers for the care you take in cutting up grapes in your child's lunch boxes.. This simple, yet vital, precaution ensures their safety during lunchtime, and we genuinely appreciate your attention to this matter.

Additionally, we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for sharing the activities your child engages in at home through our EY Log platform. It is wonderful for our children to connect with their friends and our staff through these shared experiences. Your involvement enriches their learning and development.

Thank you!

### Safety Tips for Halloween and Fireworks:

As Halloween and bonfire night draw near, our top priority is the safety and well-being of your little ones. Please remember to keep a close and watchful eye on them during these exciting festivities. Your attention ensures their safety and allows them to fully enjoy the magic of these special occasions.

More information is available through the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents by opening the below hyperlink:

[Firework safety - RoSPA](#)

### Children's Possessions:

Could you please kindly label all your child's belongings, including coats, bags, lunch boxes, and water bottles. This helps our staff provide better support for the children. Thank you!

### Nursery Rhymes:

Nursery Rhymes are an important way to introduce children to new words, encourages them to recognise sounds and can boost their fine motor skills as well as develop their communication and language. We will be singing these everyday in the setting. The BBC Platform, 'Tiny Happy People' explains the benefits of traditional nursery rhymes and has clips of songs that you can sing with your child.

[Nursery rhymes for babies - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

### Supporting Your Child's Development:

We are excited to share a fantastic resource to support your child's development – the EasyPeasy app, available through Cornwall Council. This app is designed for parents with children aged 0-5 and provides personalised activities and valuable advice from a trusted community of fellow parents and experts. Best of all, it is completely free! You can download it by following the following link:

[www.easypeasyapp.com](http://www.easypeasyapp.com)

### Health Reminders:

We kindly want to remind all parents and guardians about a few important health guidelines to keep our Pre-school community safe and healthy:

#### Norovirus:

If your child experiences diarrhoea and vomiting (D&V), please help prevent the spread of illness by keeping them at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

#### Fever and COVID-19:

Most children and young people are at a low risk of contracting Covid-19.

During the winter, colds, runny noses, and sore throats are common among children. They do not need to remain at home for these ailments if they feel able to attend.

However, if your child has a temperature above 38°, we will ask that they remain at home until the temperature subsides. Currently the guidelines do not require testing for Covid-19.

Your co-operation and understanding are greatly appreciated as we work together to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all our little learners.

### Diary Dates:

20th October 2023	Inset Day (Closed)
23rd - 27th October 2023	Half Term Holidays
30th October 2023	Inset Day (Closed)
19th December 2023	Last Day of Term
4th January 2024	Spring Term Starts
12th - 16th February 2023	Half Term
27th March 2024	Last Day of Term
15th April 2024	Summer Term Starts
6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
(Closed)	
27th – 31st May 2024	Half Term
23rd July 2024	Last Day of Term

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