**PIED PIPER PRESCHOOL – NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 2020**

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We are so pleased to finally welcome back our returning children and our new children! After such a long break from preschool are looking forward to the autumn term. Although things at preschool will be a little different, we are sure that can continue to support and care for all the children attending.

**PRESCHOOL FUNDING**

We would usually ask you to sign a form at preschool but this term you should have received your form via email so that we can claim your free hours. This form is only completed when you start to receive the funding (the term after they turn 3) or if there has been a change to the number of hours you are claiming for. If your child is paying fees, your invoice is attached.

**SNACKS** 

Although we have previously supplied snack for a small cost, we have decided not to do this in the autumn term. Instead we ask you to send a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable snack (no packets of anything eg fruit winders) in for your child if they attend the morning session – if it is in a box please label it with your child’s name.

**LEARNING JOURNEYS**

Please remember to add some pictures of what your child is doing at home or even fun experiences they have had; they love showing us the pictures and talking about them to us. Don’t forget that when you read an observation that we have put on your child’s learning journey, you can give it a ‘like’ by touching the  button and you can add a comment in the box at the bottom of the page.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL/FOOD BANK**

We usually keep a food bank donations box in the foyer for any parents who would like to donate at any time but we have decided to just focus on this during our harvest festival week this term. We will send out details of what they are requesting we donate and will have a box ready at the drop off point for your child to put their item in before coming into preschool.

**BIRTHDAYS** 

We like to help your child to celebrate their birthday by singing happy birthday on their special day. Some parents choose to bring in something for their child to share with their friends. Please can we ask that this is kept to a small treat and sweets are not brought in on days other than their birthday. Due to COVID19 we ask that only shop brought treats are provided.

**SPONSORED TODDLE WADDLE**

We usually meet at Thatcham Lakes in the autumn term for a sponsored walk. We are currently unsure if this will go ahead and will let you know at a later date.

**NAME ALL CLOTHING**

Please name every item of clothing in your child’s bag and items worn to preschool, including shoes. Could you also ensure that clothing is suitable i.e. supports your child’s independence in toileting and is suitable for the weather. Please note, due to COVID19 we cannot supply spare clothes, hats or sun-cream so if your child does not have enough/the appropriate clothing during the session you will be called and asked to drop this off at preschool. Children can access the garden and the playroom can sometimes be cooler than the home environment, so even if they would not be wearing a jumper at home, they may need one at preschool.

**AGM 6th OCTOBER**

We are a committee run preschool and we need and value the support we receive from parents. The preschool AGM is an opportunity to hear details about how the preschool is being run and is open to everyone, we are unsure how this meeting will be held this year but we will let you know nearer the time.

**PE FOR AFTERNOON CHILDREN**

As a preparation for school, children who attend the afternoon sessions will participate in PE sessions on Tuesday afternoons. We have decided that we will not be changing into PE clothes in the first half of the autumn term, so you don’t need to supply this yet.

**MESSAGES AT DROP OFF TIME**

As drop off time is going to be very different this term in order to follow social distancing guidelines, we will be unable to take messages from you at the door. Our priority is to receive the children and support them emotionally and settle them into preschool. If you have something you would like to tell us, please phone us (01635 873814) and the member of staff you speak to will ensure the message is passed onto all staff. We are happy to take your calls anytime during the day. Alternatively, you can email Eva manager@piedpiperpreschool.org.uk

**LIBRARY BOOKS** **TUESDAY ONLY**

After the children have settled, we will restart our library book system so your child will choose a book to come home on Tuesdays (or the next day if they don’t attend that day). There will be a library book box at the drop off point, please encourage your child to take their book out of their bag ready to place in the box when it is there turn to come into preschool Unfortunately we cannot accept books on any other days

**If you have any questions about anything on this newsletter please contact us and we’ll be happy to help!**