



Autumn Term 2021 Newsletter

Dates for your diary

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Children return to pre-school: Monday 6th September

Pre-school ends: Friday 22nd October

Half Term Break

Staff training day (Pre-school closed): Monday 1st November

Children return to Pre-school: Tuesday 2nd November

Dressing up for fun: 15th November to 19th November

Hello and a warm welcome to all our new families who are joining us this year. We hope your little ones settle quickly and enjoy coming to pre-school. Any worries, please talk to your key-person who will be happy to help. Also, a big welcome back to children who are returning for another year of fun and learning.

Pre-school Information:

Nappies and pull-ups

Parents with children who are in pull ups or nappies are kindly asked to provide a supply of pull-ups, nappies, wipes etc. During Covid we are asking for a pack of nappies and wipes which will be named and used for your child as needed. You will be advised when the pack of nappies or wipes need replenishing.

Behaviour

We have many young children attending pre-school in the autumn term and for some, it will be their first experience of sharing toys and following pre-school routines. Some children settle easily while others find it more challenging. This can sometimes result in behaviour such as snatching or hurting others. Staff will inform parents of any incidents and will work together with families to promote positive behaviour. Please help us by talking to your child regularly about sharing and being kind to each other.

Lunch boxes, snack pots and drinking bottles



Please make sure your child's lunch box, snack pots and drinking bottles are wipeable and named. Remember to keep your child's lunch items as healthy as possible. Please make sure that any grapes in your child's lunch box are cut in half as they can be a choking hazard. Keep portions child sized as they will also be having snacks during the session. Please remember that your child's lunch box should never contain NUTS or EGGS. We will be offering children milk again for their snack time this term.

Website / Facebook / What's App

Please visit our website at www.wigmoreunderfivespreschool.co.uk. It has many interesting sections including pre-school policies, newsletters, staff, and session information. We also have a Wigmore Under Fives and Stepping-stones Facebook page. Have a look to see updates and information regarding children's activities. Also, we have a parent's 'What's App' chat. This is a great way to keep in contact with pre-school and other parents sharing information such as school closure days, children's cake stalls, lost property, and sports day etc. Please do not use this group for personal information regarding children being ill or if you are going to be late. This type of information should be texted privately to the preschool mobile number 07414 741610

Tapestry Online Learning Journal and App

Wigmore Under Fives uses a platform called 'Tapestry' to record children's learning and development. Each family is able to access their child's information from the App that you can download onto your phone, tablet, or computer. You can also log into the online version to access 'Tapestry' to read memos and activities set by pre-school. You will receive an activation email, from this, you can set up your own password and PIN number. Please go onto your child's 'Tapestry' weekly, to see what your little one has been learning. Parent/Carers own observations and comments are also very welcome. 'Tapestry' is very user friendly and helps key-persons and families to keep in touch and share photos and milestones. Have a go, it's fun and when your child leaves, you will be able to download all the photos, videos, and observations in a booklet format to keep forever.

Sponsored treasure hunt

Each year we encourage the children and their families to take part in a sponsored treasure hunt. Children are given a sponsor form and a colourful sheet showing items that they have to find (with a little help from parents/carers). Items found can be stuck onto the sheet. This year due to Covid-19, we will be doing the sponsored treasure hunt as an activity on 'Tapestry'. We will provide the sheets and sponsor forms you need. Please take photos of your child finding the items on the sheet and sticking them onto their treasure hunt sheet, and add them to your child's learning journal. This is a fun activity for you to share with your child. Money raised will go towards buying some wellington boots and a boot stand for the children.

Dressing up for fun week

Dressing up for fun week will be held week beginning 15th November to 19th November. This fundraising event costs £1 for the whole week. Children might like to dress up just once; all week or not at all.....we do not mind. Money raised will go towards buying new toys/resources for the children.

Children's Safety

When dropping off or collecting your child, please drive slowly and carefully whilst in the car park. Always hold your child's hand whilst queuing and until inside the building or car. Disabled parking is for blue badge holders only. Please display your blue badge when parking in the disabled places.



BABY STEPS → STEPPING STONES

We are pleased to be re-opening our Stepping-stones stay & play group again on Thursday 23rd September 2021. This session is provided for younger children aged from birth to 3years old accompanied by a parent/carer. It meets every Thursday morning during term time **9.30am -11.30am**

£3.00 per family

Childminders welcome

£3.00 for first child, £1 for each extra child

