

We hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break and come back to Pre-School feeling refreshed! A big welcome to Adaline, Charlie, Dexter, Erin and Humphrey, who join us at Pre-School.

This term we will be exploring sustainability. Relevant items for our Interest Table would be greatly appreciated. The weeks ahead look briefly like this.....

Week 1 (4th September) – We will be welcoming everybody back to Pre-School this week, and getting to know the names of our new children.

Week 2 (9th September) – This week the children will find out about wildlife and in particular animal conservation. The word of the week is conservation.

Week 3 (16th September) – Waste is the theme of the week. The importance of litter picking will be talked about, and weather permitting the children will be out and about around Pre-School looking for rubbish. The children will get involved with lots of fun activities involving recycled bits and bobs. They will also investigate composting and wormeries! The word of the week is recycling.

Week 4 (23rd September) – This week we will be having our Harvest Festival (25th). All welcome.

Week 5 (30th September) – Rosh Hashana, or the celebration of the Jewish New Year, takes place this week.

Week 6 (7th October) – The children will find out about various types of energy this week – wind, electricity, solar and tidal. The word of the week is energy.

Week 7 (14th October) – Water is the theme of the week.

We will find out about oceans, in particular what lives in them and the need to look after them. The word of the week is ocean.

Week 8 (21st October) – This week the children will explore rainforests, the need to preserve them and the animals that live in them. The word of the week is rainforest.

Toddlers

Toddler group continues to take place every Thursday morning from 9.00 – 11.30am. All welcome. Healthy snacks and drinks are provided for children, and hot drinks and bacon sandwiches for parents! £1.50 per session, with an additional charge of £1 for a bacon sandwich.

Visitors

Dance:

- Tuesday 10th September
- Tuesday 24th September
- Tuesday 8th October

Forest School:

- Friday 13th September
- Friday 27th September
- Friday 11th October

Photographer

The photographer will be at Pre-School on Monday 16th September. You are all welcome to have individual/family photos taken but please let us know if you require older siblings from Staunton Primary School so that we can make appropriate arrangements. If it is not your child's regular day please speak to Joy to arrange a suitable

time. We will try and get through them as smoothly as possible but we appreciate your understanding that children do not always want to perform on cue! There will be no group photo.

Show and Tell

We are trialling a new system to alleviate congestion in Pre-School by having the Show and Tell boxes in the hallway.

Parents with confident children or parents in a hurry are welcome to kiss and drop! A member of staff will always be waiting to welcome the children.

Fundraising

We are looking to replace our amazing Fundraising Team who, with everyone's help, has raised £3,655.09. The children will benefit directly from all money raised – new equipment, parties and trips throughout the year. Many thanks to Kate, Charlotte and Elen.

Please speak to a member of staff if you are interested in helping with future fundraising.

Our chosen charity for the coming year is The Woodland Trust. Look out for fundraising events.

Please Help!

In line with our theme this half term, please can you bring in unwanted plastic bottle tops. These will be recycled via Hereford Recycling Group, who are aiming to fill William Bull!

Labelling

Please can all clothing, change bags, drinks bottles and lunch boxes be clearly labelled so that they can be easily returned to the correct people!

Harvest Festival

Martin Lovelace (retired vicar) will join us for our annual Harvest celebration. As usual we will donate our produce to the Women's Refuge. They would appreciate items such as tinned/packet goods, toiletries, nappies etc. Please bring the produce in a small basket for the children to carry into the celebration and we would appreciate volunteers to deliver the goods afterwards. Please see Joy if you can help.

All welcome at 2.30pm to hear songs and watch our play. Please do stay to enjoy a cup of tea and the children's baking. We will finish at our normal time of 3.30pm.

Emails

For GDPR purposes we have changed our email address. Individual members of staff now have their own email addresses. Please add them to your Contacts to ensure emails do not go in to your Junk box:

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Car Parking

Please only park in marked bays in the school car park. The yellow box near the school gate is for emergency vehicles only and must be kept clear at all times.

We fully appreciate that it can be difficult to find a space at busy times, but it is important that the road outside school is kept clear to allow the bus service to run and if needed for an emergency vehicle to get through.

Parking is available at the village hall, which is just a short walk from school.

Dates for Your Diary

04.09.19 – Start of Term

10.09.19 – Dance

13.09.19 – Forest School

16.09.19 - Photographer

24.09.19 – Dance

25.09.19 – Harvest Festival

27.09.19 – Forest School

08.10.19 – Dance

11.10.19 – Forest School

24.10.19 – **Break up for half term, PLEASE NOTE NO PRE-SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 25TH**

BACK TO PRE-SCHOOL ON MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER