

Oakley Pre-School

Summer Term 2022 Newsletter



Welcome back to the Summer Term!

We are pleased to welcome everyone back to Pre-school for the start of the Summer Term.

We would also like to welcome our new children and parents starting pre-school for the first time.

In line with the latest Government Guidance and the advice from the Public Health Team at Bedford Borough the Risk Assessment for reducing the spread of respiratory infections, including Covid-19 has been updated and distributed by email.

Collection of Children

Can you please ensure your child is collected promptly at the end of their sessions please. Should you be running late, then please do ring to let us know you are on the way. We do have a 'Non-collection of Children policy' that we have to adhere to.

Sound of the Week

We are continuing to feature a letter sound of the week, to help with literacy development. The letter sounds for each week are **family** put on

Parent Partnership

Communication is the key to a successful partnership between parents and pre-school and we do our best to ensure that we have good lines of communication. Our priority is face to face communication, but this is not always possible so ask for communication to be done via **family** where possible.

This is a software application specifically designed for Early Years settings. We are now using **family** for daily attendance, invoicing and communicating with parents/carers, observations and assessments of the children. If you have any queries or problems using this app please contact us. **New starters will receive their log in invitation this week.**

Please email any items or concerns you would normally raise with your child's Key person via the Pre-school email or **family** using.

We have a **Facebook** page so please 'like' that to follow us on Facebook. The Pre-school website is also update regularly.

Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Pre-school via phone, email or **family**.

Lunch Club



Please note that **lunch boxes MUST be made of plastic** that can be washed thoroughly every day. No material lunch bags will be allowed to be brought in.

We have children attending pre-school with serious nut allergies. Please **do not** send your child with any products containing nuts, such as, peanut butter, cereal bars etc. Please also refrain from giving your child products containing nuts immediately prior to coming into Pre-school.



Please refer to the attached link [Change4Life](#) for healthy lunch box ideas.



Could you please ensure that any grapes, cherry tomatoes or mini sausages etc are cut in half **lengthways** to avoid them being a choking hazard. Please also **do not** send in 'leftovers' that contain meat or cheese, as we are unable to reheat them at pre-school.

Could you please be mindful when packing your child's lunch box. We are finding that there is a lot of plastic waste and due to the current concerns regarding climate change we would really like to try and help even in a small way.

Snack Time / Drinks

Pre-school will provide a healthy snack for mid-morning and mid-afternoon. There will be a nominal charge for this and you will be invoiced for this termly. Children will be offered and encouraged to drink water during the session. This will be supervised and offered in a sterilised beaker.

Outdoor clothing

The children will continue to use the outside area whenever they wish this term in line with our "Outside play" policy.



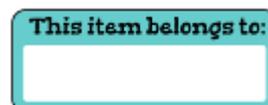
Therefore, please ensure that your child has suitable outside clothing (including coat, hat and gloves) whenever he/she attends pre-school. Our "Wellie-hog" under the canopy in the playground will be used to store the children's wellies and we would be grateful if you could leave a pair of **named wellies** at pre-school for the duration of the term.

It is now the Summer Term so please ensure you refer to our Sun Protection Policy and when appropriate please ensure sun protection is applied before your child comes to pre-school and a sun hat is provided.



Naming Children's Belongings

Please could we remind parents/carers to label all hats, gloves, jumpers, cardigans, coats and any item of clothing that is likely to be removed.



Fund-raising Committee

Pre-school is run by a management committee, made up of parents/carers and volunteers. The Committee are busy organising new social fund-raising events. Check the website in due course for more details.



New Build Project for Pre-School

I'm sure everyone has seen the new building in position in the farmer's field behind the Methodist Church. It was very exciting for the children to see the 7 sections of the building delivered on big lorries and hoisted into place by a large crane.



Since delivery work has continued inside the building with the kitchen, toilets and playroom sink units being fitted along with the floor being laid and painting being finished. The security and fire alarm system and data connection have all been installed along with a new electricity meter. The water supply final connection is imminent and the external landscaping will start taking shape by the contractors with the help of Patrick Knight (landowner) to ensure it is safe and secure for the children to access.

Finally, before we can move in we need the building inspection to take place and then for OFSTED to approve the new building for the setting.

Dates for your Diary:

First day of Summer Term : Wed 20th Apr
(UK Bank Hol : 18th Apr)

(PD day : Tues 19th Apr)

Half term : w/c Mon 30th May

Leavers Photos : Thurs 9th June

Last day of Summer Term : Fri 22nd July

First day of Autumn Term : Mon 5th Sept

If you have any queries or concerns with anything at Pre-school, please speak to Sally Martiello.

Thank you for your continued support.

