

Newsletter Term 1 – September 2019

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WELCOME:

We would like to wish everyone a warm welcome back after the summer break. We hope you all had a lovely, restful time and that you are ready for all the exciting activities we have planned this term. We welcome our new starters: **Oscar B, Lewis, Betty, Rohan, Georgia, Finley, Toby, Joshua and Oscar J!** We hope you have a wonderful time here with us.

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 6 th	All payments due for term 1 September 21 st and 22 nd – DAPS Scarecrow trial
w/c September 16 th	Harvest Festival week
w/c October 14 th	Parents meetings for new starters – days and times to be arranged
October 23 rd	10 year party! 3.30 to 5pm
October 23 rd	Last day of term 1
November 4 th	1 st day of term 2

NOTICES:

TERM THEME: This term we will be focusing our investigations on **'MARVELLOUS ME'**, we will be talking about our families, where we live and what makes us who we are. We will be talking about what makes us happy, being kind and generally settling in for the year ahead and helping all the children get to know one another. We would be really grateful if the children could bring in some photographs of the people they live with and/or extended family and pets, the children can talk about these at circle time if they want to and they will go on the wall to help the children feel at home as they start their new year with us.

SUMMER RAFFLE AND LEAVERS CEREMONY: We would like to thank everyone who came along to our Leaver's ceremony on the last day of last term, our summer raffle was a great success and raised a fantastic £247.10. This money will be used to replenish some of the toys within the pre-school and purchase materials for our various themes.

DONATION: We are delighted to report that we have received a donation of £437 from the West Lavington Village Fete Committee. We are really grateful for this donation and plan to use the money to purchase some more play equipment for our garden.

SNACK: This term we are trialling the idea of a more relaxed snack break, the children are encouraged to come and wash their hands and enjoy a supervised snack over a period of 30 minutes. We will keep a note of who has had a snack and will encourage all the children to have one. For snack we will be offering fresh fruit and vegetables and the children will be encouraged to prepare some of it themselves using child friendly utensils. If you have any questions about this please don't hesitate to ask. This system will be reviewed at the end of this term so if you would like to offer your opinion it would be most appreciated.

10 YEAR PARTY: To celebrate 10 years since our brand new pre-school building opened we will be hosting a party on the 23rd October from 3.30 to 5pm - for all pupils, past and present, and their families. More details to follow nearer the time.

SUGGESTION BOX: You may have noticed the metal box by our front door, if you have any suggestions you would like us to take on board please feel free to write them down and pop them in the box. This box can also be used to return our questionnaires more anonymously if you would prefer.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS: During the summer break Miss Julie (our Designated Safeguarding Lead, **DSL**) and Miss Nikki (our Deputy **DSL**) visited the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (**MASH**) at Trowbridge County Hall for a tour, an introduction to the roles undertaken within MASH and the process triggered by a referral. Maintaining up to date training and knowledge of safeguarding children is at the forefront of our role working within the pre-school.