



Addlestone Pre-school

Autumn Newsletter: September 2020

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas (despite the restrictions) and that you are all ready to begin a much brighter year! We are excited for the start of term and happy to be welcoming you back to preschool, and an especially warm welcome to our new starters – we hope you will enjoy exploring the setting and making new friends.

What's happening this term? As we settle back to preschool and welcome some new faces we will be using our creative thinking skills and different materials to build individual and giant group marble runs. We will be testing out our ideas and learning how to make things work.

Throughout this term we will also explore a variety of celebrations including: Chinese New Year, Mother's Day and Easter. On Thursday 4th March we will take part in 'World Book Day' – if you are able to come in and read (restrictions depending) a story to a group of children, please let a member of staff know. Look out for our 'Daily Activities' sheet that gives more detail about our session activities, Facebook notifications, and weekly blog.

Phonics: we will begin introducing phonics to the children and thinking about various letter sounds this term.

Swimming: We are hoping that by the summer term we will be back to normal and able to offer swimming lessons at Ongar Place School for all morning children. These lessons are a good introduction to swimming and help children to build water confidence. A letter will be sent out with further details soon.

Staffing update: Sarah will not be joining us at preschool for the first few weeks of term as she needs to look after a family member. We wish her well and look forward to welcoming her back very soon! We have a new member of staff joining us at the end of this week, so please look out for her and join us in welcoming Evie to the team.

Face masks: We would like to thank you all for your patience, understanding and cooperation over the last few months. We will continue to operate under our COVID-19 risk assessment this term. Please ensure that you continue to observe social distancing measures and wear a face mask when on school grounds to pick up/collect your child. On the reverse you will find a reminder of the symptoms to look out for and actions required to minimise transmission.

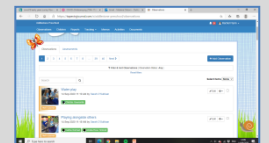
Happy to help: Please remember that we are always happy to answer any questions that you have and feel free to email/call us at any time.

Please remember:

- Uniform must be named.
- If your child is absent/sick you need to inform us by 10am that day (12 noon for afternoon children). This is a legal requirement. **See COVID-19 note on sickness procedures for this period.**
- Please provide a set of spare clothes.
- No smoking in the school grounds.
- If your child has had sickness or an upset stomach they must be kept away from school for 48 hours.
- If sending money, medication or other important items into preschool, please remember to hand to a member of staff - do not leave in your child's bag.
- Please remember, if you have any concerns we are always available at the beginning/end of sessions to help, or we will arrange a convenient time for you to speak to us.
- If sending grapes in for lunch, please ensure that they are cut up.
- Telephone: 01932 851744

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Please remember to log-in to your tapestry account for updates on your child's progress and to see the activities that they are taking part in each day at preschool. If you are having any problems with access to your tapestry account, please let us know.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to our birthday children this term



January: Carina, Leighton, Finley

February: Ellsee, Madison

Marrch: Amelia-Rose, Christos, Luca, Zachary, Douglas



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Spring Newsletter: January 2021

Minimising the risks of COVID-19

You will have already noticed the changes and procedures that we have put in place at Addlestone Preschool to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, protect all of our children, families and staff.

If your child shows any of the COVID-19 symptoms they will be unable to attend preschool:

- + a high temperature
- + a new, continuous cough (coughing for more than an hour or three or more coughing episodes in an hour)
- + a loss or change to sense of smell or taste (meaning they cannot smell or taste anything OR things smell or taste different from normal).

If your child has had or develops any one, or more of the above symptoms:

- + Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible
- + Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

Your child should self-isolate for at least 10 days from when the symptoms started. Or if they are not experiencing symptoms but have tested positive for coronavirus they should self-isolate for at least 10 days starting from the day the test was taken. You, other household members and members of your support bubble should self isolate for 10 days.

If your child has tested positive while not experiencing symptoms but develops symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms. You and other household members should self-isolate for 14 days.

If your child has tested positive it is essential that you inform us as we will need to notify the local health protection team.

To view the preschool policies and procedures [click here](#)

To view the COVID-19 response flow chart [click here](#)

If you would like to see the full NHS guidance, please follow this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Please do not hesitate to contact us via email/phone should you have any concerns or questions.

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Spring Term dates

Monday 4th January – Wednesday 31st March

Half term is Monday 15th – Friday 19th February