

Old Court News



Welcome to our Pre-School

Happy New Year! We would like to welcome new families and those returning. As we enter a new year, it is important that we help and support our children going to 'big school' in September to becoming more independent ready for this next step. This includes the importance of good hygiene and improving their self care skills, such as putting their coats and shoes on independently and to try to fasten the zip or buttons. In the summer we will also be holding PE lessons to help the children learn how to dress/undress themselves and will provide more information on that nearer the time. In the meantime, we would appreciate it, if you could continue to support your child with these skills at home.

Lunches

For those children who attend our lunchtime sessions, can we please remind parents of some regulations:

- Please ensure there is an ice block in your child's lunchbox as, even though it is cold outside, we do not have a fridge to store the lunchboxes in the setting.
- Please do not put any form of nuts in your child's lunch box (including peanut butter and chocolate spread), as we try to ensure the setting is nut free.
- Please cut grapes in half, lengthways. Grapes can be a choking hazard, so we advise grapes to be cut to avoid a serious incident
- Please do not include chocolate bars or sweets in your child's lunch box. We like to promote healthy eating at the preschool, and do not encourage these treats to be part of a lunch.

Please visit our Facebook page for up-to-date information and events

www.facebook.com/oldcourtcommunitypreschool

Please note this is run by committee members so is not to be used for important information

Thank You

The Pre-school would like to say thank you for all the kind cards and gifts we received for Christmas. They are never expected and always appreciated.

Dates for the Diary

February Half Term

Closed for 2 weeks

From Monday 17th February to Friday 28th February 2019

Easter Eggstravaganza

Save the date – the Easter Eggstravaganza will take place on Saturday 28th March 2020. Please look out for further information shortly

Easter Holidays



Friday 3rd April – closed for TD day
Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April

Closed for TD Days/Bank Holidays

Friday 8th May 2020 – Bank Holiday
Wednesday 22nd July - closed for TD day

Summer Holiday

Summer holidays start on Thursday 23rd July

Birth Announcements		
	<p>Congratulations to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucy on baby brother Jack - Kaiden on a baby brother - Lily on baby brother Edward 	

Polite Request...

Mobile phones: Can we respectfully request that mobile phones are not used while on the Pre-School premises, including in the grounds at drop off and pickup. This is to safeguard our children and encourage conversation and interaction with our children and staff.



Hot Drinks: For health and safety reasons, can we ask that hot drinks are not brought into the setting at drop off and pick up times, please! This includes reusable cups with a lid.



Supervision of siblings/other children at pick up and drop off: When dropping off and collecting your child from preschool, please can you ensure that siblings/other children who are with you are supervised at all times and do not climb on the play equipment and storage units. We have had instances of items being damaged which we then need to replace or repair as a result.



Our Easter Eggstravaganza this year is being held on Saturday 28th March from 10.30-12.30. This is our biggest event of the year and we hope many of you can join us for this fun morning of Easter activities. These include activities for the family, games, refreshments, tombola and much more.

To make the event a success, the Committee need help and support from our parents in the following areas:

- Donations for our cake sale, bottle tombola and raffle
- Help to set up the evening before (6.30-8.30pm)
- Help to set up on the morning (9.30-10.30)
- Running stalls/activities
- Help to take down at the end of the event (12.30-1.30)

If you are able to help with any of these items, it would be much appreciated. We will have an Easter Planning Meeting on **Monday 10th February from 7.30-8.30pm** at the Pre-school and any volunteers are welcome to attend. Thank you.