

# Old Court News



## Welcome to our Pre-School

We would like to welcome new families and those returning. As a Pre-School we are proud to be able to support children as they prepare for their next big adventure... 'big school'. To help in this process we are keen to encourage those starting school next September to become independent in everyday tasks. We have talked about washing hands before touching food, after going to the toilet, playing in the garden, touching animals, coughing, sneezing and wiping our nose. We have also been encouraging the children to put their coats and shoes on independently and to try to fasten the zip or buttons. We would appreciate it, if you could continue to support your child with these skills at home.

### Would you like to help make our Pre-School great?

If so, please join our committee! We have opportunities open for new members. Please join us at our AGM on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** at 7:30pm.

Could you be the next Pre-School Secretary, Maintenance Officer, or Fundraiser? We are looking for someone to fill these and other important roles and it is a great way to get to know other parents/carers at the Pre-School. Full training and handover will be provided.

Please email [oldcourt@talktalk.net](mailto:oldcourt@talktalk.net) for details.

### Children Starting School in September 2020

All children who will be four before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 must apply for a school place by midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. You apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

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

[www.facebook.com/oldcourtcommunitypreschool](https://www.facebook.com/oldcourtcommunitypreschool)

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

For those children on the 30 hour funding please apply before 31st December to get your code for the Spring term.

## Dates for the Diary

### Photographer

**26<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Leigh Hibbs will be with us on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Children who are not due to be in Pre-School that day can book an appointment via the office.

### AGM

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm**

Join us to find out more about our Committee and see how you can make a difference to the Pre-School

### Autumn Half Term

**Closed for 2 weeks**

From Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2019

### Royal Wootton Bassett Christmas Lights and Shopping Event Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

We will be running a bottle tombola stall please look out for further information

### Christmas Nativity

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am at the Memorial Hall. Will include a raffle, tea and coffee. Further information to follow

### Closed for TD Days

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### Christmas Holiday

Closed Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Inhalers & Sickness Policy

Please can you ensure that inhalers are given to staff on arrival at the Pre-School. We have had several instances where inhalers have been left in bags, or children carrying inhalers where the staff have not been informed that a child receives this medication.

In order for the staff to continue to care for your children with the greatest care, we must be made fully aware of any medical issues, and be handed any medication needed. On this note, may we remind you of our sickness policy.

Children taking antibiotics must not be sent into the Pre-School until they have had successful treatment for 48hrs. This is to ensure they don't have a reaction to the drugs. OCCP will administer antibiotics as long as the child has been receiving antibiotics at home for 48hrs prior. Can we also take this opportunity to remind parents that if your child has suffered with a sickness bug, you must not send them into the setting until 48hrs after the last bout of sickness or Diarrhoea.



**Please do not give children Paracetamol or Ibuprofen before they are due to attend the Pre-School.** It masks symptoms which we need to be aware of. Please do not send them in if they need the medication.

### 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.



### New Carpet – Please bring your slippers

Over the summer, new carpet has been fitted into the Busy Bears room, with more rooms being done soon. We would appreciate it if parents could please supply slippers/indoor shoes for the children to wear inside, especially as we approach the autumn/winter and the ground outside becomes muddy. This applies to both Teddy Tots and Busy Bears