

October 2023



AGM – Wednesday 18th October at 7pm in the Allsorts Building
Half Term – Monday 23rd to Monday 30th October (inclusive)
Christmas Bazaar – Saturday 2nd December
Nativity – Rehearsals Tuesdays 21st and 28th November
- Performances Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December
Last day of Term – Tuesday 19th December
First Day of Spring Term – Wednesday 3rd January

Termly update from Tracey

This term we have been learning all about 'Autumn'. We have collected leaves and made leaf prints; we have made salt dough Hedgehogs and baked apple buns. The children have been really interested in "night-time animals" so we have been reading stories all about their night-time adventures. We've also studied the book "Benny the Blenny", looking at rockpools and expanding our knowledge of the environment surrounding us.

A BIG WELCOME to Jane our Forest School Leader !!!!!

We have finally opened our Forest School Area, which the children are really enjoying. Look out for a video of the Forest School on our website and our FaceBook page which is coming out soon. The children have made leafy bookmarks and leaf crowns, made potions, mud pies; found fairies and built dens. Jane and I have completed our Forest School Food Hygiene course so we can now light the fire and get cooking!

We have caught the bus to the church and had an amazing afternoon with Rev Kim and Churchwarden Jane, and took our Harvest Box with us to donate to the local food bank. Please can we say, **A BIG THANK YOU** to all families for their donations. We are now getting all spooky for Halloween, making bats and spiders, and will be inviting the children to arrive in fancy dress on Tuesday 31st October for Halloween when we will apple bob, pumpkin carve and play "Trick or Treat".

We will be holding our main annual fundraising event, our "Christmas Bazaar", with lots of festive stalls, refreshments and Santa's Grotto on Saturday 2nd December.

We will also be casting for our Nativity after half term..... And then soon it will be January when I shall start organising our Farm trip 😊

Tracey

Fees

Please note that our hourly fee rate is now £6.00 per hour (i.e. £15.00 per 2 ½ hour session). This applies to both funded and non-funded children i.e. children less than 3 years of age, and funded children if their funded sessions are all used or are used at another playgroup setting (funding is available from the term following a child's third birthday). Please note that lunch sessions are charged at the same rates.

School Lunch Tickets

We sell tickets for hot school lunches (a menu has already been sent home for this term) - available in books of 5 tickets at a price of £12.65 per book.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Charges are:

8am – 9am £6 (**Must be booked in advance**)

8.30am – 9am £3 (This can be used on an ad-hoc basis)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are now offering wrap around care until 6pm Mondays to Fridays.

Sessions cost £6 per hours and **MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE.**

Funding can be used to cover the sessions.

2-YEAR-OLD FUNDING

The Citizens Portal can be used by any parent who wants to check if they are eligible for 2- year- old funding. Where parents have seen changes to their employment and income over the last 12 months there may be more 2-year-olds eligible for funding so please run a check [Funded childcare for 2-year-olds - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#).

30 HOUR ENHANCED CHILDCARE FUNDING

Working parents of three and four-year-olds living in England may be entitled to the 30 hours enhanced childcare offer. The [Childcare Choices website](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/) - <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> provides information on the government's childcare schemes and explains how parents can apply. It also includes a childcare calculator to show eligible families how much they could receive.

If you wish to apply for the 30 hours free childcare government scheme (subject to eligibility) follow the link below to apply:

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

To receive the extended entitlement funding please provide us with your 11 digit code together with your National Insurance number (You need to do this by the end of the term prior to when you want the funding to start).

Uniform/Labelling/Lunch Boxes

We ask that our uniform is worn to all sessions to enable us to identify children easily and ensure that when we go off site to visit the school or onto the school field we can ensure their safety. This in turn makes the children feel safe and secure and part of Pre-School.

Uniform requirements: Red T-Shirt with logo, red sweatshirt with logo.

There are t-shirts (£6), sweatshirts (£10) and book bags (£6) available from the office.

Can parents please ensure that all clothing (including T-shirts, sweatshirts, coats, hats etc.) and lunchboxes are **clearly labelled with your child's name**. If you have written names on uniforms using ballpoint please ensure that the writing remains legible.



WATER BOTTLES

PLEASE CAN YOU ENSURE THAT YOU BRING IN A LABELLED WATER BOTTLE EACH DAY THAT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS IN ORDER THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO A DRINK THROUGH OUT EACH SESSION.

NAPPIES/PULL UPS/SPARE CLOTHES

If your child wears nappies/pull ups can you please ensure that you provide us with enough for each session. We do not supply these. Please also provide a change of clothes in case of accidents. Thank-you.

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Just to remind everyone that you can help Wembury Pre-School raise money with every online shopping purchase you make and it will not cost you a penny more. It's simple, you just need to log on to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register to Wembury Pre-School, find your chosen retailer (e.g. Amazon) and start shopping.

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