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**Summer Term 2 2017**

Hello, we are now well into the swing of the summer term. We would like to welcome James, Dulcie, Ella H, Arhean, Poppy and Eva to our Pre-school family. We wish you lots of fun and happiness at Wendover Pre-school.

**Dates for your diary;**

End of term:	Last Day - Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Antiques fair:	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June
Fundraising days:	Week Commencing 12 <sup>th</sup> June – Father’s Day Craft Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July – Family Day Out at Bucks Goat Centre Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July – Ice Cream Sale

**New funding from September 2017**

Some working parents of 3 to 4-year-olds in England will be eligible for 30 hours of childcare - rather than the current 15 hours from September 2017 (those not eligible will still receive 15 hours of funding). You can find out more information about eligibility here : <http://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org>

There has been a lot of concern within the nursery industry that the new funding given by the Government, for both 15 & 30 hours, is not enough to cover the costs of the care. We will receive £4.25 an hour from our Local Authority for each funded child. According to educational charity The Preschool Learning Alliance, the average hourly cost to provide childcare in the UK is typically £4.53 (in Wendover this figure is nearer £5). Because of this shortfall we will now have to charge for 'additional services', ask you to pay a consumables subsidy and seriously tighten our belts, as we have to try and make up the difference somehow. There will be an option for you to provide a 'shopping list' of consumables and a daily snack for your child if you are unable or unwilling to pay the £20 per half term subsidy (as we are very aware that it may not be possible for all).

The Government tell us that, in order to cut our costs, we must work to the minimum staff ratio. For us this would be just myself (as a qualified EY Teacher) and one other member of staff. We really don't want to do this as it would make it impossible for us to provide the same level of individual care & education to your children. Not to mention the safety implications!

All parents of children on register in September 2017 will be asked to fill in new funding forms and provider agreements. Tracey will be in touch soon to arrange this. In these contracts you will have the option to sign up for the consumables charge or to opt out. We need to know how many parents are willing to pay this nominal charge in order to predict our sustainability and work out staffing levels for the coming term. If there are not enough parents willing to comit to the consumbales subsidy or not enough children taking up 'additional extras' such as lunch clubs and the half hour at the end of the day, the first thing that I will have to look at is cutting staff. We are truly sorry that we have to make these changes but if we don't our Pre-school will not be able to offer the same standard of care & education that we are so proud of.

## NOTICE BOARD

### Contact

It is extremely important that you ensure all contact details are up to date. We must be able to contact you in case of an emergency. Please also inform us of any new medical conditions/allergies.

### Thinking Book

We LOVE our thinking book! It is great to see what we have been doing each week at pre-school. Please take some time to have a look at it (and write in your own comments). The children love to share the book with us and I am sure they would love to share it with you too!

### Infection control

If your child has a temperature, is sick or has diarrhoea, please do not send them in until a clear 48 hours after symptoms have stopped. If in doubt keep them home. If a child is poorly enough to have paracetamol then usually the best place for them is snuggled up at home.

### EYFS curriculum

There is a link on our website ([www.wendoverpreschool.org.uk](http://www.wendoverpreschool.org.uk)) to the Foundation Years Website. Here you will find information about the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

You may find the new publication [What to expect, When?](#) particularly useful when supporting your children at home and understanding their development.

If you don't have access to a computer please let us know and we can print information for you.

### Antiques days

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month the main hall is used for an antiques fair. On these days we use the garden entrance and the car park will be very busy. Please take extra care.

### Mobile phones

It is a safeguarding requirement that mobile phones and cameras are not used within the pre-school except those belonging to the pre-school. I must insist PLEASE that you do not use your mobile phone when in the pre-school. Particularly not for photos as we have some families who specifically ask for photos **not to be taken**. If you must take a call please do so in the foyer area before entering the setting to drop off or collect your child.

### Sun Protection

During the summer months please ensure that your child is wearing sun cream BEFORE coming into the pre-school. We will top up sun cream if necessary (if you have given us permission to do so). It is also sensible for children to wear light clothing that covers their vulnerable skin. Don't forget a hat!

### Car Parking

Now that the barriers are in place for the school campus we have an on-going problem with misuse of the car park. All pre-school parents should have a permit, which allows them to use the car park. These permits allow you to park in the Memorial Hall car park to **drop off and pick up** your child from pre-school. Permits must **only** be used at these times and on the days that your child attends. If you do not already have a permit please ask. Please make sure that it is displayed clearly in your car.

### Transitions to 'big' school

It is that time of year again when we are preparing some of our children for the move to 'big' school. We welcome new teachers into Pre-school to visit the children during this half term. This is particularly beneficial as they get to observe the children in a familiar environment and see them at play. We share information with new teachers that will help them to get to know their new students.

We always approach the end of term with mixed feelings. It is so hard for us to say goodbye to children & families that we have grown close to during their time with us. However, we also feel so proud that our little ones are fully prepared for their transition and for the next part of their learning journey.

We will soon set a date for graduation. This is a very informal get together during which our summer leavers will sing a song or two and be presented with their Learning Journeys and a little gift. All summer leavers and their families are invited to attend (even if it is not your usual session). Don't forget to bring your tissues – it does get a little emotional!

### Parental Feedback

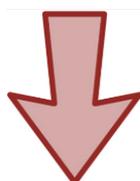
If you think there are areas of our provision that could be improved – then tell us. Additionally, if you love something we are doing then it is good to know that too! There is a short feedback form at the end of this newsletter. Please fill it out and bring back into pre-school. We welcome forms from all members of the family – so if Nanny or Grampy etc. would like to fill one out too we would be very happy to receive their comments. There will be copies available for those that can't print at home - just ask. The feedback forms can be anonymous if you wish (just leave them in the parent feedback box).

I would appreciate you taking the time to do this for us. Bucks County Council and Ofsted will ask to see evidence that we are listening to our families and taking your views into account. The feedback forms are part of this evidence.



We hope you have a wonderful term.  
Sharon & team xx

PS – don't forget the feedback form below!



PARENTS/CARERS FEEDBACK FORM SUMMER 2017

<u>Statement</u>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No comment
My child enjoys coming to pre-school					
We are always made to feel welcome					
Communication with staff, Learning Journey's and the Thinking Book all keep me up to date with my child's interests, progress & development					
The staff are caring and professional					
Specific support with parenting issues from our Early Years Teacher and any strategies shared or advice given has been beneficial					
I find the information in the newsletter informative and interesting to read					
I am aware that I should contact the Pre-school if my child will not be attending their usual session					
I know how to contact the Pre-school administrator					
I enjoy reading updates and news on the Facebook page/web site					
I understand the changes to funding & charges from September 2017					
I would recommend Wendover Pre-school to other families					

If you have ticked the 'agree' boxes for any of the above comments please kindly provide any important information below (so as we know what works):

If you have ticked the disagree boxes for any of the above statements please kindly provide more information below (so as we can aim to improve in this area):

If you would like to make suggestions or have any further comments please use the space below: