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## Preschool Monthly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I would like to start off by saying a big welcome to all our new families who have started at Barford St. Peter's Preschool. What a fantastic first term we're having! All the children have settled in brilliantly, and it's been lovely watching them dive straight into our "All About Me" topic. They've created some amazing portraits of themselves, which really show off their personalities, and it's great to see them making lovely friendships. We're all buzzing to start this academic year together! The kids have had a blast learning about Noah's Ark, and they've really enjoyed the listening games and Rhyme Time during circle time. Each day is filled with giggles and new discoveries, and we can't wait to keep this fun going!



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## Tapestry

Tapestry is a wonderful place for us to share our learning, please share photos of what you get up to during the weekend – we share these photos on our touch screen, and the children love to talk about their home experiences. Please also feel free to comment and like any of your child's observations.

## Phonics

We have selected the 'Little Wandle' scheme at Barford Preschool, if you would like more information on this please go to:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> after October half term we will be teaching one phonics session per morning. We have already started with phase 1 which is all about listening skills.

## **Sound Of the Week: TBC after half term**

Week 1:

Week 2:

Week 3:

Week 4:

## Library Days

Our set library days are Mondays & Wednesdays; your child will be invited to take a book home. We love to promote reading; we are so excited to share our love for reading with you all. Please only bring your child's book back on your child's set day this helps us keep on track who has brought their book back. **Your child will only receive a book if you return the one, they have borrowed.**

## October-December Dates:

### Reception Open Day: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November & Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

For more information on our open days please ring the school office to book a slot to come and view our amazing primary school!

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October: Stay & Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm

This is our first stay & play session of the academic year; this is for children who attend a Tuesday PM session only. If you cannot make it, we welcome other family members too! This is a great chance for your child to show you around their learning environment.

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October: Individual and Sibling Photographs

Please ensure your child is dressed in school uniform on this day.

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### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October: Parent Meetings

You will now be able to book a 10-minute phone call slot with Miss Richards to discuss your child's development. Slots are between 12:00pm – 3:00pm to book a session you must enquire at drop off or pick up and we will book your appointment.

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October: Inset Day

We are closed on this day, and half term starts, we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Stay & Play Session 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Another stay and play session, as mentioned previously.

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Hatton Country World

Our first trip is booked for the academic year! We are off to Hatton Country World, letter will follow in the coming weeks with more information, this is what we have in stall! Click here to see what's in stall! If you would like to

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Preschool Nativity 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Please join us to watch your child in their first nativity, we allow 2 chairs per family, but you can of course bring along more family members as there will be plenty of space for standing. Our nativity will start at 2:00pm followed by a party to celebrate.

### Bible Story: The Creation Story

*'This creation story rejoices and signifies the importance of water, light, earth, sun, plants, birds, and animals on the earth. It also shows how God created all things in different days. All these creations of God are wealth for us and we should save and protect them in every possible manner'.*

**Topic:** 'All About Me' a perfect topic to get to know our families, we have really enjoyed reading about each child and knowing their interests. Please continue to send us photos on Tapestry and update us with any new events happening within your family.

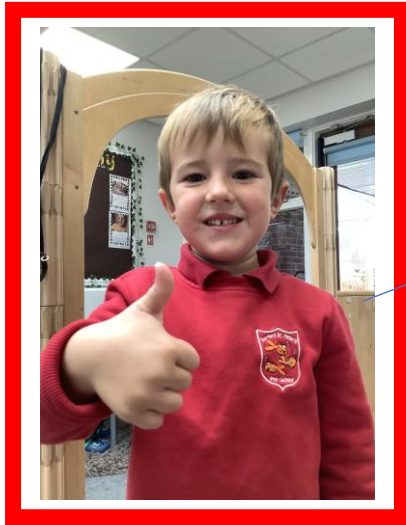
### Messy play/cooking/resource donations:

Thank you so much for your kind donations, we really appreciate it. Our donations go towards new equipment for Preschool, ingredients for cooking and our magical world of stories session with Jen. If you have not already and you would like to donate, please do so by either bank transfer or cash, thank you so much in advance.

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## Makaton Signs



We love to incorporate Makaton into our setting, we have been learning different Makaton signs a week.

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## IMPORTANT INSET DATES, PLEASE TAKE FOLLOWING NOTE ON OUR CLOSED DATES BELOW.

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Closed
- Monday 05<sup>th</sup> January – Closed
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Closed
- Monday 20<sup>st</sup> July – Closed

## Reminders:

- I will send out reminders but please ensure you record down important dates which are listed in this newsletter.
- **Last day of term: Thursday 23<sup>th</sup> October**
- Please feel free to bring in a family photo for our display board, as well as the family tree sheets.
- Please ensure you have named all items of clothing including jumpers/cardigans/trousers/coats ect. **These items are extremely hard to locate if they are not named.**
- If you have received your invoice, please ensure you pay BOTH payments on the set dates to avoid charges. If you have not received your invoice please do let us know. *Miss Richards, Preschool Manager*