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Preschool Monthly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by extending a very warm welcome to all of our new families who have joined us this term. The children have settled in wonderfully and are already becoming confident members of our preschool community. We have begun our 'All About Me' topic and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of the children and their families. It has been lovely to see the children sharing information about themselves, making new friendships, and exploring their new environment.

Please take note of the important dates listed below and keep an eye on our newsletter for updates on upcoming events and activities.



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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 & Tuesdays 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. A book bag would be very ideal as your child can easily carry their library book to and from Preschool, you can purchase one here:** <https://myclothing.com/collections/barford-st-peters-pre-school-6545/products/infant-book-bag-red?variant=56537679135098>

My Happy Mind

We are a 'myHappyMind' school, we have started to read stories to help us understand our emotions and how our brains work. If you'd like a quick introduction to what myHappyMind is all about, there is a great overview available here: <https://myhappymind.lpages.co/myhappymind-parent-app-introduction/>

October-December Dates:

Wednesday 21st October: Parent Meetings

If you would like to book a slot to discuss how your child is getting on in Preschool, then please do so at the gate during pick up and drop off this will be a 10-minute phone call.

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Thursday 22nd October: Inset Day

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Friday 23rd October: Inset Day

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Tuesday 3rd November (Morning)

Individual and sibling photo day, please ensure your child is in the correct preschool uniform

Friday 6th November: Diwali Day!

More detail to follow

Saturday 7th November: Bonfire Display

More detail is attached on the separate leaflet

Monday 9th November: Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm

This is for children who attend on a Monday PM session, parents are welcome to come along to play with their child in their preschool environment! If you cannot make it we welcome other family members to join. We do not allow any photo's to be taken on your phone during these sessions.

Friday 27th November: Christmas Wreath workshop

More details to follow

Friday 4th December – NATIVITY 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Please come along to your child's Nativity performance, an unforgettable show. Soon we will start to practice our songs for you all!

Friday 4th December: Christmas Fair!

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Tuesday 15th December: Trip to Hatton Country World

If you have not done so already, you will receive a letter with more information, we kindly need volunteers for the trip if you are available on this day, we would be very grateful if you could help us. All volunteers will need to DBS checked.

Bible Story: Noah's Ark

Noah's Ark is all about a giant boat that saved a good man named Noah, his family, and pairs of all animals from a giant flood'

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.

Makaton Signs



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

Bed.

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

- **Thursday 22nd October**
- **Friday 23rd October**
- **Monday 4th January**
- **Monday 7th June**

Reminders:

- I will send out reminders but please ensure you record down important dates which are listed in this newsletter.
- If you would like to purchase a book bag for your child please do so by clicking on this link: <https://myclothing.com/collections/barford-st-peters-pre-school-6545/products/infant-book-bag-red?variant=56537679135098m>
- **Last day of term: Wednesday 21st 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.**