



Pre-school Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Pre-school

We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting our newest members of the Chawson family and welcoming you all. Our first two weeks have been wonderful; full of smiles, stories, new friendships and curiosity!

Your child is currently learning through the main topic of: It's good to be me!

During the last few weeks, your children have been learning about their new environment, getting used to new routines and most importantly, exploring through play and fun-filled carpet sessions. They will also now begin their first topic where they will learn about themselves, talk about their families and their likes and dislikes. Our key texts are: We've All Got Bellybuttons by David Martin, My Mum & Dad Make Me Laugh by Nick Sharratt and Kindness makes us stronger by Sophie Beer.

You can help at home by...

- Talking and communicating with your child is such an important part of their development. This can be enhanced through reading stories and asking simple questions about the illustrations and what happened in the story.
- Naming simple body parts and naming feelings.
- Practice taking shoes on and off ready for changing into wellies!

Please note:

- The gates will open at the end of the day between 3:15pm and 3:20pm. Pre-school ends at 3:30pm. However we will always try to open the doors slightly before that to save parents with siblings waiting around (especially in the rain and cold weather!)
- Please cut grapes in half lengthways for children's lunchboxes. The general advice is to do this until children are at least 5 years old.
- Name water bottles, coats, jumpers/cardigans, wellies, shoes & hats.
- Check your child's bag for any wet/soiled clothing at the end of each day. This could be from a toileting accident or water play. We will always try to remind you at pick-up.
- Please inform us if someone different, who we haven't met before, is collecting your child and we will agree a password system until we are totally sure who they are.
- Please call or email the main office to let us know if your child is absent on a session we are expecting them.

Half Termly Blog

Please look out for our half termly blogs on the website page under Class Pages to find out what we have been up to in pre-school. Please note that only the children who have permission to be on our school website will have their photos included. Please visit the school website to access the school's newsletter www.chawson.worcs.sch.uk and the school's Facebook page if you wish to see regular updates.

Diary Dates:

- Saturday 28th September, 10am-12pm. Pre-school & Reception Open Day (phone the office to book).
- Monday 7th October-Thursday 10th-Parents' Evening Week for Pre-school parents.
- Friday 25th October- School Closed (TED)

Thank you for your support

Mrs Bartle

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Pre-school Coordinator