



Autumn 1

Newsletter

2nd September – 24th October



Welcome to the Autumn Term at Pre-school and a special welcome to all our new children!

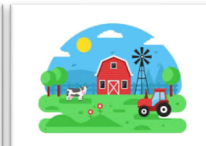
It has been wonderful to welcome lots of new children and families to our Pre-school this term. We are so pleased with how everyone is settling. We have also really enjoyed seeing the children return to us after the summer holidays. All the children are enjoying exploring the many activities on offer.

We have started this term by thinking about 'Holidays & trips'. Our next themes will be 'All About Me', followed by 'Harvest & On the Farm', then 'Autumn' & 'Music' weeks. We try to incorporate the children's particular interests in our themes & activities, as well as general interests, events & traditions.

There will be a note displayed on the window in the lobby telling you the theme and the book of the week.

The children are very welcome to bring anything connected with the theme to show and put on our Topic Shelf.

Please label any items brought in with your child's name.



Home Reading

All the children will be bringing home a book each week to share and enjoy with you. Please return their book to pre-school the following week and put it in the book bag box near the sink in the small hall. Pre-school bookbags are available to buy, cost is £7.00 new or £3 second hand.

Clothing & Pegs

Thank you for making sure all the children are in comfortable clothes for pre-school. It is advisable that children don't wear their best clothes & have clothes that are easy to pull up & down. There is still uniform available, including some second-hand uniform, if you have not had a chance to buy it yet. Please also remember a named waterproof coat, wellies etc if it is likely to be wet as we have outside play every day! Don't forget to leave a change of clothes in a bag on your child's peg. Please do not leave any food, medication or toys in their bags. Please ensure everything is clearly labelled to make sure that they are returned to your child.

Trays

Please remember to check your child's tray at the end of each session.

Lunch Club

Please name all lunch boxes and water bottles. Please note: Sausages and grapes should be sliced lengthways to avoid choking. We are not able to heat up food but you can bring hot food in a thermos flask if preferred.

Please NO NUTS especially as we have a child with a nut allergy.

Snack Time

Please bring fruit, (but no raisins), vegetables and healthy snacks for the children to share at snack time. Do keep us updated with any information regarding allergies. Your contributions are



Tapestry

We hope that you now logged on to your child's Learning Journey online. Please ask if you need any help with using Tapestry.

Your child's key worker will post approximately 2 photos of your child each week for you to see.

Please feel free to make any comments or add your own pictures of activities that you do at home with them. Do make sure to let a member of staff know you have done this so we can share them with all the children at a group time.

Caterpillars: Our younger children are called 'Caterpillars'.

Butterflies: are the Nursery children (year before they start Reception Class in school). If your child is in the Butterfly group you will receive a separate note about their activities. We will also be sharing the areas of learning we are focussing on for all children, each half term.

Dates for your Diaries

Autumn Walk: Tuesday 14th October 9:00-11:00am (Details to follow) for all children & parents, so please keep the morning free if you can.

Parent Workshop: TBC

Term Dates

Half term: 27th October to 31st October (inclusive)



What's On at Cheam Baptist Church

10.30am Sunday Morning Service

This is also being live streamed on YouTube, just type in Cheam Baptist Church.

There is a creche and also children's groups, you are very welcome to join us!

Sunday 5th October 10:30am - Harvest Thanksgiving Service

All donations going to Sutton Foodbank

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Ideas to do at home

Look for signs of Autumn, are the leaves changing colour?

How many colours can you see?

Are there conkers on the ground?

Make your own Autumn picture or collection.

Useful Information

Here is a very useful guide to the EYFS Curriculum:

[What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf](#)
(foundationyears.org.uk)

Online safety:

Childnet has prepared a guide for parents of the under 5s

A Song to Sing

(To the tune of the Farmer's in his den)

The Farmer sows the seed x2

Hey ho and up it grows, the farmer sows the seed

Out comes the sun x2

Hey ho and up it grows, out comes the sun

Down comes the rain x2

Hey ho and up it grows, down comes the rain

