

## Apple Tree Pre-School

### Newsletter – November 2023

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#### Apple Tree Pre-School aims to:

- provide high quality care and education for children below statutory school age;
- work in partnership with parents to help children to learn and develop;
- add to the life and well-being of the local community; and
- offer children and their parents a service that promotes equality and values diversity.

#### New School Year

Welcome to our new children and their families.

The children have all settled into their new routines and we hope they enjoy their time with us.

We also welcome Nell to our team, many of you will recognise her as she has a daughter that also attends our setting. Nell is a qualified primary school teacher so will be a great asset to our pre-school.

Sadly we've said goodbye to Jodie, she decided to leave Early Years to pursue a new career, we wish her all the best in her new role.

#### CCTV

Please be aware following an attempted break in, our landlord has installed CCTV around the outside of the building. You are being recorded entering and leaving the pre-school. The cameras will pick up the children when we lead them to and from our forest area (NOT DURING THEIR PLAY).

We have a Fire drill once a month. We walk the children to the far side of the car park, take the register and then walk back into the building, the cameras will pick this up.

Any queries or concerns, please speak to Rachel.

### No Toys/Food

If the children like to hold toys on the school run, please can we ask they are kept in their bags when they arrive.

Please do not send your child into the playroom with any food. We have a child with a severe allergy and need to monitor everything that is in our main playroom.

### Wellies

We are looking for donations of childrens wellies, sizes suitable for ages 2-4. Our forest area is now getting a little muddy so would like our own supply of wellies for the children to use.

### Christmas Dates

We will hold 2 Christmas performances this year – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 9am to approximately 9.30am.

### Inset Dates

Pre-School will be closed Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January for staff training. All of our staff will be renewing their paediatric first aid certificates.

Pre-School's first day back after the Christmas break will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

### Term Dates & Inset Days 2023/24

Term 1	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Term 3	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2023	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Term 4	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2024
Inset Day 1	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	AM SESSION
Inset Day 2	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023	AM and PM SESSION

Inset Day 3	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	AM and PM SESSION
Inset Day 4	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	AM and PM SESSION

This newsletter is put together by Rachel Watts and staff team. It is your newsletter and therefore if you have any news or interesting information that you would like to share then please see us at any time. Thank you