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**Pelynt Pre-School**

**Autumn Term 1 Newsletter**  **September 2024**

**Welcome back!**

A warm welcome back to all our pre-school children and families, we hope that you all had a lovely summer break and enjoyed some family time.

The children have all settled well back into pre-school and we extend our welcome to the new children and families that have joined us since we have returned. It has been lovely getting to know you and the children.

With our return to pre-school in Autumn Term 1, the weather has had the memo and has already turned very autumnal and unpredictable. The children have spotted lots of leaves falling and changing around us as the temperatures start to get cooler.

This half term our enquiry question is ‘Who am I" - we will be discovering what makes us all so different, who is in our family and how we can be healthy. We also will explore the changes of the season and its celebrations as we transition into Autumn.

To support the children and their learning about themselves, we would love to have a photo of your child with their families to go on to our ‘Family Wall. These can be sent in with your child, or alternatively you can email a photo that we can print for you - Thank you.

We look forward to lots of fun activities and learning with the children during the autumn term.

**Show and Tell**

One of the changes we have made to our preschool routine is to eliminate daily show and tell. We have tried various options to keep it fair, but it would cause much upset for those whose show and tell items were forgotten, or often items were toys from home that would again be upsetting if the items had to go away. It was also a very lengthy process that the children struggled to sit through. We have discussed it as a team, and we feel that there are other more beneficial ways to hear individual achievements that we are integrating into our daily routine rather than items from home. This gives the children many opportunities to share their ideas and talk in front of their friends.

***Creation Station***– the children will hold up the masterpieces that they create and tell their friends about them. This could be through art, or something they have constructed in pre-school.

***Grand Conversations*** *–* after an especially good book we will often sit in a circle and talk about the book, what we have noticed and who our favourite characters are.

***Wow Moments*** *–* Think lost teeth, birthdays, new babies, holidays, big achievements. We still very much want to celebrate these moments with your child and give them the opportunity to tell their friends. A photo of these moments emailed in so we can put it on the big screen would be amazing too!

With this change we politely ask that no toys are sent from home. We understand that a few new starters have a comfort teddy or blanket and this is perfectly understandable.

Some reminders for pre-school as we enter the start of a new year.

**Contact information –** Please ensure any changes to contact numbers or home addresses are given to us to update our records. This includes emergency contact numbers of relatives.

**Clothing -** We ask that all children have some spare clothing kept in a bag on their peg. A rain coat and wellies to be in preschool so we can enjoy outside play whatever the weather.

**Please can all clothing and personal items be labelled with your child's name.**

If your child is in nappies, please ensure they have nappies and wet wipes in their bag.

**Seesaw** **-** Seesaw invites will be sent home shortly with instructions on how to access your child’s personal profile and see updates on their progress. More information will be available soon.

**Class Blog -** To access our weekly blog please visit [www.pelyntprimary.co.uk](http://www.pelyntprimary.co.uk) from the homepage you can select ***Classes*** then ***Preschoo*l** to view our weekly updates. Here you can read a brief outline of the week’s activities, see photos, and if we have any news or important dates to share with you.

**Notifying us of absences**

If your child is going to miss a session or if off due to sickness, then please let us know by calling **Pre-School on 01503 220686** or by emailing us at [preschool@pelyntprimary.co.uk](mailto:preschool@pelyntprimary.co.uk) by 9.15am.

**It is our whole school policy that children do not return to preschool until 48hours after their last episode of any sickness or diarrhoea.**

This is important to stop the spread to other children and staff.

Kind regards,

Jo Rickard

Pre-School Manager