

January 2021

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say Happy New Year and welcome back to everyone. I am sure we are all glad to see the back of 2020 and very much hope that 2021 is brighter for everyone. Can I take this opportunity to say a very big thank you for all your good wishes, cards and presents that you gave us at Christmas. We will still be enjoying many of them well into the New Year! We hope the children enjoyed exploring the contents of their Christmas bags when they took them home.

We would like to say thank you, to all of you, for supporting our fundraising during the Christmas term – we hope you enjoyed the baubles the children made and many congratulations to those who won the hampers! In total, we raised £390 which we are hoping to put towards brightening our outdoor area which is looking pretty dismal currently due to the exceptionally soggy weather we have been having recently.

Leanne has now left to go on a much deserved maternity leave, with her baby due in early January so we will make sure we let you know when her new baby arrives. Claire is beginning the maternity cover from Monday 4th January and the children all enjoyed playing with her on her visits, as did they with Jemma who returns to us from Tuesday 5th January. Both new members of staff will take time to get to know your children and I will do my best to introduce you to Claire and Jemma if your child now has them as a Key Worker at the brief drop off/collection time at the door.

Just to remind you that we return on **Monday 4th January**. Although School has an inset day, Early Years do not have these and we always remain open. However, it is your choice whether or not to bring your child in if you have older siblings who remain at home.

For those children who are beginning school in September 2021, please remember that you need to register your child for your preferred school before 15th January 2021. If you have not already done so, you can apply online at:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/school-admissions.aspx>

The remaining term dates for 2020-2021 are as follows:

Term	Pre-school starts	Pre-school breaks up
Spring first half term	Monday 4 th January	Friday 12 th February
Spring second half term	Monday 22 nd February	Thursday 1 st April
Summer first half term	Monday 19 th April	Friday 28 th May
Summer second half term	Monday 7 th June	Friday 18 th July

Please remember we do not have inset days and it is your choice whether your youngest child attends Pre-school when older siblings have inset days at school.

May Day bank holiday – Monday 3rd May

This coming term we say “Happy Birthday” to Declan, Alex and Joseph who all turn 4 in January and to Walter and Cicely (who joins Pre-school from January) who both turn 4 during the half-term break in February.

If you still have your child’s learning journey at home, I would ask you to return it as soon as possible as the staff update these on an ongoing basis.

We also keep the kitchen towelling industry going all by ourselves, especially now we have to do enhanced cleaning – so if you would like to kindly donate a roll to keep us going, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

Although we never know what the weather will be doing, we typically have cold, wet weather this term. As we do play out in all weathers, I would ask that you ensure your child is appropriately dressed with warm/waterproof clothing and hats, scarves, gloves, wellies (all labelled please!) if needed so that they are able to play out if they choose to.

Many thanks,

Heather and Staff