Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all keeping well and still feel connected to Pre-school even if you can’t come into the classroom at the moment. I think you all took your child’s learning journey home over the Autumn break; I hope you enjoyed looking at it. Don’t forget to return it, so it can go into 72-hour quarantine box! Staff already have new photos to stick in.

We knew things were going to be a little different for everyone but we have all done so well; seeing the children greet their big people at the end of the day full of excitement about what they have been learning is priceless! Thank you to everyone for all of the support you have shown our beautiful little Pre-school, we couldn’t do it without you. The children are half way through their Rhyme challenge and I’m sure you have all been singing Hickory Dickory Dock this week. Next week we will be enjoying Baa Baa Rainbow sheep, this will include lots of interesting projects and we are going to attempt to make an edible sheep using marsh mallows and hoop cereal!

This leads me to say huge congratulations to our wonderful Chair, Faith and her family on the birth of their daughter. We are so thrilled and happy for them. I have a Pre-school registration form ready and waiting......!!!!

Staff are arranging parents’ evening for next week and we are looking forward to catching up with you (over a virtual cup of tea!).

**Session times-** I’m still running the sessions as normal but timings will be reviewed regularly, in case we need to stagger start/finish times.

**Attending other settings-**Under the current guidance and advice from our insurance, children can still only attend one setting.

**Illness –** Children and adults cannot come to Pre-school if they have symptoms of Covid-19.Do not send your child if anyone in your household has a-

Temperature

Cough

Changes/loss of smell or taste. Please self –isolate and arrange to have a Covid test.

Children should not attend Pre-school if they are-

Unwell in themselves and or need calpol, please call the Pre-school land line 01491 875247 to report any absences or to seek advice on whether your child should attend. I often only pick up emails at the end of the day so messages will not be seen, it’s best to call and speak to myself or staff.

**Contact details-** Please make sure Pre-school has up to date contact details for parents and Carers.

**What to bring to Pre-school-** Please bring a bag with plenty of changes of clothes/underwear/socks/nappies/wipes etc, any medication (to be given to staff). Lunch box if your child is staying for lunch (please put a drink inside the lunch box and don’t forget to label the lunch box with your child’s name.). Pre-school is a nut free zone, some of our children have nut allergies and we must be strict on this, please do not include nuts in your child’s lunch. Outside shoes i.e. welly’s, slippers or suitable shoes to wear in the classroom. Make sure your child has suitable coat and warm clothes as we will be spending most of our time outside. Please do not send in toys from home unless it is a comforter which has been discussed with your child’s key person. Pre-school is now excepting donations of snacks, if they are wrapped and nut free. We always encourage healthy choices, so bags of fruit, vegetables, crackers, breadsticks, and rice cakes are gratefully received. Thank you so much for the lovely donations we have already received, the children have been having a larger snack now the weather has become colder.

**12 and 1pm collection-** Staff will continue to bring children leaving at these times down to the school gates to avoid parents coming onto site when the Primary school children are using the outside space.

**Christmas celebrations-**We don’t want the children to miss out on a Christmas party, so we have decided to have a whole week of Christmas celebrations during the last week of term. More information will follow but we will all wear Christmas jumpers or socks if we have them, play Christmas games, listen to Christmas music and ask parents to kindly donate some yummy (nut free) Christmas party food.

**Christmas card fundraiser-**Don’t forget to order your Christmas cards! Each child has made their footprint into a Reindeer and they are adorable. This is such a good way to support our fundraising efforts. Sealed envelopes with cash or cheque payable to Streatley Hill preschool and your order selection, clearly marked with your child’s name please.

Dates at a glance!

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| 16-11-20 | Deadline for Christmas card orders |  |
| W/C 16-11-20 | Parents evening | Virtual |
| W/C 14-12-20 | Christmas party week | More info to follow |
| 18-12-20 | Last day of term |  |
| 05 -01-21 | First day of term 3 |  |

If you need any support or have any questions, I would love to hear from you. Stay safe and happy!

Kind regards

Cheryl A ☺

Lead Teacher