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### **Newsletter –Autumn Term 2019:**

We hope you have all had a lovely Summer. Welcome back to you all – an especially warm welcome to those of you who are with us for the first time this term. We have a Facebook page which can be found at 'Southcourt Baptist Church Playgroup' and we will continue to post any updates or points of interest on there. Please also check our website: [www.thetreehousepre-school.org](http://www.thetreehousepre-school.org) regularly where you will find term dates and special events. Please do let us know if you have any feedback on the website

At the end of this letter you will see all the important dates for this term – please do keep this in a safe place so you know what activities are going on.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in Pre-School. Without the support of all of you Pre-School simply would not happen.

**Maths and Literacy Home Learning Bags:** We have relaunched both Maths and Literacy Home Learning Bags for you to use with your child at home. Please do take advantage of these great resources. Many thanks for those of you who have taken time to write feedback in the books provided in each bag – we do take this on board. If you would like instructions for these printed in your home language please do let us know and we will do our best to do this. Please do talk to Lis if you have any questions in relation to the bags.

### **Help Required:**

**Library:** We are very fortunate this term as we have two parents covering the running of the Pre-School Library. If you are able to help with the Library if necessary and would like to do so please do let Claire know.

**Clothing:** Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather as we do go out in all weathers. It is helpful if you can supply named wellies for your child. Also remember to **label items your child brings into Pre-School as much as possible**. Coats, jumpers, sunhats and footwear should all be labelled as it is very difficult to return these to you if it is unnamed. Please do check the outside coat trolley for any missing outdoor clothes.

**Nappies/Potty Training:** If your child is in nappies, please do ensure you have enough nappies in their bag on their peg. If your child is in all day they will be changed twice each day (more often if needed). If you feel your child is ready for Potty Training, please do talk with us as we can support you with this in Pre-School. We have a leaflet we have developed which we can give to you.

**Drop Off/Collecton Times:** We do need to insist that you let us know if someone else is collecting your child as we will not let them go with anyone else unless you have informed us on the day about this arrangement.

**Home/Pre-School Diaries:** A big thank you to those of you who use the home/Pre-School diaries for your child. We really do find them useful and hope that you do too. If you haven't got a home/Pre-School diary for your child, please do ask your child's key worker for one.

**For Information:**

**Acts of Worship:** We continue to welcome Iain Nash to Pre-School who is the Children's Pastor in the church. Iain leads some short Acts of Worship in Pre-School which involves a Bible Story (usually using his Puppet Colin The Crocodile who the children love) and singing along whilst playing guitar. The children really do enjoy these activities.



**Smile +:** We are having a Stay and Play Session on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October and as part of this we will have our Smile+ Information out to share with you. Smile + is our scheme which helps give you information on looking after your child's oral health.

**DID YOU KNOW....?** Dried fruit such as raisins, sultanas and dried apricots are not only cheaper than processed fruit bars and snacks but can be healthier too. Remember to keep dried fruit to mealtimes as it can be bad for your child's teeth.

**30 Hours:** We are continuing to offer up to 25 hours of child care in Pre-School in line with the government's offer for eligible families of 3 and 4 year olds. Further details on all the childcare support options and eligibility can be found at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>. If you know you are eligible for this and have an eligibility code please do let us know as soon as possible. **If you are eligible for the 30 hour funding you do have to recheck your eligibility yourselves every three months. Failure to do so may result in the provision being withdrawn.**

**Tax-Free Childcare:** As a setting we have signed up to the Government's Tax-Free Childcare Scheme.

**Attendance:** If your child is not going to be in Pre-School for any reason we do need you to let us know. Either a phone call to: 01296 434541 or an email to [claire@southcourt.org](mailto:claire@southcourt.org). You can also use the Report an Absence form on the new website ([www.thetreehousepre-school.org](http://www.thetreehousepre-school.org)). If we are not informed this may lead to your child's funding being withdrawn. In any event we will call you if your child is not in to see where they are.

Please ensure you do bring your child into Pre-School and collect them on time, and, if someone else is collecting your child inform us in the morning.

**STAFF/Volunteer NEWS:**

We have a new volunteer, Rachael. Rachael volunteers with us on a Monday morning so please do say hello to her if you see her.

**MOBILE PHONES:** Just a reminder that Mobile phones are not permitted in the Pre-School. This is part of our safeguarding policy. Please do not be offended if a member of staff asks you to turn it off or take your call outside.

**Red/Blue Bags:** The red/blue bags that stay in Pre-School, are provided for you to keep a change of clothes in for your child and stay in Pre-School. If you do bring a bag into Pre-School of your child's choosing please ensure the same is clearly named. If you have any creams/medication in them such as nappy rash creams or sun cream these must be removed before leaving them on your child's peg as the children are able to access these bags constantly. Please ensure you have spare nappies/changes of clothes for your child in these bags. Please ensure if your child is in nappies that you replenish these in your child's bag regularly. Please do not place any food or drinks in these bags.

**Car Park:** On the first Tuesday morning of each month a group meeting in the church will be using our car park. Please do be aware that when collecting children there may be other cars around in the car park. Please do ensure that your child/ren are safely belted into your cars when leaving Pre-School to avoid any accidents.

## Useful websites:

**Government: Ofsted:** To view the latest Ofsted report online visit:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/EY496576>

**Bucks County Council:** Bucks County Council produce a Newsletter - this has some very helpful information and can be found at:

[https://mailchi.mp/95cf7bea3597/news-and-views-extra-1742121?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/95cf7bea3597/news-and-views-extra-1742121?e=[UNIQID])

**Child Development: Communication:** Whether you feel your child's speech, language and communication is developing as you feel it should or if you have any concerns these two websites have some good advice and activities for you to try.

[www.speechteach.co.uk](http://www.speechteach.co.uk)

## Children's Centre Details:

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/service.page?id=1FEHF0VnLAI&childrenscentrenchannel=37>

## Child Health:

**Play England and Change 4 Life:** These two websites provide invaluable information in relation to the health and wellbeing of your child and are worth a look—both give very good suggestions in relation to activities you could do with your child.

<http://www.playengland.org.uk/>

<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/change-for-life.aspx>

## Travel:

<https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/>

[www.chilternrailways.co.uk/](http://www.chilternrailways.co.uk/)

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/cycling-and-walking/cycle-bucks/>

Please do display this sheet at home so you can have dates to hand:

<b>DATE/Time:</b>	<b>Event:</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September (Staff Only) - CLOSED	Term Preparation
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September (Staff Only) - CLOSED	Home Visits
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Pre-school Re-opens for all
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Iain Nash (Children's Pastor) Act of Worship (PM)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Iain Nash (Children's Pastor) Act of Worship (AM)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Stay and Play Session
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November (Inclusive) – CLOSED	Closed for Half Term
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Messy Church 10:30-12:30
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert (ALL INVITED)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term for children
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December (Staff Only) – CLOSED	New Starters Morning/Planning
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (Staff Only) - CLOSED	Staff Training Day (9a.m – 3p.m)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January (Staff Only) – CLOSED	Home Visits
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Pre-School Re-opens for all
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February (inclusive) – CLOSED	Half Term

Our Term Dates run in line with Buckinghamshire County Council. If you wish to look at dates further in advance please look at their Website:

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/schools/term-dates-and-school-holidays-in-buckinghamshire/>

**Please note if we do have to close due to inclement weather this will be advertised on the Bucks County Council Website and also the Pre-School website.**