

# Welcome to Autumn Term



Autumn Term 1 - Week beginning: 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## This Week and Next

This week we shall be starting our settling in period where the children have no formal planning. We will be concentrating on getting to know each other and the setting

The first few weeks are very much settling in for all children, even those children who are returning to us it has been a long time since they have been in the setting and in our routines so, please don't worry if we have early day wobbles - this will happen. Please keep to the one-way system and although it is hard, allow our very well trained and experienced staff settle your children.

I know from experience many of you will want to linger by the door to make sure your children are happy. Please trust that we will do what we do best, by caring for each and every one of them as though they are our own.

Your key person shall keep you updated and feel free to message them via Famly at any point.

As we are still settling, we will start the Caterpillar cooking in a couple of weeks. Butterfly children will start from next week and Yoga will be back for them with the lovely Sarah on FRIDAYS from next week. Please make sure that your child is wearing shoes that they can easily take on and off themselves.

## September Fees

All fees are due no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. Thank you

## Sickness in the setting

If your child is feeling unwell and you have had to administer Calpol (or any other paracetamol-based medication) we would ask that you keep them away from the setting, these type of medications treat but mask symptoms and will get your child through the first few hours and then they usually decline quite quickly. Bugs and diseases spread rapidly amongst all of us, and especially so with young children.

Also, just to remind - any vomiting/diarrhoea is **48 hours** exclusion, and this applies after the last bout of sickness has happened.

Many thanks for your continued support on this.

If your child has prescribed medication please speak to Mrs Tobias or Mrs Harvey so we can discuss this in more detail.



Tilehouse Street  
Pre-school and Nursery



FOR YOUR DIARY



## AGM

Thursday 21st  
September 2023  
7pm - 8(ish)

Half Term  
23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>  
October

End of Autumn  
Term

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
December at  
12.00

## Theme: All About Me

Both classes will be settling the children and we will all be getting to know each other. This term we are focusing on the topic All About Me and through the daily write ups you shall see photos of what the children have been getting up to.

For those of you who are new to the setting you will be receiving a small yellow book. We would like you to add lots of pictures of your family. These books are left in the book corner and the children can access them to show their friends and teachers or just to help reassure them.

Please write who the pictures are of and include pets and extended family.

## Lunch boxes

If your child staying for lunch, please make sure their lunch box is named.

Please remember we are a Nut Free setting so absolutely NO NUTS (including cereal bars and Nutella)

Please make sure that all grapes, olives or items that could cause choking are cut **lengthways**.

We promote healthy eating, please provide a varied and healthy lunch box with no chocolate or sweets.

If you would like suggestions on healthy packed lunches, please ask Deborah Tobias or Karen Harvey and we can help with ideas.

## Butterfly Book bags

In the butterfly class we collect all of the children's amazing artwork and send it home at the end of the week. You will be loaned a book bag until the end of the academic year. PLEASE don't lose it!

## Library books and home bags

Outside of the caterpillar room there is a lending library with books and bags filled with activities that you can complete at home, please sign these out. We kindly ask that you only take one book/bag at a time.

## Committee members

As many of you are aware from the induction evening, we are a parent run pre-school committee. This means, without parents on our committee we will not be able to operate. We had lots of parents come forward and agree to become new members and are always happy to welcome more. I shall be putting together an information pack informing you of your time and commitments before you agree to sign up. Although it is limited, the duties do involve training and some meetings. The AGM is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7pm in the Butterfly class. Cake and coffee always provided!

## Family

We are very fortunate at Tilehouse Street to have such an amazing online system for communication.

However, I always say that communication has to be a two-way street. Please make sure that you comment on posts (rather than just pressing the like button) this helps staff to plan activities and informs them of how successful the planning has been. You can also send us parent observations which we love to receive, as it showcases what your children can do.

You can also send messages either group or private to staff informing us of relevant information. Please make sure that if your child is on holiday or sick this is added with a brief explanation.